

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## DON'T GO THERE

I saw something this morning that was very interesting. I stopped by Hardees (on Bridge St.) to get a biscuit and what to my surprise did I see—a rooster. Not a picture or a stuffed animal—a live rooster looking in the glass door. He reminded me of a child staring in a department store window at Christmas dreaming about the possibilities of his upcoming good fortune. He did not seem frightened by the people coming in and going out; he made no attempt to make contact with anyone. He just stood there looking in the door.

In that instant the Lord impressed something upon my heart. Here was an animal hanging around a place that was dangerous for him. For one thing, a car could easily hit him. Let's face it, you do not expect to see a rooster walking around the streets of Martinsville. In addition, I expect that rooster would have high-tailed it out of there if he had realized that Hardees was a place that had taken the life of a lot of his kinfolk. I ask the manager if they had begun raising their own chickens, but he did not seem to find that humorous. Sadly, that rooster is a lot like us humans. On occasion we wander into an area that is not beneficial to us. Anytime we frequent a place that has the hint of danger (spiritually speaking) we jeopardize our well-being. Lot did this when he ventured into Sodom and Gomorrah. Samson did this when he laid his head on Delilah's lap. David did this when he chose to not be with his army in battle and encountered Bathsheba. Judas did this when he approached the High priest with a proposition. I could go on but you get the picture. We, too, do this when we entertain anything that is not within the will of God for our lives or that violates God's prescribed commands found in the Bible. An alcoholic must not allow himself to be around alcohol. A person easily swayed by a friend must limit the time he/ she spends around that person. I think this is what Paul had in mind when he warned believers to "Abstain from the appearance of evil" (1Thess. 5:22).

Are you headed toward a dangerous place in your life? Are you presently hanging out somewhere that is detrimental to your wellness? If so I admonish you to stop, turn around, and run as fast as you can toward the Lord. The Bible tells us God is our Rock, our fortress, our high tower, our deliverer, "and *the One* in whom I take refuge" (Ps 144:1-2). I promise you that God will never turn you away when you come to Him. I pray we all will have the good sense to choose Jesus in every situation. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

Coming Soon....

## 7 Week Ladies Bible Study

*Seamless*  
by angie smith

7 Week Ladies Bible Study  
Sundays at 3:30 pm  
Beginning: February 24, 2019  
Join Us!  
[lifeway.com/seamless](http://lifeway.com/seamless)

In seven sessions, *Seamless* covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. *Seamless* helps replace insecurity that holds participants back with clarity and helping them move forward with confidence in their understanding of Scripture. Each week of the study features key information that ties all scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.

This 7 week Bible study will start on Sunday, February 24 and run thru Sunday, April 14. The time for this study will be at 3:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.



College & Careers  
4 Christ  
Bible Study  
Thursdays  
7:30pm  
(Lighthouse)



## Prayer Room Ministry

December 2018

Totals for 2018

|                                |             |       |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Cards Mailed Out:              | 36          | 678   |
| Phone Calls Made:              | 5           | 248   |
| Prayer Requests Received:      | 7           | 294   |
| Prayers Prayed:                | 171         | 5,573 |
| Total # of Volunteers Serving: | 12 (active) |       |
| Total Volunteer Hours Given:   | 12          |       |

**Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777**

## Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Report

The Blue Ridge district, which includes Patrick, Henry, and Franklin counties and Martinsville donated at total of 15,568 boxes. That was an overall increase of 3% but Martinsville and Henry Co. had an increase of 17%. Two "new" churches that collected boxes this year were Landmark with 73 boxes and Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church with 40+ boxes. Penny Denny thinks some of the increase may have been because our church sponsored the speaker in August. A person from Landmark was at our service and went back to their church and encouraged people to give to this fantastic ministry. Please start finding sale items so we can be prepared for this years shoebox ministry. Think of the lives you may change because the plan of salvation is also presented with each shoebox. What a difference you can make in His kingdom. When Betty Easter got back to Macedonia this January, she arrived in time to pass out shoeboxes to children in Skopje. She has had the privilege of doing this ministry when she was a missionary there before. Betty is now working with disabled, handicapped children in an orphanage in Macedonia. She is not with the IMB but another organization. Please pray for her and the ministry she and several others are doing with 6 special needs young people in the orphanage. She ask for prayer for the children and the workers. *Betsy Ivey*

## In Sympathy:

Johnny Martin, father of Mark Martin  
Otis Jackson, nephew of Shirley Hodges

## New Contact Information

**Hamon Gilley**, 5801 Stones Dairy Rd., Bassett, VA 24055  
Telephone 629-1033

## Welcome New Member

Chris & Martha Newman joined FBCC on Sunday, January 20 by statement of faith. They reside at 1102 Corn Tassel Trail, Martinsville, VA  
Martha's No. is: 276-618-1418; Chris's No. is: 1-336-432-4327.

## New Arrival

Tony and Helen Crane are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Prescott Crane. Jackson was born on January 6, 2019. He weighed 7 lbs. 7ozs. and was 19 1/4" long. His grandparents are Alex and Angie Alley.



## Barn Quilt Sign Painting Class



A three session Barn Quilt Sign Painting Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall of FBCC on the following dates:

Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 01 from 4:00-5:30pm and Saturday, March 02 from 9:00-11:30am.

The class will be limited to the first 15 people to sign up. The class will be taught by Libby Bondurant and Cindy Brodie. All materials, boards, paints, brushes and patterns will be provided.

The cost of the class is \$75.00 for a 2'x2' sign.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

## November Report

|                                                    |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Average Attendance                                 |         |
| Sunday School                                      | 159     |
| Worship Service                                    | 166     |
| Monthly Offering needed                            | 45,172  |
| (4 Sundays)                                        |         |
| Monthly Offering Received                          | 37,392  |
| Rental Income                                      | 1,800   |
| Other Income/Undesignated Memorials                | 557     |
| Monthly Operating Expenses                         | 36,259  |
| Non Budgeted Expense (Final payment to A. S. Pugh) | 13,601  |
| Operating Account Balance                          | 247,963 |
| CD's & Savings Balance                             | 58,299  |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance                    | 9,926   |
| Benevolence Designated Fund                        | 116     |
| Project Hope                                       | 2,855   |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry                          | 2,474   |
| Van Fund                                           | 8,883   |
| Music Fund                                         | 195     |

## December Report

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Average Attendance                        |         |
| Sunday School                             | 157     |
| Worship Service                           | 191     |
| Monthly Offering needed                   | 56,465  |
| (5 Sundays)                               |         |
| Monthly Offering Received                 | 37,120  |
| Rental Income                             | 1,800   |
| Other Income (use of building, memorials) | 890     |
| Insurance Claim Proceeds                  | 13,304  |
| Monthly Operating Expenses                | 61,523  |
| Operating Account Balance                 | 240,847 |
| CD's & Savings Balance                    | 59,480  |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance           | 7,818   |
| Benevolence Designated Fund               | 616     |
| Project Hope                              | 2,855   |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry                 | 2,474   |
| Van Fund                                  | 8,998   |
| Music Fund                                | 195     |



If you read the Bible thru in 2018 and would like to be recognized for this please call the office at 647-3774 and give us your name.

The cut off date for this information is **Feb. 14.**

## School Supplies Needed

Meadowview Elementary School has given us a list of some of the School Supplies they need for the second half of the school year. If you can help with any or all of these items, please leave them in the "tubs" placed in the vestibule near the church tapestry.

Index Cards                  Clipboards

Glue Sticks                  Tissues

Clorox Wipes

Thank you for your support.

## Living Proof Live with Beth Moore

April 12-13, 2019

Berglund Center, Roanoke, VA

In order to purchase group tickets (\$59 plus tax) we will need 10 people to sign up. So far we only have 6. If you are interested in attending at the group rate, please sign up by **February 28th**. We may run the risk of the event selling out if we wait longer. For more information, go to [Lifeway.com/living proof](http://Lifeway.com/living proof).



## Ladies Card Ministry

Monday, February 25 @ 1:00pm  
Making Anniversary & Birthday Cards

## FBCC FOOD PANTRY ITEM

### FOR FEBRUARY

**Mac and Cheese (7.25 oz. box)**

## February Grace Network Food Item

**Peanut Butter (18 Oz. Jar)**

### February Featured Items

**Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste**

## FEBRUARY NURSERY WORKERS

- 03 Beverly Inman, Kathy Draper (B)  
John, Sherry and Lacey Flanagan (P/S)
  - 10 Becky Nance, Jummy Olaiya (B)  
Jason and Paige Collins (P/S)
  - 17 Jen Nance, Diane Ferguson (B)  
Brandon & Ashley Martin (P/S)
  - 24 Joan Collins, Stacy Craven (B)  
Frances and Amanda Goad (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool

## SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

American legend tells that if the groundhog comes out of his winter's hole and sees his shadow on Feb. 2nd, he will go back and sleep for six more cold weeks. But if the day is cloudy and shadow less, the groundhog will stay out looking forward to an early spring. We have had plenty of cold, wet and snowy weather, hopefully we will have an early spring.

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

**B-I-N-G-O** on the first Tuesday (Feb. 5th) and third Tuesday (Feb. 19th) at Collinsville YMCA at 12:00 noon till 1:45pm.

A trip to **God's Pit Crew** in Danville is being planned for February 12. We will be helping fill Blessing Buckets. We will decide among those going where to eat lunch. The van will leave the church at 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

## WMU MISSION ACTION

The February Mission Action for our WMU Groups is the Pregnancy Care Center in Martinsville. As always, disposable diapers and wipes are needed, especially sizes 1 & 2, also blankets, onesies, and lotions, soap, etc....for babies. I will deliver these items on February 28th and a box will be placed in the foyer for these items. Bless you all for your generosity and support of Missions in our Community and State.

*Blessings, Lana Martin*

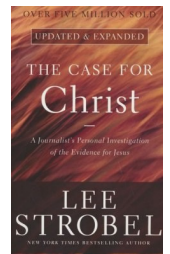
## Book of the Month

### "The Case for Christ"

By Lee Strobel

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God?

Now a major motion picture, in *Case for Christ*, Strobel retraces his own spiritual journey from atheism and former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune to faith. Strobel cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. He challenges them with questions like, *how reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?*



## Looking Ahead:

**Feb. 09:** Focus on WMU Kick-off Breakfast @ Dutch Inn 9:00am

**Feb. 10-16:** Focus on WMU Week

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 16:** Children's Missions Day

**Feb. 25:** Ladies Card Ministry

**Feb. 28-March 2:** Barn Quilt Painting Class

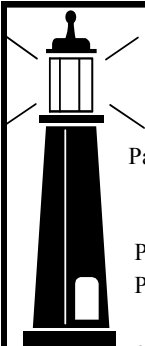
**March 3-9:** Week of Prayer for North American Missions

**March 10:** Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 12:** Friendship Club Meeting

**March 25:** Ladies Card Ministry

**April 09:** Friendship Club Meeting



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Prayer Time (Prayer Room) 9:30-9:40 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am  
Children's Church  
Wednesday Evening Activities:  
Children's Choir Practice K thru 6th grade 5:30 pm  
Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm  
RA's & GA's 6:30 pm  
Yuth Phe-nom-e-non/Middle School 6:33 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**

### **February Birthdays**

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Chris Newman                  | 14 Hunter Hiatt      |
| 02 Rebecca (Mrs. Michael) Vernon | 14 Emily Cowher      |
| 04 Irene Hall                    | 14 Cory Ashworth     |
| 04 Debbie Linkous                | 14 Miranda Ferguson  |
| 04 Angie Alley                   | 15 Mary Ann Wall     |
| 04 Bill Maydian                  | 16 Janet Roetken     |
| 04 Jennifer Cedillo              | 17 Dickey Cobb       |
| 06 Ruth Brown                    | 17 John Anthony, V   |
| 06 Sharri Love                   | 18 Becky Conner      |
| 06 Carrie Pinnix                 | 18 Kathy Kitchen     |
| 07 Linda Hagood                  | 18 Ken "TK" Garrett  |
| 07 Audrey Prillaman              | 19 Caleb Beachy      |
| 07 Kathy Martin                  | 20 Michael Mayberry  |
| 08 Cameron Adkins                | 22 John Floyd        |
| 09 Hugh Hagood                   | 22 Lacey Mize        |
| 09 Steve Houston                 | 22 Izaak Flanagan    |
| 10 Shirley Frith                 | 23 Mark Martin       |
| 10 Cindy Vernon                  | 23 Jordan Tilley     |
| 10 Brandon Martin                | 23 Nikolas Pillsbury |
| 11 Elizabeth Teal                | 24 Dale Hancock      |
| 12 Austin Powell                 | 24 Lois Dalton       |
| 13 Barbara Turner                | 24 Brooke Houston    |
| 13 Sheila Ramsey                 | 25 Penny Decker      |
| 13 Betty Pagans                  | 26 George Brown      |

26 Taylor Jo Gary  
27 Gail Smith  
27 Gina Barrow  
27 Lee Gregory  
28 Brenda Lemons

### **March Birthdays**

01 Pat Cobb  
02 Jay Knighton  
03 Gunnar Robertson  
03 Jase Ramsey  
05 Charles Fickling  
05 Molly Shelton  
05 Jose Cedillo  
05 LeeAnna Ferguson  
05 Eli Martin  
06 Susan Rorrer  
07 Catherine H. Privette  
07 Joyce Jacobs  
07 Jennifer P. Judy

### **February Anniversaries**

10 Carl & Gail Smith  
12 Ed & Nettie Webb  
20 David & Peggy Joyce

### **March Anniversaries**

01 Arthur & Marcilene Emberson  
01 Ken & Becky Wagoner  
04 Tommy & Jennifer Nance  
05 Tim & Michelle Pace  
06 Thomas & Frances Arrington  
07 Michael & Rebecca Vernon  
11 Larry & Jan Cheek



**Thursday**  
**February 14**



**Feb. 23:** Winterjam in Greensboro, NC

**April 12:** Graduate pictures due to Kim for  
Graduate Sunday

**April 13:** Scavenger Hunt and Escape Room  
at Valley View Mall

**May 05:** Clean Up/Movie night in the  
Lighthouse

**May 19:** Graduate Sunday