

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.



Accepted in Christ (James 2:1-9)

Vending machines have come a long way since I was a kid. It used to be that you pushed in a couple of coins, pulled a lever, and down dropped your snack or drink. Now there are lights, cranes, codes, and chutes that make the purchase a production of its own. It's almost worth the price of the product to see the delivery! But one of the greatest advances in vending machine technology was the ability of the machine to accept bills rather than just coins. Especially as prices increased, it was a great relief not having to search under the car seats for that extra quarter. Now you feed in a couple of dollar bills and you're ready to snack. That is, unless your dollar bill is rejected!

What a terrible feeling. You watch your dollar get sucked into the machine and then it spits it back at you. You check to make sure George's head is facing the right way and try again. If you're rejected again you take the bill and rub it on one side of the machine trying to take out any wrinkle in the bill. You unfold any turned-up corners and hope your bill is good enough. If your bill is still rejected you kick, punch, and shake the machine denoting your displeasure. You ask yourself, "Why should this machine accept a good looking bill but reject an old, worn out one? A clean, fresh bill is of no more value than a worn-out one." Right?


As much as we don't want to admit it, we are so much like those finicky vending machines. We tend to be more accepting of people who have it all together and tend to be less-than-accepting of people who have been folded, wadded, washed, torn and taped. People who have been through the ringer often find themselves spit out by many of us who prefer to accept only the new and pristine.

In the New Testament, James shuddered to think that followers of Christ could exhibit such preferential behavior. He imagined a scene where two people came into church, one wearing fine clothes and another not-so-fine. The one in mint condition is escorted to the front of the assembly while the other is sent off to the cheap seats. He begins his rebuke by saying, "*My dear brothers and sisters, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, never think some people are more important than others*" (James 22:1, NCV)

This type of behavior is so contrary to Christian behavior because it is so contrary to Christ. People of all kinds, who had been repeatedly spit out by others, found themselves welcomed and accepted by Christ. Jesus recognized the inherent value of every human being as He looked beyond the scars that were so visible and so appalling to others. A human being is a human being, whether they're fresh off the mint or if they've been folded, wadded, washed, torn and taped. Jesus received us all! He modeled it, he taught it, let's do it!


(Adapted from Todd Catteau)

Blessings in Christ.
Pastor Larry



*Christmas! We Remember,
Rejoice, Worship!*
Sunday, December 18 @11:00am
*Performed by the FBCC Adult Choir
lead by Penny Decker*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES
COLLECTING NOW THRU NOVEMBER 18



You have only a few weeks to fill your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Shoeboxes are located in the vestibule. Be sure to fill them up and have them back at the church on Sunday, November 18. Pick up a pamphlet and choose the label for a boy and/or a girl. Fill the box and include a \$7.00 donation to help defray the cost of transporting the boxes to the children. Be sure to put the appropriate label on the box. Some gift suggestions are a WOW toy, (doll or soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal). Finish filling with school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, candy, etc. You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and address the child may be able to write back.

NOTE Please do NOT include damaged items, war-related toys such as toy guns, knives or military figures, seeds, chocolate, food, or breakable items.



Prayer Room Ministry

September, 2016

Cards Mailed Out: 68

Phone Calls Made: 39

Prayer Requests Received: 40

Prayers Prayed: 520

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 10 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 58

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

HCBA Senior Adult Trip Las Vegas/Grand Canyon/ Ranch in Tucson, AZ

May 16—22, 2017

Price Per Person: \$1989 Double,
\$1779 Triple, \$1699 Quad, \$2488 Single

For more info. on these trips check the
Bulletin Board or see Betsy Ivey

WE WILL HONOR THE VETERANS



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

September Report

Average Attendance

Sunday School	167
Worship Service	181
Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	42,968
Monthly Offering Received	36,192
Rental Income	1,688
Other Income	555
Monthly Operating Expenses	35,315
Non Budget Expenses	
Operating Account Balance	258,447
CD's & Savings Balance	56,013
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	2,431
Benevolence Designated Fund	-49
Project Hope	2,475
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,157
Van Fund	1,736

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:

Blondena Rorrer, mother of Susan Thacker, Sandra Zanfini, Cindy Warden and C. W. "Corky" Rorrer.



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Ryan and Rebecca Beachy on the birth of their son Elijah Beachy born on September 23. Elijah weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20.6 inches long. Elijah's siblings are Caleb, Naomi and Judah. Proud grandparents are Joe and Hope Johnson.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Stacy Craven on the birth of their son Luke Craven born on September 30. Luke weighed 6 lbs. and 14 ozs. and was 21 1/2" long. Luke's siblings are Daniel and Issac. Proud grandparents are Greg and Shirley Craven.

Lottie Moon Memorials And Honorariums

With Christmas fast approaching, it is time to think about our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In lieu of poinsettias this year, let's all support our Foreign Missionaries. 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 5th. We will place a list in the bulletin on December 18th acknowledging these gifts.

New Contact Information

Tammy Fultz 108 Franks Ct., Apt. 16 Collinsville, VA 24078	Dustin Beckner James Madison University JMU Box G458 Harrisonburg, VA 22807
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Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20 @6pm

Smith Memorial United Methodist Church

This is six churches from various denominations coming together to give thanks to God and worship Jesus Christ.

November Nursery Workers

- 11/06: Pat Cobb, Nancy Edwards (B)
Leslie Houston, Katie Houston (T/PS)
 - 11/13: Joyce Pace, Peggy Delancey (B)
Frances Goad, Hannah Goad (T/PS)
 - 11/20: Angie Alley, Lee Hernandez (B)
Rebecca Vernon, Taylor Jo Gary (T/PS)
 - 11/27: Joan Collins, Beverly Inman (B)
John & Sherry Flanagan (T/PS)
- (B) Babies—(T/PS) Toddlers & Pre School

LIFELINE SCREENING FBCC SOCIAL HALL THURS., NOV. 17

Call 1-888-653-6411 or visit
www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners for an appointment or for more information.

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Are you already beginning to think about turkey and pumpkin pie? This is the month when a lot of us begin eating more than we should just because it is put in front of us. Maybe we all should take a pledge that we won't overeat during the holiday season this year.

Activities for Senior Adults for the month of November include:

Friendship Club on November 8th at 10:00 A.M. – The program will be presented by Ms. Jo Dykes, a retired Henry County Schools teacher who is a great storyteller. She will be speaking about **The Man Who Moved a Mountain**, the story of Rev. Bob Childress who built the rock churches that some of you saw on one of our senior adult trips several years ago. Maybe she will inspire us to go see the churches again.

The meal will be prepared by the Social Committee of the Friendship Club at a low cost of only \$3. Join us and bring a friend. **Remember: we need more tubes of lip balm for the stockings for the nursing homes.** Hope to see you on November 8th. You can vote on your way to Friendship Club or vote after the meeting is over; the important thing is that you **VOTE!**

Music at the Rives Theatre on November 12th – One of our favorite bands, **Mark Templeton & Pocket Change**, is performing that night. And it is a tribute to our veterans. The doors open at 5:30 P.M. and the music starts at 7:00 P.M. Since it is a show honoring veterans I think we need to leave the church at 6:00 P.M. so we can get a seat. Tickets are \$5. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board

near the church office.

Shopping at Hamrick's in Greensboro on November 17th – We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. and travel to Hamrick's and possibly Hobby Lobby and Dollar Tree. We will decide on where we will eat lunch on the way to Greensboro. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

During this Thanksgiving month let's think of something different each day that we can thank God for. This will not even begin to cover all the many blessing that God gives but will be a start. Call or visit a shut-in (or even send a card). You will be blessed. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator

*The Ladies Card Ministry
will not meet in November*



**Sunday
November 27
6:00 PM**

There will be a Social following the Hanging of the Greens Service. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods to share.

Van Driver Needed

We are currently beginning our search 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

**Alma Hunt State Missions
FBCC Goal \$4,500
Received to Date \$3,510.00**

WMU MISSION ACTION

WMU Mission Project for November: We will provide exam bags for our college students. The bags will be filled with treats and items to help ease the stress of exams and let our students know that we love them. If you are not a member of WMU, this would be a good time to join! We have four groups for you to choose from. Just contact one of our members and we will find a group just for you. We would love to have you.

UPDATE FROM QUARTERLY BUSINESS

MEETING: OCT. 26, 2016

The recommendation to **elect Mark Ivey** as a **trustee** was **approved** by a vote of **42 Yes/ 0 no**. Also accepted was the recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Stacy Craven to serve as Van Ministry Coordinator and the request from the Finance Committee to transfer \$1,100.00 from the General Fund to the Benevolence Designated Fund.

November Food Item for FBCC

Cereal 12—14 oz. size

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Nov. Food Item for Grace Network

Boxed Mac & Cheese OR Muffin Mix

Nov. Feature Items

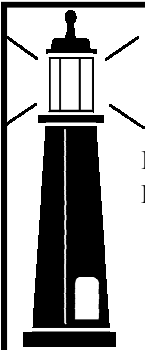
Hand Soap, Toothpaste

**Bible Study
with
Pastor
Larry
Tuesdays
10:30AM**

Dates to Remember.....

December 10: Breakfast with Santa
December 13: Friendship Club Meeting
December 18: Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
December 24: Christmas Eve Service





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- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
- Children's Church
- Wednesday Evening Activities: 5:30 pm
- Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm
- Acteens 6:30 pm
- RA's and GA's 6:30 pm
- Puppet Ministry 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

November Birthdays

- 01 Greg Craven
- 01 Adam Pace
- 02 Matt Odell
- 02 Samuel Vernon
- 03 Elsie Scott
- 03 Ray Parcell
- 03 Stacy Fontaine
- 03 Samantha Martin
- 05 Susan Wagoner
- 05 Kaitlin Haskins
- 06 Judy Anthony
- 07 Pat Davidson
- 07 Carter Breath
- 08 Genevieve Stone
- 10 Zoie Pace
- 11 Perry Tilley
- 11 Sandy Odell
- 12 Bill Billings
- 12 Sherryl Anderson
- 13 Ta'meil Fodrell
- 14 Tonia Patterson
- 14 Hannah Goad
- 15 Ken Wagoner
- 16 Michaela Garrett
- 16 Emily Whitlow
- 17 Lorene Merrill
- 17 Rosa Foley
- 17 Parker Pinnix
- 17 Sherrie Setliff
- 18 Charlotte Albert
- 18 Bill Boylan
- 18 Lois Radford
- 18 Nettie Webb
- 18 Daniel Craven
- 19 Joe Haskins
- 19 Erick Rodies
- 19 Hannah Piccolo
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 21 Kay Kallam
- 21 Mark Ivey, Jr.
- 21 Susie Baldwin
- 22 Bill Joyce
- 22 Paul Gusler
- 24 Kit Scott
- 24 Thelma Turner
- 24 Tylar Martin
- 25 Brenda N. Carter
- 25 Linda Newsome
- 25 Ben Dawson
- 26 Sheree Gillispie

- 27 Carol Gentry
- 28 Ralph Brammer
- 28 Sandra Zanfini
- 30 Daphne Stone
- 30 Kristen Weaver
- 30 Louise Mullins
- 30 C. B. Mullins, Jr.

December Birthdays

- 01 Albert Lawrence
- 01 Joe Johnson
- 02 Melody Oliver
- 03 Yvonne Harris
- 04 Kevin Shropshire
- 05 Sarah Scott
- 06 Paige Collins

November Anniversaries

- 06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
- 14 Chris & Sara Roetken
- 19 Mike & Dana Pennington
- 21 Bill & Nelda Billings
- 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey
- 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow
- 25 Danny & Betty Pagans
- 27 Bill & Bessie Boylan
- 27 Bill & Temple Mays
- 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

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

