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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

### **Good Counsel**

The other day Jan and I were sitting in the car in the parking lot at Kroger. We were about to leave for a destination in Greensboro. Jan typed the location of the business into MapQuest on her cell phone. Immediately, a voice came across the airwaves saying, "You are on the quickest route to your destination." That was great, except for one thing—we were not moving. I had not even started the car and yet we were headed in the right direction.

This immediately made me think of the believer's life in this world. In many cases people will comment on where we are headed in regard to our careers, education, relationships, and other aspects of life. However, we (as believers) had better be cautious to whom we listen. On two occasions the wise King Solomon said, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Pro 14:12; 16:25). The death spoken of by Solomon does not necessarily mean physical death, though in extreme cases that could be the result. There is spiritual injury as well. Believers must be wise when seeking counsel. As a regenerated being, you should be looking to discover and enter into God's will in every situation. This includes your career path, your relationships, your personal development, and yes, your spiritual growth. An unbeliever might be able to give you advice in a specific area of life, but he will have no concern for your spiritual welfare. In writing about this Solomon recorded, "The thoughts of the righteous are right, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful" (Pro 12:5). An unbeliever does not even care about his/ her own spiritual well-being. He/ she will give no thought to yours.

Let me end by providing four pieces of advice. First, begin by looking in Scripture to discover what God says about a certain topic. With the technology available today, you cannot use the excuse that you do not know where to find something in the Bible. Go to a Bible search engine (Biblegateway.com) and type in the word for which you are looking. Second, seek the counsel of a mature Christian. Make

sure this person is someone who walks the walk of faith. Many people might say they are a Christian, but if they are not living faithful, biblical lives, then chances are their advice will be more worldly than Biblical. Third, seek the counsel of several true, faithful believers. If more than one person gives you the same advice, then that is sound counsel and you would be wise to heed their advice. Finally, if you are unsure do not do anything. Wait for the Lord and when the time and circumstances are right, He will direct you. Remember what the psalmist wrote, "Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land" (Ps 37:34). That is good counsel!

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

## Senior Adult Day Sunday, May 5 2019

(Covered Dish Lunch)

First Baptist, Collinsville will honor our Senior Adults with a special service and covered dish lunch on Sunday, May 5th. We ask the church family to please bring one or two of your favorite side dishes or desserts to share! Meats and beverages will be provided by the church.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Darrell Fletcher who recently retired after forty years in ministry. He pastored Rivermont, Thomas Village and Green Valley Baptist Churches. He also served with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) for twelve years. Special Music will be provided by the Rakes Family.



## Mother's Day Sunday, May 13

Visit, Call, Send a Card, Text, Twitter or whatever it takes

to express your love and appreciation to your Mom or the one who helped make you the person you are today.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed" Proverbs 31:28



#### **Prayer Room Ministry**

March 2019

Cards Mailed Out: 55
Phone Calls Made: 9
Prayer Requests Received: 19
Prayers Prayed: 288

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 8 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 22 1/4

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

## **College & Careers 4 Christ**



Monthly Meeting Thursday, May 2 5:00 pm

Dinner, Devotions, & Games! Social Hall & Lighthouse

> FBCC FOOD PANTRY ITEM FOR MAY CEREAL (12-16 OZ. BOX)

May Grace Network Food Item
Canned Black-eyed Peas
(15 oz. cans)
May Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Bath Soap, Toothpaste

## **March Report**

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	160
Worship Service	173
Monthly Offering needed	57,400
(5 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	43,606
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income/Undesignated Memorials	
Monthly Operating Expenses	46,788
Operating Account Balance	222,190
CD's & Savings Balance	59,480
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	9,091
Benevolence Designated Fund	383
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	9,613
Music Fund	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.

#### In Sympathy:

Samuel Wayne Turner, brother of Nancy Edwards
Mary Ramsey Davis, sister-in-law of Bessie Ramsey Boylan
and aunt of Neil Ramsey

Florence Hendricks, sister of Pat Walker

Sandra Lackey, wife of Jimmy Lackey and niece of Benita Lackey

Gustavo Herrera, husband of Lucy Roldan Dones

Linwood Stone, Jr., step-grandfather of Michael Vernon

and Rebecca Vernon

Juana Castro, mother of Jose Castro Margaret Smith, cousin of Benita Lackey

## New Contact Information

Charlie Fickling, 115 Homestead Ct., Collinsville, VA 24078

#### New Arrival

Daniel and Becky McKinney proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Graham McKinney, born on Monday, April 22. Little Miss Laura weighed 9 lbs. and was 21" long. Her grandparents are Tommy and Becky McKinney. Her great-grandparents are Sylvia McKinney and the late Wayne McKinney.

### Standing Rock Indian Reservation Mission Trip

**The Mission trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation** in North and South Dakota will be July 21-26. This trip is through the WMUV.

You can help by donating items listed below by May 8. Items needed are:

**Socks** for school age children and teenagers (boys/no show, Girls/colorful)

**Underwear** for school age children & teenagers (boys/boxers, girls/cute underwear

**Wal-Mart Gift Cards:** \$10;00 & \$25.00 to help pay for meals the volunteers provide for them while they are there. PLEASE TURN IN GIFT CARD TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Small Toys:** Matchbox cars, small balls, small miniature stuffed animals, etc.

The Mission Team will visit 9 sites during the week and they ask that you keep them in prayer as they plan, travel and serve. They thank you for your donations.



## Book of the Month "Come Spring"

By: Tim LaHaye and Gregory S. Dinallo

Dylan Cooper, a Scotsman, an immigrant, and a gifted photographer, discovers that photo-

graphs are not his only calling when he meets and falls in love with Grace MacVicar.

#### SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

**Tuesday, May 07:** Senior Adults will meet at 12:00 noon for B-I-N-G-O at the Collinsville YMCA.

Tuesday, May 14: This will be our monthly Friendship Club Meeting. We will have Carol Haynes as our Guest Speaker. The Social Committee will prepare the meal for the low cost of only \$3.00, so come on out and join us and bring someone with you.

Tuesday, May 21: Senior Adults will meet at 12:00 noon for B-I-N-G-O at the Collinsville **YMCA** 

Thursday, May 23: Senior Adults to Hamricks in Greensboro, NC. Van will leave the church @9:00am Sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board near the church office.

#### WMU MISSION ACTION FOR MAY

Our Mission Action for May will be to honor "Our Military" by choosing a veteran to treat to lunch, send a card, make a call or just a visit to show our appreciation for their service. Blessings,

Lana Martin

## **Military Memorial Tribute Sunday** Sunday, May 26



We would like to remember those who died while serving in the Military, or those who served and

have since died. If you have a family member who was a Veteran that you would like remembered, we would like to have their name, branch/venue of service and their picture. We need this information given to the church office by **May10** If you have provided this information before, we should still have it on file, just call the office at 647-3774 to make sure.

#### **MAY NURSERY WORKERS**

- 05 Becky Crotty, Nancy Edwards (B) Leslie Houston, Lana Martin (P/S)
- 12 Judy Dodson, Lisa West (B) Katrell Ramsey, Susan Wagoner (P/S)
- 19 Angie Alley, Joyce Pace (B) Rebecca & Cindy Vernon & Daniel Craven P/S)
- 26 Sandy & Taylor Jo Gary (B) Suzanne Terry, Marille Espana and Rachel Wood (P/S)

(B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool



#### Wiley Thomas "Will" Nance, III **Bassett High School**

Son of Tommy & Jen Nance Grandson of Becky Nance

#### **Cory Franklin Ashworth**

Radford University Physics Major, Minor in Mathematics Son of Todd & Belinda Ashworth Grandson of Tommy & Yvonne Harris

#### Rev. Larry Eugene Cheek

North Greenville University **Doctor of Ministry** Husband of Jan Cheek Pastor of First Baptist Church of Collinsville

#### Samantha Joy Martin

Liberty University Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education in **Interdisciplinary Studies** Daughter of Mark & Diana Martin Granddaughter of Peggy Moran

#### Gunnar Evan Robertson

Wytheville Community College Associate of Applied Science Physical Therapist Assistant Son of Jerry & Judy Robertson

#### **Britney Paige Terry**

James Madison University Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Daughter of Scott & Suzanne Terry Granddaughter of J. D. & Joan Collins

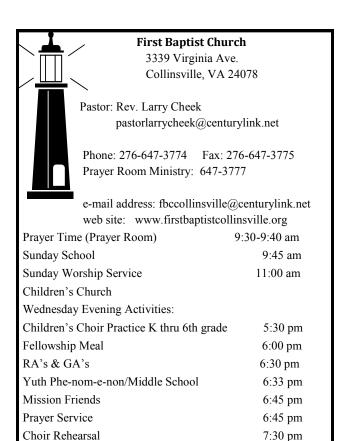
#### **Kemper Collins Terry**

Liberty University Bachelor of Science, **Business Administration: Project Management** Son of Scott & Suzanne Terry Grandson of J. D. & Joan Collins

#### William Gunter Wagoner

University of Virginia Bachelor of Science in Environment Science Son of Bill & Susan Wagoner Grandson of Ken & Becky Wagoner

Join us May 19th for Graduate Sunday as we honor all of our graduates!



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays
02 Agnes VanHulzen
02 Carrie Williams
03 Ann Thomason
04 Tim Atwood
04 Sidney Lavinder
04 Wendy Gilbert
04 Tami Olaiya
05 Allison Prato
05 Hope Johnson
05 Michael Walker
05 Alan Teal
06 Dee Webb
06 Judson Eggleston
07 Sarah France
07 Shelly Gibson
10 Ann Rose
11 Sylvia McKinney
14 Everett Lawson
15 Terrie Roberson
17 Temple Mays
18 Katrell Ramsey
18 Wendy Watkins
19 Marci Emberson
20 Shirley Hodges
21 Edith Sharpe

21 Hank Joyce

21 Jessica Shelton 22 Tina Maxey 22 Benita Lackey 24 Phyllis Geramita 25 Michael Vernon 26 Joan Collins 26 Scott Spencer 26 Daniel Perry 28 Hazel Joyce 28 Anna Hall 29 Douglas Huff 29 Rick Love 29 Blake Minter 20 Sammy Eanes 31 Danny Robertson 31 Norman Jacobs

#### June Birthdays

31 Judah Beachy

01 Gideon Huddle 01 Mike Kennett 01 Tim Knight 01 Styles Geramita 02 Nicholas Alley 2David Kinney, Jr. 03 Chris Roetken 04 Bob Hall

04 Ricky Anderson 05 Bruce Adkins

05 Tommy Houston

05 Dustin Beckner

06 Steve Edwards 06 Becky Fontaine

07 Elizabeth Decker

#### May Anniversaries

01 Roger & Judy Dodson 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder 06 Ricky & Sharon Anderson 07 Steve & Leslie Houston 09 Jeff & Wendy Watkins 16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson 16 tom & Ellen Prato

17 Robert & Kit Scott

20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce 23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal

29 Scott & Suzanne Terry

#### **June Anniversarys**

02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita 03 Bill & Bobbie Joyce 05 Joe & Tina Haskins 05 Scott & Tonia Patterson 08 Dale & Debbie Hancock

08 Chris & Martha Newman 12 Keith & Paige Scott 13 H, D. & Debbie Linkous



May 19: Graduate Sunday June 21-23: Yuth VBS/camping trip to Salthouse Branch Campground

## Calendar Highlights:

Mother's Day May 12:

Friendship Club Meeting May 14:

May 19: Graduate Sunday May 20: Life Line Screening

May 23: Sr. Adults to Hamrick's

May 26: Memorial Sunday

**June 07:** Children's Summer Fun Day

June 09-13: VBS Nightly

June 11: Friendship Club Meeting

June 14: VBS Family Night

June 16: Father's Day

## **VBS News for May**



#### In the Wild!

#### Amazing Encounters with Jesus.

Moto: Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!

Verse: But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Christ Connection: The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. When we trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, He forgives our sins and gives us eternal life.

#### Volunteers needed

If you would like to volunteer, please see Rebecca Vernon.

#### **Prayers Needed**

Please pray for VBS. Pray about serving on God's team and volunteering for VBS. Pray for the children that will attend and that we will plant a seed in their hearts. Pray that it will be a successful week and we can lead children to Christ. Pray that we will help the church grow.

#### Please help promote our VBS!

Please invite your friends! Also, if you would like to hang a flyer in your favorite restaurant or at work please see Rebecca Vernon.

#### VBS Dates

Visiting – May 19 after church. We will have lunch at McDonald's then visit children in the neighborhood to invite them to VBS; please plan on joining us.

Decorating – Friday, May 31 @5, Saturday, June 1 @ 10, Friday June 7 @ 5, and Saturday, June 8 @ 10

VBS - Week of June 9-14, Family night on the 14th

#### Donations

We will be visiting families in the community on May 19 and would like to give each child a zebra cake made by Little Debbie. We would like for everyone to please bring a box as donation to help promote VBS.



Be sure to stop by the table in the vestibule to pick up an animal and bring in that snack for VBS.

Thank you to everyone that has already donated. We appreciate everything you are doing to help with VBS.