

Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of Collinsville is a body of believers committed to praying, encouraging, teaching, witnessing, and worshipping together to reach our communities and the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.



Just Wait (Ga. 4:4-5)

As you may have heard in a recent sermon, Jan and I enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal at Cracker Barrel with my sisters. The only drawback to the day was that we had to wait about eighty minutes before we could be seated. While patience is not my strong-point, I think I handled the delay reasonable well. I managed to not curse anyone or throw anything. But it did get me to thinking about just how often we do wait. We wait to check out at the grocery store; we wait to get our cars inspected or repaired; we wait for the kids to finish practicing some sport or activity; we wait for our dry cleaning; we wait for test results from a teacher or doctor; we wait for our wives to get their makeup on and our husbands to fix their hair. As a matter of fact, Ruby is waiting for me to get this article done so she can complete the newsletter.

If we stop to think about it, Christmas brings with it a great deal of waiting. We wait for the time when we can put up our decorations. We wait for the music that we love to hear and sing. We wait for those days off from work. We wait to spend time with dear friends and family. We wait for the moment when we can open the gifts under the Christmas tree. But in this instance we don't seem to mind waiting. Maybe this is because of what we will enjoy once Christmas arrives.

Spiritually speaking, there has always been a measure of waiting involved in this life. Joseph of Arimathea waited for "the kingdom of God" (Mk. 15:43). Simeon waited for "the consolation of Israel" (Lk. 2:25). The paralyzed man waited thirty-eight years to get in the water at the Pool of Bethesda (Jn. 5:5). Believers are waiting for the redemption of our bodies (Ro. 8:23). And Jesus is waiting until His enemies become His footstool (He. 10:15). In these instances, like Christmas, those waiting don't seem to mind. Why? Because we all were and are confident that the time will come when these will be experienced.

As Paul told us, God sent Jesus to earth when the time was just right. We can expect no less in our lives. God has a plan, the power, and the resources to work His will in the lives of those who trust Him. And when the time is right it will happen. So just wait with anticipation. Merry Christmas to you all.
Pastor Larry and Jan



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Fellowship Hall First Baptist Church
Collinsville

Children of all ages, and the young at heart, please join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10. Our Helping Hands Class will be serving up hot buttery pancakes, sausage, fruit, juices and coffee.

Immediately after breakfast, the Children's Ministry Puppet Team will present music about the Birth of Christ.

After the puppet performance, we will have a special visit from the Jolly fellow himself and his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus.

Please come and invite your friends, grandchildren and neighbors.



*Christmas! We Remember,
Rejoice, Worship!*

Sunday, December 18 @11:00am

*Performed by the FBCC Adult Choir
lead by Penny Decker*

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24

6:00pm





Prayer Room Ministry

October, 2016

Cards Mailed Out: 76

Phone Calls Made: 10

Prayer Requests Received: 29

Prayers Prayed: 630

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 10 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 52 1/4

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

New Contact

Information

Debbie McKinney
Figsboro Adult Care
2415 Figsboro Rd.
Martinsville, VA 24112
Telephone: 276-732-7256

Louise Mullins
1717 Bellevue Ave.
Apt A-401C
Richmond, VA 23227

2017

BUDGET

PASSED

The 2017
FBCC budget
passed with a
vote of
132 Yes
11 No.

October Report

Average Attendance

Sunday School	159
Worship Service	170
Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays)	53,710
Monthly Offering Received	36,422
Rental Income	1,688
Other Income	230
Monthly Operating Expenses	34,624
Non Budget Expenses	1,100
(Transfer to Benevolence)	
Operating Account Balance	262,270
CD's & Savings Balance	56,013
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	2,365
Benevolence Designated Fund	1295
Project Hope	2,605
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,157
Van Fund	1,861

Detailed finance reports are available at the information stands located in the vestibule areas of the Sanctuary, or you may call the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

In Sympathy:

Elizabeth Fallin, mother of Judy Robertson, mother-in-law of Jerry Robertson and grandmother of Tyler and Gunnar Robertson.

Alma Smith, aunt of Sylvia McKinney

Alice Divers, wife of Robert Divers, mother of Robert Divers, Jr. and Scott Divers.

HCBA Senior Adult Trip for 2017

New York City Tour

December 4-7, 2017



This trip includes 3 Nights Lodging, 3 Buffet Breakfasts, 3 Dinners, Guided tour of Manhattan, Central Park, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Lincoln Center, Greenwich Village, Wall Street and the Financial District, Admission to the 911 Museum & Memorial, Round-trip ferry to Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, Orchestra level tickets to Radio City Christmas Spectacular show with Rockettes, Empire State Building, Hotel taxes, baggage handling & meal gratuities.

Price Per Person: \$1040 Double, \$1020 Triple, \$1010 Quad, \$1299 Single. Deposit of \$300 per person to be paid by February 24, 2017.

For more information please see Flyer on the Bulletin Board or see Betsy Ivey. You may call Betsy at 276-647-7248 or 276-340-3900.

Inclement Weather Policy

When the local schools close early or are closed for the day due to the weather, our Wednesday evening activities will also be cancelled. We will publish Sunday cancellations on B99 and WMVA radio stations and Channels 7, 10 and 18 TV stations (also when possible BTW 21 TV station). **Please be cautious and use your best judgment if services have not been reported cancelled during potential icy conditions.**

December Nursery Workers

- 12/04: Kathy Draper, Cindy Vernon (B)
Suzanne Terry, Britney Terry (T/PS)
- 12/11: Jason & Paige Collins (B)
Brandon & Ashley Martin (T/PS)
- 12/18: Sandy Gary, Katrell Ramsey (B)
Judy Dodson, Brooke Houston (T/PS)
- 12/25: Susan Wagoner, Lisa West (B)
Chris & Angela Hatchett T/PS
- (B) Babies—(T/PS) Toddlers & Pre School



*The
Ladies
Card*

*Ministry
will not
meet in
December*

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

I always get nervous when I type this December article for the newsletter; it means that Christmas is coming whether or not I am ready. I am never ready and every year I say I am going to start early next year and have time to really enjoy the month of December. I guess things won't get too bad as long as I remember that the reason for the celebration is the Birth of the Christ Child.

Activities planned for the Senior Adults for the month of December include:

Trip to Reynolds Homestead on Thursday, December 8th - We will leave the church at 4:45 P.M. and go to Reynolds Homestead to tour the house which has been decorated with Victorian Christmas decorations. At 7:00 P. M. (following the tour) we will listen to the **Victorian Christmas Concert** featuring the **Ranier Trio with Leslie Mabe**.

The cost of tickets is \$12. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. **Please pay either one of the church secretaries or me by December 4th** so we can order tickets. If you have questions, call me at 647-8119.

Friendship Club on December 13th - The program will be presented by **Peter Ramsey**, organist at Pocahontas Baptist Church in Bassett. Whether you have previously heard him or not, you are in for a real treat. He is a very talented and entertaining musician. The meal will be a **covered dish** so drag out your best recipes and let's remind everyone again of the good cooks that we have at FBCC. The meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Friendship Club. The Christmas season would be a good time to invite a friend. Remember, the program begins at 10:00 A.M.

Trip to Piedmont Arts on December 27th - We will leave the church at 10:00 A. M. and carpool to Piedmont Arts to see the **Quilt Show** and hopefully be able to tour the **Little Post Office** which is next door to Piedmont Arts. Following these activities we will plan to have lunch at **Third Bay**. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

I hope all of you will have an opportunity to get together with family during the Christmas season. Don't forget to stay in touch with our shut-ins - either by a card, phone call or visit. And remember that the best Christmas gift anyone has ever been given is the Christ Child in the manger. Merry Christmas!

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE



The Lottie Moon Post Office has opened for the convenience of the FBCC family to send cards to church family and shut-ins for just 10 cents each. All money collected will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. **The Post office will close on Sunday, December 25.**

Lottie Moon Memorials And Honorariums

With Christmas fast approaching, it is time to think about our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If you would like to give to Lottie Moon in honor or memory of a loved one, you can include that information on your offering envelope or drop it off at the church office by December 8th. We will place a list in the bulletin on December 18th acknowledging these gifts.

Van Driver Needed

We are currently searching for a part-time van driver and would like to determine if there is any interest from our own congregation. A copy of the job description outlining responsibilities is available in the church office. If you are interested in being considered for the position, please contact a member of the Personnel Committee: Pat Cobb, Mark Ivey, Greg Craven, Sharri Love, Peggy Joyce, John Mayberry

TAKE NOTICE: The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 23 thru Monday, December 26. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27.

The Staff of FBCC wishes each of you a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's Blessings, Love, Good Health, and Happiness.

DECEMBER WMU MISSION ACTION

We will give donations to the Kennedy New Life Children's Home in Peru. This is the home that Peggy Moran works with when she goes on her Mission trip. Group/or individual donations will be sent to the home. We will open the Lottie Moon Post office in the vestibule on November 27. Share your Christmas greetings with church family and shut-ins for 10 cents a card. FBCC's goal for the Lottie Moon offering is \$10,000.00. May you all have a Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.

December Food Item for FBCC

Beef Stew (20 oz. can)

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**Dec. Food Item for
Grace Network**

Beef Stew OR Tuna

Dec. Feature Items

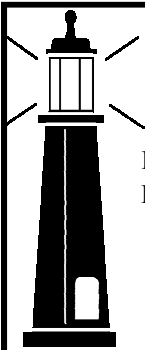
Dish Detergent

Laundry Detergent

GOOD JOB!

**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

**SHOEBOXES
FBCC collected a
total of 263
Shoeboxes for
Samaritan's Purse**



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- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
- Children's Church
- Wednesday Evening Activities:
- Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm
- Acteens 6:30 pm
- RA's and GA's 6:30 pm
- Youth Praise & Worship 6:45 pm
- Mission Friends 6:45 pm
- Prayer Service 6:45 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 5

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 01 Albert Lawrence 25 Paul Harmon
- 01 Joe Johnson 25 Robert Divers, Sr.
- 02 Melody Oliver 27 Faye Collins
- 03 Yvonne Harris 27 Shirley Pagans
- 04 Kevin Shropshire 27 Michelle Pace
- 05 Sarah Scott 28 Gary Walker
- 06 Paige Collins 28 Walt Shaw
- 09 Vera Bryant 28 Heather Carter
- 09 Bill Mays 28 Robbie Wilson
- 09 George Hundley 28 Nic Houston
- 09 Susan Rodies 29 Kera Music
- 09 Kenny Inman 30 Chad Cobb
- 10 Nathan Roetken 30 Lisa Houston
- 11 Rheba Shelor 30 Melissa Ivy Alaoui
- 11 Tim Ramsey 31 Perry Harmon

January Birthdays

- 14 Ann Amos 01 Otis Newman
- 15 Taujinia Martin 01 Sharon Anderson
- 15 Beverly Inman 01 William Wagoner
- 18 Leslie Houston 02 David Joyce
- 18 Jerry Robertson 02 Bill Wagoner
- 23 Doug Anthony 02 Megan Oliver
- 23 Pat Walker 04 Michael Vernon
- 23 Barbara Kobelia 05 Beth Johnson
- 23 John Mayberry 06 Jamie Collins
- 23 Rebecca Vernon

- 06 Lacey Flanagan
- 06 Carri Turner
- 07 Carolyn Bowles
- 07 Chris Rivera
- 07 Lena Rivera

December Anniversaries

- 02 Albert & Louise Lawrence
- 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
- 08 Wayne & Sylvia McKinney
- 12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
- 14 Mark & Judy Anthony
- 14 Tommy & Yvonne Harris
- 15 John & Terri Anthony
- 17 Ralph & Nancy Brammer
- 19 Mark & Betsy Ivey
- 22 Eddie & Becky Conner
- 22 Albert & Hazel Joyce
- 23 Keith & Melody Oliver
- 23 Jeff & Dee Webb
- 28 George Collins & Lisa West
- 31 Ray & Lisa Rivera
- January Anniversaries**
- 06 Bill & Susan Wagoner
- 07 Jim & Janice Garrett
- 30 Ray & Shirley Parcell

***Bible Study
With Pastor Larry
has been cancelled for
the month of
December.
It will resume on
January 3, 2017***

Holiday Schedule
December 28: Prayer Service at 6:45pm. No Wednesday Night Meal, Activities or Adult Choir Practice.
Jan. 02: Church Office Closed
January 04: Prayer Service at 6:45pm and Adult Choir Practice at 7:30pm. No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities.