

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.



Ya'll Come Back

Jan and I went to lunch in Roanoke on Valentine's Day. It was a restaurant that we had never eaten at before. Upon our arrival we were immediately seated. The waiter promptly asked us what we wanted to drink. When he came back, the waiter took our order and brought us an appetizer. When the order came, it was incorrect. I had ordered a steak and they had prepared chicken. It was the same price so I was going to eat the chicken and not say anything. But Jan wanted me to have what I ordered, so I told the waiter about the mix up. He told me to go ahead and eat what I wanted of the chicken and he would put my order in for the steak. While we were eating the assistant manager came by to see how we were doing. We told her it was our first time at the restaurant and she told us she would like to give us a complimentary dessert of our choosing. Once my steak came, I sent the remainder of my chicken to be boxed for take home. When the waiter brought our ticket he asked if we would like some bread and olive oil dip to take home and Jan immediately said yes. In a few moments the waiter returned with a bag containing all our goodies (chicken, bread & olive oil, chocolate cake) and two teas to go. I gave our waiter, Octavio, a really good tip and one of the cards with information about our church. We thanked him and left.

Do you think we will go back to that restaurant because of our first experience there? You bet your life we will! But have you ever stopped to think that the same will be true of visitors to our church. If their experience is pleasant they are much more likely to return than if their experience was unpleasant. What makes for a pleasant experience? Things like easy access, comfortable conditions, friendly people, attention to their needs, good music, a message relevant to life, and the expression of genuine joy for their attendance will go a long way to encouraging a return visit.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul provides a list of behaviors that should be present in all Christians (Ro. 12:9-21). One of those exhortations is to be "hospitable" (v. 13). Let's make sure we provide the best experience possible for those who visit FBCC. Each one of you can be the difference in someone making this their home church. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

Church Wide Social and Covered Dish Luncheon

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Jarrold and Rachel Pillsbury

Sun. March 19

FBCC Social Hall

(following morning Worship Service)

Come on out and enjoy a time of fellowship, a delicious meal and a chance to get to enjoy "the Pillsbury's" The church will provide the meat, beverages and bread. We ask that you prepare your favorite dish to

Mark Your Calendar. . . .



VBS @FBCC

Sun., June 18 —

Thurs., June 22

Theme: ***Galactic Starveyors***

"Discovering the God of the Universe"

Discover the incredible mysteries of the final frontier—right from your own backyard. Your telescope becomes a portal through which you encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. But the most amazing wonder to be discovered truly boggles the mind. The God who created everything there is—the knowable and unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with you! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15-16



Prayer Room Ministry

January 2017

Cards Mailed Out: 84

Phone Calls Made: 36

Prayer Requests Received: 37

Prayers Prayed: 456

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 10 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 50 1/2

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

In Sympathy:

Rev. Jimmy Edwards, former Pastor of FBCC

Herbert Plaster, grandfather of Emily Cowher

Harold Chitwood, father of Sheila Ramsey and
grandfather of Allen Ramsey

Elsie Scott, friend of many

Gilmer Underwood, brother of Marci Emberson

Patricia Eaton, aunt of Kathy Draper

Jake Divers, father of Robert Divers

Charles E. (Barney) Reed, Jr., uncle of Angie Alley

Raceway Ministries Weekend

Martinsville Speedway

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Alpha Energy Solutions 250

Sunday, April 2, 2017

STP 500

Volunteers needed to provide and distribute refreshments,
hand out gospel tracts, drive handicapped shuttles, and
PRAY at the upcoming Race Weekend events

Call the HCBA Office 638-2951

Change in Address:

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

Mark Your Calendar

April 13: Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

April 15: Children's Easter
Egg Hunt

April 16: Easter Sunrise Serv.
Easter Sunday

April 17: Easter Monday
(Church Office Closed)



January Report

Average Attendance

Sunday School	168
Worship Service	173
Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays)	55,570
Monthly Offering Received (No Service on 1/8/17 due to Snow)	36,723
Rental Income	1,688
Other Income	50
Monthly Operating Expenses	25,276
Operating Account Balance	274,213
CD's & Savings Balance	57,144
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	2,400
Benevolence Designated Fund	497
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,157
Van Fund	2,818

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

March Grace Network

Food Item

Applesauce or Jelly (up to 28 ozs.)

Feature Items

Dish and Laundry Detergent

**FBCC
FOOD ITEM
FOR MARCH
CEREAL
(12-14 OZ. BOX)**

March Nursery Workers

05 am: Becky Crotty & Nancy Edwards (B)
Leslie Houston & Katie Houston (T/P.S.)

12 am: Joyce Pace & Peggy Delancey (B)
Frances Goad & Hannah Goad (T/P.S.)

19 am: Angie Alley & Lee Hernandez (B)
Rebecca Vernon & Taylor Jo Gary (T/P.S.)

26 am: Joan Collins & Beverly Inman (B)
John & Sherry Flanagan (T/P.S.)

(B) Babies—(T/P.S.) Toddlers/Pre School

WMU Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 11
Mount Vernon
Baptist Church
Pre-Service Music
6:15 pm
Program Begins
6:30 pm

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Wow! Weather wise, what a strange February we have had. It will be interesting to see what March has for us.

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

Sunday, March 5th – Trip to Reynolds Homestead for a Blue Grass Concert – We will travel to Critz to the Reynolds Homestead to a Blue Grass Concert by **Loose Strings and Things**. The concert will begin at 2:30 P.M. so we will leave immediately following the morning worship service and stop for a quick lunch before going to the concert. The price for tickets is \$8. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. When you sign up pay one of the girls in the office or pay Betty Crotty. Let us know as soon as possible so we can order tickets.

Saturday, March 11th – Trip to The Harvester in Rocky Mount – We will travel to Rocky Mount to hear the **Robey Family &**

Friends in concert. The Robey Family is Penny Decker's sister and her family. We heard them two years ago and they were wonderful. The tickets for this program are \$17. The music begins at 7:00 P.M. so we will leave the church at 6:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. When you sign up pay your \$17 your ticket in the church office or get it to Betty Crotty. We need to order tickets by March 9th.

Tuesday, March 14th – Friendship Club – I hope that you are as anxious as I am to have Friendship Club start again. The program will be presented by **Bob Vogler**. His topic will be **Revolutionary Women of the Southern States**; sounds interesting, doesn't it? The meal will be provided by the Social Committee of the Friendship Club at a cost of only \$3. Please join us for good fellowship, good food and an interesting program. Call a friend and invite them to join you.

Wednesday, March 15th, Trip to Hamrick's

in Roanoke – We will travel to Roanoke to shop at Hamrick's; we have also learned that in the same mall with Hamrick's is a **Hanes Store**. The van will leave at 9:00 A.M. and return after lunch. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. The place for lunch will be chosen by those that go on the trip.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff member, Jarrod Pillsbury and his wife, Rachel, to First Baptist Church. Let them know that we are glad they are here and promise them that we will pray for their ministry and help them in any way we can.

Don't forget our shut-ins – it doesn't take much time or effort to give them a call or send a card to them. Better yet, go by and visit them.

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator

**Week of Prayer
North American Missions/
Annie Armstrong Offering
March 5th–12th
FBCC's Goal \$5,000.00**

NOTICE

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in March. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they consider the positions that must be filled in the upcoming year.

Ladies
Card Ministry
Monday, March 27
1:00 Pm
SonShine Classroom
Making Birthday and
Anniversary Cards

MARCH WMU MISSION ACTION

The Mission Action for March is the Hairston Home on March 30th. We will have a birthday/bingo party. Cakes are being made by Betty Crotty and Evelyn France. Each circle will donate a role of quarters for prizes. We have a lot of prizes left over from last year! We will leave the church by 1:00 on the 30th, so if you want to go with us, please be here by then so we don't go off and leave you! Once again, I am blessed by your generosity.

In His Love, Lana Martin

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. Be sure to make checks payable to Patsy's Tours NOT Betsy Ivey.

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.



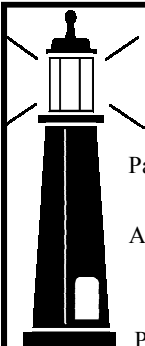
**SPRING
BEGINS
MARCH 20**



Daylight Savings Time

Begins on

Sunday, March , 12



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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
RA's & 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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

01 Pat Cobb	19 Darlene Gamble
02 Tommy Coleman	20 Merleen Beale
02 Jay Knighton	20 Peggy Hiatt
03 Gunnar Robertson	20 Ashley Anthony
03 Jase Ramsey	21 Katie Houston
05 Charlie Flickling	21 Calla Mayberry
05 Jose Cedillo	22 Jimmy Anderson
05 Molly Shelton	22 Joshua Coleman
05 LeeAnna Ferguson	24 Jason Collins
05 Eli Martin	25 Brenda Hagood
06 Susan Thacker	27 Judy Dodson
07 Catherine H. Privette	27 Christina Decker
07 Joyce Jacobs	28 Megan Chilton
07 Jennifer P. Judy	29 Hunter Whitlow
08 Larry Thacker	30 Harold Nofsinger
09 Stacy Craven	30 Ralph Shropshire
09 Kellie Powell	30 Ellen Prato
12 Neil Ramsey	30 Heather Chitwood
13 John Anthony, IV	30 Noah Dodson
13 Nicholas Powell (Nick)	31 Melvin Newsome
15 Carlos Cedillo	
15 Madison Ferguson	
16 Lucas Draper	
17 Timothy Hatchett	

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
15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
16 George & Ruth Brown
19 Greg & Shirley Craven
29 Tim & Sandy Gary

April Birthdays

01 Marietta Harmon
02 Pam Albanese
03 Debbie Hancock
05 Ashleigh Breath
06 Sharon Barrow

April Anniversaries

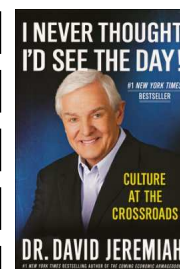
01 John & Sherry Flanagan
02 David & Melanie Catron
02 Matthew & April Lents
03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia
04 Wilfred & Nancy DeLancey
07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger
07 Delano & Gae Thomasso

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Book of the Month



In "I Never Thought I'd see the Day!" Dr. David Jeremiah examines the signs of the decline of Western civilization and how this accelerating cultural shift might impact us all.

These trends and events include:

Marriage becoming obsolete

The Bible marginalized

Spiritual warfare intensifying

An ancient nation intimidating the modern world

America turning its back on Israel,

Atheists virulently attacking religion.

Can this downward spiral be reversed? Yes, but only if we all, one person at a time, return to God with our heart, our manner of life, our dedication to genuine worship in serving other, in or giving and in prayer.