

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.



You Have Got This

Just recently, Jan and I visited my sister in East Tennessee. As we left our hotel room one morning we saw a beautiful sight. Across the way the clouds had settled down on top of the mountains. Seeing those white, cotton-like clouds resting on those mountains served to calm our spirits. It also prompted me to remember what is recorded in the book of Hebrews. The author wrote, *"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith"* (He 12:1-2). This chapter comes on the heels of what is called the "Hall of Faith." The eleventh chapter of Hebrews provides readers with a list of biblical characters and the acts of faith for which they are known. This is the "cloud of witnesses" referred to in our passage today. The Greek word used for "witnesses" gives us our English word "martyr."

These verses are God's way of saying, "You CAN live a life of faith!" Countless numbers of people, past and present, have completed their faith journey. They have faced the trials and struggles that accompany anyone who travels this life, and yet they kept their faith. Some of them did in fact give their lives, but they kept their faith. This group of believers serve to encourage those of us who are still on our faith journey. And think of this, if you will determine to live a life of faith regardless of what might come your way, you become a part of this great group of encouragers. If you are a follower of Christ, and have committed to live a life of faith, your life is speaking to someone, "You have got this." Never forget, that people are watching you every day. They may decide to trust, or keep on trusting Christ, just because of your faithfulness. The power, the grace, the faith you need to finish this race is already present because Christ lives in you. Go and serve your King. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY

March 31, 2018

11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The hunt will be in the lower playground at the church. In case of rain, we will move the event into the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The event is open to all children up to the age of twelve.

The children will be hunting for scripture filled eggs, with prizes going to the children for most eggs collected. The children will also be searching for special symbols of Easter! Bring your favorite basket! Light refreshments will be served.

Please be sure to invite your neighbors, your friends and your classmates to join us as we celebrate Easter.



SONSHINE CLASS

EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY

Saturday, March 31

1:00pm—2:30pm

FBC Church Picnic Shelter



Prayer Room Ministry

January, 2018

Cards Mailed Out:	72
Phone Calls Made:	31
Prayer Requests Received:	28
Prayers Prayed:	563
Total # of Volunteers Serving:	14 (active)
Total Volunteer Hours Given:	51

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

On Mission HERE & NOW

**Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering and North American Missions**

March 4 - 11th

FBCC Goal: \$5000

"We must not love with words or speech, but with truth and action." 1 John 3:18 HCSB

FBCC FOOD ITEM FOR MARCH

Beef Stew (15-20 oz. can)

March Grace Network Food Item

Mac and Cheese

March Featured Items

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

January Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	163
Worship Service	179
Monthly Offering needed	45,172
(4 fSundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	38,300
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income (memorials)	70
Monthly Operating Expenses	30,811
Operating Account Balance	259,512
CD's & Savings Balance	58,299
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	6,711
Benevolence Designated Fund	105
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,974
Van Fund	6,442
Music	5,000

Detailed finance reports are available at the information stands. You may call the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

In Sympathy:

Karen Reed, daughter of Wilfred & Nancy DeLancey
Wilson Ashley, sister of Wayne McKinney
Debbie Newman, sister of Alex Alley
Scott Luther, brother of Stacy Craven

New Contact Information

Susan Rorrer: 420 Patsy Ave., Collinsville, VA 24078
Telephone: 1-276-252-3496
April Lents: 635 Susan Dr., Collinsville, VA 24089
Telephone: 1-910-478-8560



Mt. Vernon is hosting our VBS clinic this year. It will be April 10th @ 6:30pm. We would love to have lots of people attending. The church with the most in attendance will win a prize worth about \$100 to use at our VBS. Please try to attend. We can car Pool or take the van if

enough people are willing to go. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Our church will be providing VBS themed snacks for this event. If you would like to help make and/or serve them please let Suzanne Terry or Rebecca Vernon know. Also, mark your calendars for **June 10-15**. This will be our VBS. The theme is Game On. It will be a fun week. Please be in prayer for how you can help this year with VBS.
Thanks, *Rebecca Vernon*

More upcoming Henry County Baptist Association Senior Trips

June 18-19: Washington DC Tour

Tour of Washington D.C. by Betsy Ivey, Bible Museum and National Museum of African American History and Culture. (More info. on B. Board).

October 2-4: Penn Dutch Trip (Lancaster)

Apple Dinner Theatre "Sister Act" & Buffet, Turkey Hill Museum & Exhibits of ice cream & tea, etc., tour of Amish House & Farm with lunch included, guided tour of area and Eli Pretzels and home-made items, "JESUS" production at Sight and Sound Theatre, Amish dinner included after production, Kitchen Kettle Village lunch stop. (More info. on B. Board).

More details and cost of trips next month.

New Yuth Web page

Be sure to check out the new Yuth Web page located at **www.fbccym.com**

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Spring arrives this month – are you ready? I have been ready since the first snow came and went. I do prefer warm weather, but I am glad to live where we have different seasons. When we think of all the different weather we have had in the past two or three months, we are reminded again of what an awesome God we serve.

Activities planned for senior adults for the month of March include:

Sunday, March 11th – We will plan to go to Reynolds Homestead to hear **Shadow Grass**, an up-and-coming youth bluegrass band, based out of Southwest Virginia and Western North Carolina. The cost of a ticket is \$8. We will leave the church immediately following the Sunday morning worship service and stop somewhere for lunch before the 2:30 P.M. per-

formance. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

Tuesday, March 13th – Friendship Club – After a two month period of time, Friendship Club will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Our program will be presented by Storyteller, **Jo Dykes**. Jo did a program for us last year and it was wonderful. Her topic then was *The Man Who Moved the Mountain*. This time she will be speaking about a young lady named Dicey, who was a spy for the American troops during the Revolutionary War. I am sure this will be a very interesting program. Our meeting starts at 10:00 A. M. Following our business meeting and a program, lunch will be served. I do not exaggerate when I tell you that nowhere in this area can you get such a delicious meal for only \$3. Please make plans to join us.

Monday, March 19th -Lunch at Mee-Maw's Kitchen in Figsboro – The van will leave the church at 11:45 A.M. So get ready for some southern cooking and some fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

If you know of somewhere you would like to go for the day (or just for lunch) please let us know. Also, check out the bulletin board near the church office for trips planned by the Henry County Baptist Association – including a trip to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, a trip to Washington, DC and a trip to Lancaster, PA. Let Betsy Ivey know if you are interested in any of these trips.

Don't forget to call or visit our shut-ins.

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator

College Careers 4 Christ meets each month. For our February meeting we were pleased to have Megan Puckett, a student, meet with us and talk about her mission trip to Nicaragua.



We had a great interest shown from our members to do a local mission project.

Our March meeting was held on Monday, March 5.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 2 at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there and be sure to invite someone to come with you. We always have a good time with Devotions, a delicious meal and just "hanging out" with each other.

BIBLE STUDY

We have started a study by Tim Tebow "**Shaken**" *Discovering Your True Identity in the Mist of Life's Storms*

WHEN: Monday Nights

**WHERE: First Baptist Collinsville
"Light House" (Top Floor)**

TIME: 8:00PM—9:00PM

MARCH NURSERY WORKERS

- 04 Becky Crotty, Nancy Edwards (B)
Leslie Houston, Katie Houston (P/S)
 - 11 Lee Hernandez, Peggy Delancey (B)
Frances Goad, Hannah Goad (P/S)
 - 18 Angie Alley, Joyce Pace (B)
Rebecca Vernon, Taylor Jo Gary (P/S)
 - 25 Joan Collins, Beverly Inman (B)
John & Sherry Flanagan (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool

Ladies Card Ministry

Monday, March 19 @ 1:00pm

We will be making Anniversary and Birthday Cards



MARCH WMU MISSION ACTION

The Mission Action for March is the Hairston Home. On March 29th we will have a birthday/bingo party. If you would like to make a cake let me know. Each circle will donate a roll of quarters for prizes. We could use some small gifts for the residents like lotions, tissues, broaches, other jewelry, etc. We will leave the church by 1:00 on the 29th, 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

Easter Services

March 25: Palm Sunday

March 30: Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:30 pm

**March 31: Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 FBCC
Picnic Shelter**

March 31: SonShine Class Easter Egg Hunt @ 1:00 pm

April 1: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:00 am

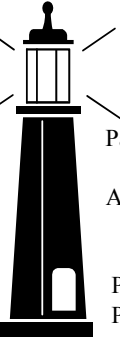
Sunday School: 9:45 am

Worship Service: 11:00 am

**Daylight
Saving Time**



**Starts
March 11**



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Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30 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
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 01 Pat Cobb
- 02 Tommy Coleman
- 02 Jay Knighton
- 03 Gunnar Robertson
- 03 Jase Ramsey
- 05 Charlie Fickling
- 05 Molly Shelton
- 05 Jose Cedillo
- 05 LeeAnna Ferguson
- 05 Eli Martin
- 06 Susan Rorrer
- 07 Catherine Privette
- 07 Joyce Jacobs
- 07 Jennifer Prato Judy
- 09 Stacy Craven
- 09 Kellie Powell
- 10 Eva Oliver
- 12 Neil Ramsey
- 13 John Anthony IV
- 13 Nick Powell
- 15 Carlos Cedillo
- 15 Madison Ferguson
- 16 Lucas Draper
- 17 Timothy Hatchett
- 19 Darlene Gamble
- 20 Merleen Beale

- 20 Peggy Gilley
- 20 Ashley Anthony
- 21 Katie Houston
- 21 Calla Mayberry
- 22 Jimmy Anderson
- 22 Joshua Coleman
- 24 Jason Collins
- 25 Brenda Hagood
- 27 Judy Dodson
- 27 Christina Decker
- 28 Megan Chilton
- 29 Hunter Whitlow
- 29 Blayke Collins
- 30 Harold Nofsinger
- 30 Ralph Shropshire
- 30 Ellen Prato
- 30 Heather Chitwood
- 30 Noah Dotson
- 31 Melvin Newsome

April Birthdays

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

- 08 Jonathan France
- 08Chris Kistler
- 08 Essie Janey

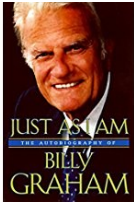
March Anniversaries

- 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 Anniversaries

- 01 John & Sherry Flanagan
- 02 David & Melanie Catron
- 03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia
- 04 Wilfred & Nancy DeLancey
- 07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger
- 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
- 09 Jason & Paige Collins
- 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
- 24 Alex & Angie Alley
- 25 J.D. & Joan Collins

Book of the Month
"Just As I Am"
By: Billy Graham



In this account of his life, Billy Graham Shares how he came from ordinary beginnings to have an extraordinary life of prestige and influence—all derived from his unshakable belief in Christ.

In *Just As I Am* he discussed the beginnings of his career, his struggle to assume intellect to faith, and, of course, the many famous—and infamous—people he has met over the years, everyone from the Shah of Iran to the Queen Mother to mobster Mickey Cohen. Graham's ministry has extended his influence to many quarters of the world, a fact that should make his autobiography interesting reading for believers and non believers alike.