



## **First Baptist Church Collinsville**

*Teaching and Training Kids*

*That Rock for Jesus*

### **God Answers Prayer (Luke 11:5-10)**

Hi boys and girls. I hope you are happy and healthy. When I was growing up “knock, knock” jokes were very popular. Here are a few to give you an example of what I am talking about.

**Knock, knock. (Who’s there?) Tank. (Tank who?) You’re welcome!**

**Knock, knock. (Who’s there?) Canoe. (Canoe who?) Canoe come out and play?**

**Knock, knock. (Who’s there?) Boo. (Boo who?) Why are you crying?**

**Knock, knock. (Who’s there?) Orange. (Orange who?) Orange you glad this is my last knock, knock joke?**

That’s enough knock, knock jokes. Now I have a riddle for you. How is a knock, knock joke like a prayer? If you do not go “knock, knock” nothing happens. Let me explain what I mean with a story from the Bible. One day Jesus was teaching His disciples about prayer. To help, He told them this story.

A man went to a friend’s house late at night and said, ‘I need to borrow some bread. I have a friend who is visiting my home and I do not have anything to feed him.’ The man answered, ‘It’s late and all my family is in bed. I am not going to get up and give you some bread.’ Even though the man did not want to get up just to give his friend bread, he did because his friend kept knocking on the door and asking for help.

After Jesus finished telling the story, He said to His disciples, “Ask, and what you ask for will be given to you. Look, and what you are looking for you will find. Knock, and the door you are knocking on will be opened. For everyone who asks will receive what they ask for. Everyone who looks will find what they are looking for. Everyone who knocks will have the door opened to them” (Luke 11:9-10).

Jesus was trying to make His disciples understand that God (our Heavenly Father) will answer our prayers if we do not stop praying. I hope you are joining me and your parents as we pray for the next 60 days for our church. Knock, knock. Who’s there? God is there, and he answers our prayer! Thanks for spending some time with me today. Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of  
God that brings salvation to everyone that believes.”  
Romans 1:16***

## **A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:**

Happy February. When we think of February, we usually think of valentines, candy, flowers and of course LOVE.

Jesus often taught people that it was important to love others. In fact, his law said to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27b) One time, someone asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus began to tell this story. It comes from Luke 10:30-37.

A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half-dead. A certain priest came down the road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. Another man, a Levite, came down the same road, looked at the man and passed by on the other side. But a third man, a Samaritan came down the road where the man was. The Samaritan had compassion for the man. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day, when the Samaritan departed, he took out two coins, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.”

Jesus then said, “which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” Jesus led the man to a painful admission – the Samaritan was obeying God’s law by being a neighbor, while religious Jews were not. The Samaritan showed kindness to a man who probably hated him. The Bible says we should love our enemies. Sometimes that is hard to do, but if you truly love God by asking Jesus to be your Savior, you will show His love to others.

Think of some ways this month that you can show love. It may require some sacrifice – money, time, sharing, giving, and so on. Just as Jesus told the man who asked, “who is my neighbor?” if he truly loved God, he would show God’s love to others. If you and I truly love God, we should be showing God’s love too!

### **Feb. Sunday School Schedule:**

- 2/7: Philip and the Ethiopian—Acts 8
- 2/14: Paul Meets Jesus—Acts 8-9
- 2/21: New Life in Jesus—Col. 2-3
- 2/28: Guarding the Truth—2 Cor. 11

### **Children’s Church Schedule:**

- February 7: Jesus and the Humongous Picnic
- February 14: Jesus Breaks Down Walls
- February 21: Through the Roof
- February 28: Who’s the Greatest?

## RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



### GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of February, we will be meeting Tom and Tina Ferguson. They are missionaries in Sub-Saharan Africa, who teach other missionaries and church planters how to tell people about Jesus through the culture's arts. They use music, storytelling and drama to teach. Our scripture verse is Acts 2:4: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this."

Beginning on page 31 in your GA World book you will see February Missionaries. There are several for all four weeks of February. Pray for them and their families. You will be learning to do African art, make a wind spinner, and even a musical instrument.

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA's. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.



**Ages 2 years—8th Grade**

**Sundays 4:00-5:00**

*We anticipate resuming Awana meetings in March. Masks will be required.*

### Mission Friends:

**Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)**

Missions Focus : Heart

Languages/Africa Missionaries: Tom and Tina Ferguson The Fergusons live in South Africa. They work to teach African people using their heart language about God. A lot of the teaching is through singing and dancing.

Concept Area: Bible All the bible says is from God.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY:

Children's Ministry Day across the United States will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13. The theme for this year is "Serving with Purpose." If we were meeting, we would normally participate in a project that you would have chosen. We celebrate that day to give you as children an opportunity to go beyond FBCC church walls and help our neighbors, friends, and even people we do not know. I am proud of all of the CMD days we have shared previously. Of course, with COVID, it may be a little bit harder to get together, do a project, and deliver the project especially to our elderly and those in nursing homes.

We can still help. This year I would like you to help the WMU by helping with Valentine Goody Bags for Harmony Hall. Now we have visited Harmony Hall many times as a children's group and we know that they appreciate anything you give them. Here are some suggestions for you to work with your parents to provide: Lip Balm, socks for men and women, candy, deodorant, small tissues, snacks and hand lotions. The women of the WMU will need these articles by Tuesday, February 9. You can have your moms deliver to the records room at the church.

Another thing we can do is to send valentines cards to our shut-ins, especially those in nursing homes. Their names are listed in the bulletin that is emailed to your parents. Take a little time and make them a homemade valentine.

You will be part of thousands of other children across North America to minister to people with the love of Jesus.