

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## The Sovereignty of God

At the present, countless numbers of people are trying to recover from the recent storm that hit the eastern coastline. Initially, our area was bracing for the storm; thinking we might get twenty inches of rain and strong winds. However, Florence did not do as much damage here as was first believed. This caused me to ask what perhaps other people, believers and unbelievers alike, are asking, "Why did some areas suffer more damage than others?" And "what was God's role in all this?" Both of these questions can be answered in one word: Sovereignty. If you were to look up the word "sovereign" in the dictionary, you would find words and phrases like "superior," "greatest," "supreme in power and authority," "ruler," and "independent of all others" in its definition. While all of these words are accurate, the best way to explain God's sovereignty is to say, "He is in control." There is absolutely nothing that happens in the universe that is outside of God's influence and authority. Consider a few of the claims the Bible makes about God:

He is above and before all things. He is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. He is immortal, and He is present everywhere and everyone can know Him (Rev 21:6).

He has created all things and holds all things together, both in heaven and on earth, both visible and invisible (Col 1:16).

He knows all things before they happen. There is no limit to His knowledge (Ro 11:33).

He determines everything that is going to happen in your life, in my life, in America, and throughout the world (Jer 32:17).

He has power and authority over nature, leaders, angels, and demons. Even Satan himself has to ask God's permission before he can act (Ps 103:19).

Sovereignty means being the ultimate source of power, authority; it means being responsible for everything that exists. Only God can make those claims. Therefore, it is God's sovereignty that makes Him superior to all other would be gods and worthy of our worship. God's sovereignty compels us to bow before Him. But unlike corrupt earthly leaders who abuse their authority to terrorize their subjects, God rules in love, grace, and mercy. He wants the best for us and even in difficult situations like a hurricane, we can still trust His plan and His heart.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

## October—Pastor's Appreciation Month

*Let's show Pastor Larry and Jan AND*

*Jarrold and Rachel some extra*

*"Tender Love and Care" for*

*their Commitment and*

*Love to FBCC.*



## 2018 Budget Preparation Meeting

**Monday, October 22**

**6:30 pm**

**Conference Room**

Committee & Ministry leaders please plan to attend. Also don't forget to turn in your budget request information to the church office by Thursday, October 18.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Chairmen and ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by Oct. 10 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs to be published in the bulletin prior to the meeting or included in the meeting agenda. Also please submit your written reports to the church office by Oct. 17.

## Operation Christmas Child

**Our Goal is to fill a minimum of 500 boxes**

Come on, just pick up some shoe boxes and start filling them. Please do not wait until the last minute. **Collection will be until November 11.** There is a list of suggested items for packing, boxes, and brochures for labeling the boxes on the table under the tapestry. Thanks to all who have brought your boxes in. This is a good start to meeting our goal of at least 500 boxes. This is a very achievable goal. Just think of the impact these boxes have made on the recipients—i.e. Irena Creek. **If you cannot fill a shoe box, you can make a check out to Samaritan's Purse to help defray the cost of shipping. In the memo line of the check write for shipping of shoe boxes.** Just one more way to help in the shoe box ministry.





## Prayer Room Ministry

August 2017

Cards Mailed Out: 64

Phone Calls Made: 32

Prayer Requests Received: 30

Prayers Prayed: 586

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 11 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 49 3/4

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

## Church Council 2018-2019

Pastor	Larry Cheek
Associate Pastor of Families & Youth	Jarrod Pillsbury
Choir Director	Penny Decker
Deacon Chairman	Dickey Cobb
WMU Director	Bobbi Frazier
4MforHim (Men's Ministry Director)	Alex Alley
Audio Services Coordinator	John Flanagan
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Charlotte Harter
Church Hostess	Lisa Houston
Discipleship Coordinators	Mona Turner/Sandy O'Dell
Nursery Coordinator	Angela Hatchett
Sunday School Director	Peggy Delancey
Treasurer	Rick Love
Senior Adult Coordinator	Charlotte Albert/Doris Walker
Youth Ministry Coordinator	Kim Beckner

### Committee Chairpersons:

Benevolence	H. D. Linkous
Evangelism/Missions Dev.	
Insurance	
Membership	Walt Shaw/Lisa West
Money Counters	Ken Wagoner/Bobby Harter
Music	Shelia Ramsey
Nominating	Betsy Ivey
Personnel	John Mayberry
Properties	Ken Wagoner
Public Relations	Doris Draper
Special Needs	Brenda Hagood
Stewardship	Jason Collins
Weekday Early Education	Lisa West

### In Sympathy:

Lucy Philpott, aunt of Susie Baldwin & Eddie Conner  
**Tommy Coleman**, friend of many  
 Elsie Minter, aunt of Shirley Craven  
 Lee Adkins, aunt of Shirley Craven  
 Patsy Smith, cousin of Becky Wagoner  
 Denver Stultz, cousin of Becky Wagoner  
 Ruth "Frances" Beck, mother of Frances Goad  
 Lorene Stewart, aunt of John Mayberry

### October Grace Network Food Item

**Black eyed peas (15-16 oz. can)**

### October Featured Items

**Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant**

## August Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	167
Worship Service	176
Monthly Offering needed	45,172
(4 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	32,854
Rental Income	1,800
Insurance Claim Proceeds	182
Monthly Operating Expenses	43,688
Operating Account Balance	264,334
CD's & Savings Balance	58,299
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,330
Benevolence Designated Fund	135
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	8,358
Music Memorial	195

*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.*

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

**Rheba Shelor:** English Meadows, Elks Home Campus,  
 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523  
 Room H-101

## OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS

- 07 Beverly Inman, Kathy Draper (B)  
John, Sherry & Lacey Flanagan (P/S)
  - 14 Becky Nance, Olajumoke Olaiya (B)  
Jason & Paige Collins (P/S)
  - 21 Jen Nance, Diane Ferguson (B)  
Brandon & Ashley Martin (P/S)
  - 28 Joan Collins, Stacy Craven (B)  
Frances & Amanda Goad (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool



**FBCC  
 FOOD  
 ITEM  
 FOR  
 October  
 CEREAL  
 12-16 oz.  
 Box**

## SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Fall is fast approaching and leaves are changing their colors, preparing us for the coming holidays.

Friendship Club – Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – We will meet at 10:30 A.M. The program will be presented by Karen Barley. She is the director of the Bassett Branch Library. The social committee of Friendship Club will prepare the meal at the price of \$3.00.

Please come join us and invite

a friend(s) to come too.

We are unable to locate a van driver for our trips to Spencer Penn Center. We will continue to search for a driver as the seniors enjoyed the bands and their music.

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Hugo's restaurant in Martinsville at 10 E. Church Street. We will meet at the church at 12:00 noon and carpool to Hugo's. Our reservation will be at 12:30pm.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – Mabry Mill, Fall is a beautiful time to visit Mabry Mill. We will meet at the Church at 9:00. We'll also make a stop at Nancy's Candy Company to satisfy our sweet tooth. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board near the office.

Doris Walker  
Sr. Adult Co-Coordinator

### WMU FALL Fling

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**  
**First Baptist Church of Collinsville**

Registration 8:00 am /Breakfast 8:30 am

Program begins at 9:30 am

We will be joined by other ladies and WMU groups from the Henry County Baptist Association, as well as GA's, RA's & Acteens. Different ministry organizations from our area will be here to share about their work. There will be music, door prizes & lots of good fellowship!

### Henry County Baptist Association Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, October 16**

**Fort Trial Baptist Church**  
**Guest Speaker: John Upton**

(Executive Director of Baptist  
General Association of CBA)

**Registration: 4:30PM Meal: 5:00PM**

(Meal will be \$10.00 each. RSVP to Fort Trial Baptist Church)

**Pre-Service Music: 6:00PM**

**Business and Worship Service: 6:15PM**



### *Ladies Card Ministry* *Monday, October 22—1:00 pm*

We will be making Birthday and  
Anniversary Cards

### WMU MISSION ACTION PROJECT

The WMU Mission Action for October is the Warming Center for the Homeless. These are the items requested: Coats, gloves, hand warmers, underwear (large & extra large), small bottles of shampoo, razors, deodorant, feminine products, nabs, breakfast bars, and bottled water. A collection box is located in the Vestibule.

*Blessings, Lana Martin*

### Volunteers Needed for the Pumpkin Patch

We have volunteered once again to help Grace Network with their "Pumpkin Patch" sale. We have the 11:00am—4:00pm shift on Wednesday, October 17. This is a great way to serve Grace and have fun with folks that are buying pumpkins and taking pictures. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board if you would like to help.



### Mark Your Calendar

**October 02:** 4MforHim (Men's Ministry)

**October 07:** Communion Sunday

**October 09:** Friendship Club Meeting

**October 13:** Annual HCBA—WMU Fall Fling

**October 14:** Yuth Laser Tag @ Ft. Trial Baptist Church

**October 16:** HCBA Annual Meeting @ Ft. Trial Baptist Church

**October 17:** FBCC Working Grace Network Pupmkin Patch Sale

**October 22:** Budget Prep Meeting

**October 26-28:** Raceway Weekend at Martinsville Speedway

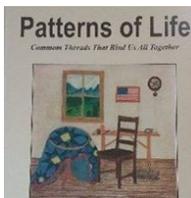
**October 31:** Quarterly Business Meeting

**November 04:** Daylight Savings Time Ends

**December 15:** Breakfast with Santa

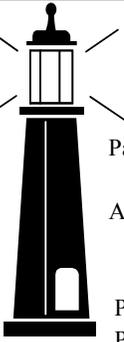
### Book of the Month

**By: Libby Bondurant & Elaine Plaster**



This book is a compilation of stories that will amuse you. Some may bring a tear to your eye, and they may cause you to relive a memory of your own, or may cause you to dig into the past to help solve a mystery. You may want to try some of the home remedies. They worked years ago,

they may still work. We cannot leave out the recipes. Maybe there is a really nice down-home recipe you have not tried. You will enjoy the history behind some of the old recipes. Whatever your experience may be, we hope it is a journey into the past that you will not soon forget.



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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 Impact	6:43 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

### October Birthdays

01 Christine McAlexander	15 Brad Ferguson
01 Eddie Conner	16 Abby Quinnan
02 Mona Turner	18 Cindy Adkins
02 Scott Terry	19 Debbie McKinney
03 Betsy Ivey	20 Woody Mize
04 Kathy Draper	20 Alan Brummett
05 Jarrod Pillsbury	21 Kirk Beale
06 Lee Hernandez	21 John Floyd, Jr.
06 Alex Alley	21 Nelda Billings
06 Katelyn Cobb	21 J. D. Collins
07 John Flanagan	21 Kelly Jones
07 Curtis Stone	22 Chris Hatchett
07 Joe Ann Belcher	23 Connie Hodges
07 William Blackwell	23 Britney Terry
08 Phyllis Prillaman	24 Virginia Webb
09 Judy Robertson	25 Judy Harmon
09 Kim Beckner	25 Sandra Sarver
09 Austin Haskins	25 Colton Collins
09 Madalyn Oliver	27 Bobby Carter
10 Will Nance	27 Denise Collins
11 Carley Mayberry	28 MacKenzie Eggleston
12 Edith Kennett	29 Lisa Frazier
12 Patricia Wine	30 Arthur Emberson
12 Zane Forbes	31 Esther Bryant
12 Justin Morris	31 Pete Rakes
13 Ed Webb	
14 Paige Holcomb	

### November Birthdays

01 Greg Craven  
01 Adam Pace

02 Matt O'Dell  
02 Samuel Vernon  
03 Ray Parcell  
03 Stacy Fontaine  
03 Samantha Martin  
05 Susan Wagoner  
05 Kaitlin Haskins  
06 Judy Anthony  
07 Pat Davidson  
07 Carter Breath

### October Anniversaries

06 Tony & Helen Crane  
06 Jonathan & Sarah France  
07 Maynard & Ruby Huff  
09 John & Donna Floyd  
09 Charlie & Diane F. Turner  
12 Tim & Gail Atwood  
16 Len & Suzanne Turner  
17 George & Carol Gentry  
18 Paul & Sherrie Setliff  
29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins

### 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



**YOUTH LASER TAG**  
**Fort Trial B. Church**  
**Sunday, October 14**

**5:50-8:30pm**

**Cost \$10.00**

(Includes Pizza and  
Chips for Dinner)

**Meet at FBCC @ 5:00pm**

**Make plans to participate in this fun  
and enjoyable evening**