

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



A Sweet Fragrance

It is that time of year again when yardwork has to be done. Some people may not like doing yardwork, but there are benefits to a well-manicured lawn. For one, it is very pleasing to the eye. A well maintained lawn can make an average home look more expensive. A second benefit of a well-kept lawn is that it is a point of pride for the one maintaining it. As a boy, I felt a great sense of pride when I finished mowing the yard. I felt like I had accomplished something worthwhile. That feeling was heightened when my father would comment on how good the yard looked. But my favorite thing about mowing a yard is the smell of cut grass. To me, it has a fresh, clean, sweet smell. I love to roll the window down as I drive so I can smell grass as it is being mowed.

Did you know that smell is important to God? When the Jews would burn incense as a part of their sacrifices to God. The aroma would rise to heaven and bless God. Paul tells us that the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross was a *"pleasing aroma to God"* (Eph. 5:2). As followers of Christ, our lives are expected to be a sweet aroma to God, as well. The Bible says *"We are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing"* (2 Cor. 2:15). How we live our faith really does make a difference. Not just to God, but to other Christians. It even has an impact on those who do not know Christ personally.

Living our faith and maintaining a lawn are very similar. Both require a vision of what we want them to look like before we start. Both require time and effort on our part—they demand our attention when we are tired and don't seem to have enough time. Both require we pay attention to the little things. Weeds left to grow in both will take over eventually. And, if we do them well, both provide us a sense of accomplishment when we look back on our handiwork.

The next time you are riding around the neighborhood, roll your window down and let the smell of fresh, cut grass bless you. And the next time you find yourself in a challenging situation, live you faith so that it will bless God and others.

Thanks.

Pastor Larry

Scan the QR code
to preregister your
child:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD'S ROCK SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

First Baptist Church of Collinsville

Invites You to Join Us for VBS

June 9-12

6:00-8:30 pm

Ages: 2 years old-6th grade

We will have snacks, games, crafts, worship, bible study, music, missions, and lots of fun each night!

If you would like to sign up to help with this year's VBS, please see Rebecca Vernon or

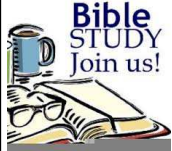
Suzanne Terry.



Melinda Isley

Sunday, May 19

Melinda Isley and a few people from her band will be returning to lead us in worship Sunday morning, May 19. Everyone was so blessed by their musical and spoken testimony when they were here in February, and Melinda has been praying about God's direction. God is definitely leading them back here, so invite your friends to come and worship the Lord together in song and in His Word.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study
with Pastor Larry
10:00am
SonShine Classroom
Everyone is invited to attend



1,000 SHOEBOXES

Our Goal for 2024

We have been challenged by the children to pack 1,000 shoeboxes

for the year of 2024. We really need your help.

Remember if you like packing your own boxes you are still encouraged to do so. If you would like to help supply items, we could use your help. The children and youth will be responsible for the packing of these boxes. Each month we will collect different items. However, if you want to contribute something that you don't see on the shopping list, we will include them in our packing.

There will be tubs underneath the tapestry for you to place the items in. We will remove them on a weekly basis and store them in a room in the church where we can lock the items up.

Thank you again for supporting the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. We covet your prayers for this ministry.

Suggested April item: STUFFED ANIMALS

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:45pm

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by Wednesday, April 10 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs 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 Wednesday, April 17.

February Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,944
Monthly Budget Offering Received	35,201
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	41,200
Non Budget Expenses (LED Sign—Electrical License	-0-
Operating Account Balance	283,107
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	8,094
Benevolence Fund	1,122
Project Hope	430
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	89,091

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:

Stephen Foley, brother of Betty Hall
Joe Fowler, uncle of Rick Wright
Estelle Stowe, aunt of Carl Smith
Eugene "Gene" Chitwood, uncle of Gail Smith

Welcome New Members:

Keith Oliver (Husband of Melody), 108 Clements Dr.
Bassett, VA 24055—Joined by profession of Faith,
Cell: 276-340-5201

Carolyn Maydian, 87 Parkwood Court, Collinsville,
VA 24078—Joined by transfer of membership from
First Baptist Church, Bassett, VA 24055
Phone: 276-647-3160

Andrea Shoemaker, 435 Paul St., Collinsville, VA 24078
Joined by transfer of membership from Rivermont
Baptist Church, Danville, VA Cell: 276-340-2816

Ken & Sally Folk: 40 School Dr., Apt. 405, Collinsville, VA
24078. Joined by transfer of membership from First
Baptist church of Dunnellon, FL
Ken Cell: 352-697-1123 Sally Cell: 352-566-0377

Kelly & Dan Kisner, 40 School Dr., Apt. 105, Collinsville,
VA 24078. Joined by transfer of membership from
First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, FL
Dan Cell: 434-238-2350 Kelly Cell: 434-300-8201

New Contact Information

Doris Draper: The Landmark Center, 227 Landmark Dr.
Room 404, Stuart, VA 24171

Hugh Hagood: Cell No. 276-340-7775

Brenda Hagood: Cell No. 276-340-2695

Debbie McKinney: The Landmark Center, 227 Landmark Dr.
Room 207, Stuart, VA 24171

Betty Hall: Telephone No.: 276-629-6032

FBCC Library Book of the Month

Tales from Grace Chapel Inn

Keeping the Faith

By: Pam Hanson & Barbara Andrews



The middle of summer might seem like a time for relaxing in Acorn Hill, but Louise, Alice, and Jane find themselves facing an unexpected challenge. A husband and wife have checked in and are full of needling questions about the inn and how it is run. Fortunately, a young man on a mission walks into their lives—quite literally—and helps lighten their cares and brings romance to the heart of one of Alice's coworkers.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—February 29,2024)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Dec. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$45,933.16
January 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 4,531.25
February 2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$1,831.25
Total Received	\$165,250.57
Less Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$89,090.57



Loving Hands Ministry
Meet Every Thursday of the month
10:00am-12:00 noon
2nd Floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216

The Loving Hands Ministry is going strong. We are hard at work knitting, crocheting, sewing and using our hands to make items for the *Shoe Boxes* and to donate to local nursing homes, the *Ravenel Breast Cancer Center*, the *Oncology Dept.*, *Mt. Valley Hospice*, the *Warming Center*, *Foster Children* and in *Danville*, the *Women's Center* and the *Pediatric Floor*.

We meet Thursdays on the 2 1/2 floor at the church in room #216. There is plenty of room for more people to join us to fellowship and to make blankets, hats, soap sacks, scarves, jump ropes and more. There is something for everybody to do. If you are not interested in using your hands to help, monetary donations for supplies would be appreciated.

Please pray about joining us soon. We would love to see you in room #216, the Loving Hands Ministry Room.

For more information you can call Bobbi Frazier @ 276-252-8106

Evangelism/Mission Development

Saturday, April 13 - Our upcoming quarterly movie will be on a Saturday in the social hall so that we can invite the whole family to come and enjoy the movie with popcorn and drinks. The movie, 'The Big Fix', is a comical, but intriguing, movie about a typical church-going family with perhaps a few more than typical family issues.

Monday, May 6 is the date of the next Good News Global Jail Ministry banquet - at 6:30 p.m. Please put it on your calendar. The church will be hosting a table for 8. We need someone to step up to be the table host. If you're interested in being the host or attending, please contact Rocky. Text him at 276-224-0979, or drop a note for him at the office,

If you are going to be around through the summer and you've been wondering what God is doing with you, we will have a class just for YOU. Starting the Sunday after Father's Day, Rocky will be facilitating a video-driven class called, "What On Earth Is God Doing In My Life?" This class will help you get clarity on the things you have felt happening, but you've been unable to find an explanation. If you would be interesting in taking this course, please text Rocky so he can start getting the necessary resources together.

We have a number of Gospel tools in the brochure racks around the church, and available in the church library. There are two different forms of the 'Peace with God' Gospel tract, and 'The Gospel of John' booklet with the entire Book of John (often called the Bible in one book), prefaced with the plan of salvation. Feel free to take what you think you can use. Share them at work, pass them out to friends.

Grace Network

April Food Item

Grits

April Feature Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant



WOMEN ON MISSION

As we come to the end of March, we have not met our goal yet for Annie Armstrong. As of Sunday, March 24, our total collected was \$4,155.00 toward our goal of \$5,000.00. We are waiting to see if any more comes in this week.

Our Mission Action for April is Campbell Court Elementary School. I'm sure you have received an email from Hope by now. We will be delivering it April 26th around 12:00 noon.

Thank you again for your willingness to help support our teachers! They deserve it!

Hope you had a wonderful Easter. May we all continue to remember the glorious story of what Jesus has done for us! Blessings, *Lana Martin*

Greetings from the Lighthouse

I was in my home a couple of weeks ago trying to hang up some canvas art on my walls. I had purchased a 3-panel map of the world. I hung the first piece on the wall and now came the tricky part, hanging the other two pieces to go with the canvas. I had one problem; I had no level to make sure I was hanging the art straight. I had to give it the good ole eye test. Well, I'm not 25 anymore so my eyes are not the greatest. I can honestly say I must have put a nail in and took one out like 4 times for each of the other two pieces. I thought at one point I had it and about a day later the thing had fallen off the wall. I almost gave up but finally after several attempts, I have it right where I want it and it looks great.

Have you ever tried to do life on your own? You feel like you keep messing up and that you are missing something. Just like I didn't have a level to make my wall art hang straight, in life when we try to do it without God, without the Bible, our life will never be level and straight. John 15:15 says "I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who abides in me while I abide in him produces much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." We can try all we want but our life will never be level, or be where it needs to be without God. With God all things are possible. All we have to is go to God and ask him to guide us.

Have a blessed April
Pastor Christian

Upcoming Youth Events

April 13th Humble Hands (Gathering Items for God's Pit Crew, Building railing for Ms. Bev Stairs)

April 28th Youth Encounter



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Pastor Christian Lund 434-851-9459
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 web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (May - Sept.)	4:00pm
Youth	4:00pm
Adult Bible Studies	4:00pm

Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice	5:15pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00pm
RA's & GA's	6:30pm
Youth (Middle & High School)	6:30pm
Mission Friends	6:30pm
Prayer Service & Bible Study	6:45pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2024 Birthdays

01 Marietta Gunter	25 Whitney Engstrom
02 Pam Albanese	25 Diane Ferguson
03 Debbie Hancodk	28 Polly Dodson
05 Teddy Belcher	30 Cindy Tilley

May 2024 Birthdays

06 Sharon Barrow	01 Bailey France
07 Karen Castro	02 Carrie Williams
07 Noah Castro	02 Agnes VanHulzen
08 Jonathan France	03 Ann Thomason
08 Christian Lund	04 Tim Atwood
09 Margie Woods	04 Sidney Lavinder
10 Tim Gary	04 Wendy Gilbert
10 Gwen Lewis	04 Tami Olaiya
10 Tom Prato	05 Hope Johnson
11 Betty Jones	05 Allison Prato
11 Paul Setliff	05 Michael Walker
11 Ashton Manns	05 Alan Teal\
12 Felecia McBride	06 Keith Eggleston
12 Ella Santoemma	06 Dee Webb
13 Andrea Shoemaker	07 Sarah France
14 Bobby Harter	07 Carolyn Maydian
15 Jim Joyce	07 Shelly Gibson
15 Becky Johnson	07 Savannah Lund
17 Laura Whitlow	11 Pamela Jones
18 Christopher Hatchett	11 Sylvia McKinney
19 Kristen Tilley	13 Parker Tuck
22 Joyce Pace	14 Everett Lawson
22 Ruby Wright	17 Temple Mays
24 Josh Acord	18 Wendy Watkins
24 Kellie Norris	

April 2024 Anniversaries

01 John & Sherry Flangan
 02 David & Melanie Catron
 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
 09 Jason & Paige Collins
 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
 24 Alex & Angie Alley
 25 J.D. & Joan Collins

May 2024 Anniversaries

01 Roger & Judy Dodson
 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder
 05 Jason & Andrea Shoemaker
 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



**National Day
 of Prayer**
Thursday, May 2
Jack Dalton Park



AWANA
SUNDAYS
4:00—5:30pm
Children
ages 2 thru 5th grade

Dates to Remember

April 13: Community Movie Night
"The Big Fix"

April 24: Quarterly Business Mtg.

May 02: National Day of Prayer
 Jack Dalton Park

May 05: Awana Awards Sunday
 Awana Grand Prix

May 12: Mother's Day

May 19: Graduate Sunday
 Melinda Isley /Special
 Music during morning worship

June 08: Special Needs VBS

June 9-12: VBS Week

June 16: Father's Day

June 30: 5 Alive