

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## One Thing

While putting my shoes on the other day, I was reminded of a most puzzling question. In reality, it is several questions pertaining to a single object. On the back of my casual shoes is a small loop or tab—that will henceforth be referred to as the “loop” in this article. It is located around the Achilles. My questions are, what is the technical name of that apparatus and what is its purpose? Jan told me it was there to help me get my shoes on. However, the loop is too small to get my finger in to pull my shoe up. Still, there is one thing the loop does accomplish. It aggravates the fire out of me! Every time I stand up the bottom of my trousers leg gets caught on the loop. The wind can be blowing 100 miles an hour and that loop will not allow the bottom of my trousers leg to lay on my shoes as I prefer. I realize this sounds petty, but my life would be less irritating if that loop was not there. That is why I take a pair of scissors and remove those loops from my shoes.

By now some of you may be thinking, ‘The pastor has lost his mind!’ Hang in there with me for a moment more. Here is where my thoughts are headed. Those shoes function just fine with that loop on them. It does not affect how the shoes feel on my feet. Nor does it detract from the attractiveness of my shoes. There is no reason for me fretting over that loop on my shoes. Yet, here I am writing to you about that stupid loop. It seems to me that the loop mirrors our lives—or at least mine. There are things that fret me that, in reality, do not matter. Their presence does not enhance our lives, nor does their absence detract from our existence, and vice versa. Still, those seemingly small things drive our attitudes and actions. Let me give you an example from Scripture. In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus and His disciples were invited to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Martha was busy preparing a meal for her guests. Mary, on the other hand, was sitting and listening to Jesus. Martha comes into the room and asks Jesus to make Mary get up and help her. Jesus’ response was, *“One thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part”* (v.42). Now, there is no denying that Martha was a gracious hostess. She truly cared about others. Yet, in that moment, she was more concerned about her effort to serve others than she was the spiritual well-being of her sister. I believe Martha loved Mary deeply, but this just goes to show you how we can get caught up majoring on things that are minor. Those minor things are not unimportant. They are just not the most necessary thing in that moment.

Like Martha, all of us tend to allow minor things to determine how we experience the Lord each day. Take a minute and survey your life. Are there things that prevent you from being with Christ? If so, then remove them and see how much difference it makes in your life. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

## NOTICES

As the days pass and we are challenged to try to stay in touch with each other we will use this media to help us.

All church services and activities including the Wednesday night meals have been cancelled.

We have several people who have volunteered to help anyone needing to go to the grocery store, pharmacy, etc. to do these things. Just call the church office and we will gladly give you the contact information.

As you know staying in contact with each other is one of the best things you can do for yourself and others. Just because we cannot have face to face contact doesn’t mean we should loose all contact with our family and friends. It might be fun to see if some of your friends would be willing to be a “Pen Pal” for a few weeks. Just think, when was the last time you received a hand written letter from someone dear. Not only would this be a way to keep in touch, but you would have a treasured hand written letter from someone you love to cherish and keep.

It is imperative that we keep in touch with our Homebound and Shut-ins at this time. This would be an ideal time to send them a cheerful “Thinking of You” card since they have banned anyone from visiting the nursing home, rehab facility or hospital.

We, here in the office of FBCC, will try our best to keep you informed on anything taking place with the FBCC church family. If you know of any news we need to pass around, please call us at 647-3774.

## VBS ANNOUNCEMENT

**Due to the COVID-19 and Governor Northam’s mandate, plans for VBS may need to be changed.**

**Please pray for our VBS Leadership as they consider the best options.**

**Please pray for the children also as they always look forward to VBS and will be disappointed if it has to be cancelled.**



## Prayer Room Ministry

FEBRUARY, 2020

Cards Mailed Out:	50
Phone Calls Made:	9
Prayer Requests Received:	29
Prayers Prayed:	246
Total # of Volunteers Serving:	6
Total Volunteer Hours Given:	25

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

### In Sympathy:

Lucy Prillaman Rakes, grandmother of Jennifer Powell  
 Louise Stultz, sister of Shirley Parcell  
 William "Bill" Ray, brother of Diane Ferguson (Charlie Turner)  
**Pat Whitlock Wine**, member of FBCC

### New Contact Information

**Jordan & Megan Haak**, 286 Susan Drive, Collinsville, VA 24078  
 Sandy O'Dell, 148 Clyde Circle, Collinsville, VA 24078

## Getting the Word Out There

We are trying to make sure each and every one gets the opportunity to hear Pastor Larry's message each week. We are going to put his message on a CD so if you do not have internet you can still be included. We need you to contact the church office by calling 647-3774 to let us know you want a copy of the CD and we will try to have extra copies available for you. (You will have to have a CD player to hear this).

We will continue to try to keep the Prayer List updated as things change. We will mail this out periodically to the ones who do not have access to a computer. We will also be sending the prayer list as an email each week on Wednesday. So, as you review the prayer list if you see someone on it that has improved and can be removed please let us know. Also if you know of someone who needs to be added to the list, please let us know (647-3774).

**This is a list of Events and Meetings that have been cancelled or postponed until further notice**

- All Wednesday Night Activities, Prayer Service & Meals
- The Women's Bible Study
- The Men's Bible Study
- College & Career's Meetings
- Ladies Card Ministry
- 100th Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Essie Janey
- Sr. Adults BINGO @ Collinsville YMCA
- Sr. Adults trip to Hamrick's, Greensboro, NC
- SonShine Class Easter Party
- Awana
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- VBS Decorating
- Sr. Adults Planning Committee Meeting
- Children's Ministry Council Meeting
- All WMU Group Meetings
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Friendship Club Meeting

*All Sunday morning sermons and Wednesday night devotions will be downloaded to YouTube. Check your emails for this link or go to You Tube.com and search firstbaptistchurchcollinsvilleva*

## February Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	158
Worship Service	174
Monthly Offering needed	43,836
(4 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	34,352
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income/Undesignated Memorials	00
Monthly Operating Expenses	31,757
Operating Account Balance	193,686
CD's & Savings Balance	60,681
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,040
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,286
Project Hope	2,905
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	12,033
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.*



## How Can I Continue to Give My Tithes & Offerings

This has been one of the questions asked most often during this unusual time. We have a few options for you: 1) Checks can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 36, Collinsville, VA 24078. 2) If you use Bill Pay through on-line banking you can include First Baptist Church of Collinsville in your bill pay system as a non electronic payment. The bank will mail a check from your account to the church. If you want to give to a special designated offering such as the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering make sure you include that information in the memo line. 3) You can bring your offering to the church office from 9:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday. In the near future, we hope to offer other forms of on-line giving that could be helpful. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call our church office (647-3774) and we will be glad to help you.

## Open Letter from Stacy Craven to AWANA families

Hey guys,

Sorry that I'm just now contacting you guys but we were without internet all week (perfect timing, right?) Of course we have canceled Awana for the foreseeable future but I would love for us to get super creative about continuing to reach out to our kids as much as possible. I am planning on going Live on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/fbccawana](http://www.facebook.com/groups/fbccawana) at 5:00 on Sundays with the stuff we do at the beginning of group: announcements, pledges, and prayer. It will be a short segment but that will give us a place to link any videos teachers would like to make. If you would like to make a quick video for your class regarding what your lesson would have been and their verse for the week, please do so and send it to me or post it on Facebook in the group page or on YouTube. We will be encouraging kiddos to continue saying their verses (on their honor without looking) by sending in videos or voice clips and for T&T to send in pictures of their extra credit pages, with mom and dad's help and permission of course.

I think we are able to reach most all of the kids on Facebook but we also want to reach out to them in other ways if possible. I'd like to snail mail something to our clubbers at least weekly. If you have something specifically that you would like to send for your group whether it's a personal note or item, please let me know. Otherwise, I will take care of the group as a whole. We do have money in the budget to cover so please turn in any receipts for any materials you use and postage. (Some ideas I've had are bookmarks, small craft kits, special candy, a "jump the brook" strip to practice at home, etc... I know Shirley is going to be sending her Puggles their coloring sheet for the week by mail.) I'd like to coordinate enough that we are mailing on the same day of the week so that any sibling groups would get their mail the same day.

Lastly, we are going to try to continue to feed our "van kids" on Wednesday nights by delivering food and will include our one van kid that comes on Sunday but not Wednesday on this list. I don't believe any of the other kids would have a specific need for food but if you know of a family that just needs the encouragement of "we specifically thought of you," we'd love to add them to our list or minister to them in another way.

I'm open to any and all suggestions while we temporarily figure out how to continue to be the church without the building. Feel free to contact me.

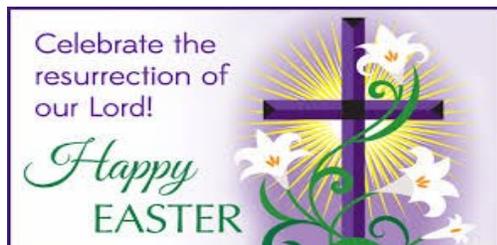
Thanks!

Stacy 627-0358

## The Wonders of Technology

The youth will be using Zoom as a face to face meeting time every Wednesday night at 7:00pm to do a short devotion and talk to the kids about what is going on with them and if they have any needs that we can help them with.

*Kim Beckner*



*Sunday, April 12*

## Open Letter from Charlotte Harter to FBCC Children and their families

Hey Children,

First I want you to know how much we miss you, but to also let you know we Love you and God does too!

It is an unusual time in our lives for both you and your parents and friends. It is a time that we have never seen before requiring us to make changes in how we do things, how we do school and even how we stay connected and do church. There s uncertainty, sadness and limitations on what we can do. In a lot of your lives, school is out for the year, sports are cancelled, other events and fun activities are not allowed. Even churches are closed. I think the one thing I have seen and heard the most is teacher's missing their students and students missing their classmates.

Here's a thought for your classmates. Send each one a note from you telling them how much you miss them and hoping they are doing well. If you don't have notecards, make your own. Have you parent's mail for you or even take a picture and send to them. Don't forget your principal and teachers. Who knows what a note will do for your friends. In my day we use to call it writing to pen pals.

Don't worry we are going to get through this. We have tried to be creative in how we are keeping in touch with you and continue to grow and learn in Jesus together. I will be posting your Children's church lessons and activities each Sunday on FBCC Facebook. Your Sunday school teacher's will be doing the same with their lessons. GA and RA will have a weekly live lesson at 2:00 p.m. On Girls In Action and R/A Facebook. Mission friends also has a live lesson for children. Make sure parents that you check FBCC page for the information. Pastor Larry's sermons for Sunday and his Wednesday night time will be posted on You Tube. Kids if you have ever wondered what the adults do on Wednesday nights, Now you will know.

Here's some thoughts about ways you and your family can share God together:

Read the Bible together- kids get a turn to read aloud to!

Parents can lead a family devotion time

Have a worship dance party-put on some praise music or kid's worship songs

Do a bible craft together- lots of ideas on the web

Plan a Christian movie night-there is some great movies and clips on Right now Media- don't forget the popcorn and soda

Learn a memory verses together

Go for a prayer walk in your neighborhood

You know Satan would love for us to do nothing, but God expects us to have joy hope and peace and to continue to work with him and for him.

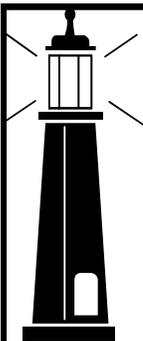
Here are two verses that I want to share with you and give you peace that only God can give. Remember that God is always with you and loves you more than the birds of the air.

"I am the Lord your God. I am holding your right hand and I tell you "Don't be afraid. I will help you". Isaiah 41:13

"This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". Joshua 1:9

Be strong, courageous and faithful. God loves you! We do too!

*Charlotte Harter*



**First Baptist Church**

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Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30-9:40 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Awana	5:00 pm
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 (Middle & High School)	6:33 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**April Birthdays**

- 01 Marietta Gunter 19 Kristen Tilley
- 02 Pam Albanese 22 Ruby Wright
- 03 Debbie Hancock 22 Joyce Pace
- 06 Sharon Barrow 24 Kellie Norris
- 05 Ashleigh Breath 24 Josh Acord
- 07 Karen Castro 25 Diane Ferguson
- 07 Noah Castro 25 Whitney Engstrom
- 08 Essie Janey 30 Cindy Tilley
- 08 Jonathan France

**May Birthdays**

- 08 Chris Kistler
- 10 Gwen Lewis 02 Agnes VanHulzen
- 10 Tom Prato 02 Carrie Williams
- 10 Tim Gary 03 Ann Thomason
- 11 Betty Jones 04 Tim Atwood
- 11 Paul Setliff 04 Sidney Lavinder
- 12 Felecia McBride 04 Wendy Gilbert
- 12 Ella Santoemma 04 Tami Olaiya
- 14 Bobby Harter 05 Allison Prato
- 15 Jim Joyce 05 Hope Johnson
- 15 Alison Hall 05 Michael Walker
- 15 Becky Johnson 05 Alan Teal
- 17 Pauline Nuzum 06 Dee Webb
- 17 Laura Whitlow 06 Judson Eggleston
- 18 Christopher Hatchett 07 Sarah France
- 19 Greg Wagoner

**April Anniversaries**

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

**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
- 30 Wayne & Becky Johnson

**WMU Mission Announcement**

We are putting all our WMU Mission Action Projects on HOLD for now. Due to the COVID 19 we are honoring the "Stay Home" suggestion by our Governor. Just stay in touch with one another until we can meet again.

*I miss all of you so much.*

*Blessings...Lana Martin*



*Sending Happy Birthday congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Essie Janey who will turn 100 years old*

*on April 8. May God continue to bless her with good health and lots of love. She is the oldest member of FBCC. Her birthday party originally scheduled for April has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. We hope to reschedule at a later date. We encourage you to send Birthday Cards to her at: Mrs. Essie Janey, 79 Maple Dr., Collinsville, VA 24078.*