

Lighthouse

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Resolutions for 2024

Most of us associate one thing with a New Year—resolutions. I expect all of us have made, and will make, resolutions as to what personal changes we will strive to implement this year. I know I have. Now there is nothing wrong with resolutions, other than most of them have gone by the wayside by the time February arrives. But did you know resolutions are biblical. Well, may be not resolutions the way we know them, but the concept of making positive changes is encouraged in Scripture.

Get a New Living Translation of the Bible and read Psalm 101. In those verses David was sharing how he would look at life and how he will live his life before God and other people.

Those who are born-again are people who have been changed. That is the thought behind becoming a “new creation” in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). In order to experience this change old things have to be taken away and new things must come in. These “things” could refer to an action, or an attitude, or both. However, we must realize that anytime something is removed from our lives it will be replaced by something else. It is our responsibility to make sure we are replacing worldly things with Godly things; evil things with righteous things; good things with things that are best for us. If we do that, then I believe we will be able to sustain Resolutions that we make, not only at the beginning, but throughout the year.

If you are wondering where to begin start by reading the Bible and making a few changes that God seems to be prompting you to make. God not only knows what we should remove from our lives, He also knows what is best for us in any given moment or circumstance. So, do what God is asking you to do. If we will do that, I am sure 2024 will be a year of blessing for us, as well as those who are part of our daily lives.

Have a safe and successful 2024.

Pastor Larry

THANK YOU

Thank You for our Christmas cards, bonus, gifts and all the Christmas blessings and well wishes you have shared with us and our families. We truly appreciate the many acts of kindness that you so graciously show us both at Christmas and throughout the year. We hope each of you enjoyed a very blessed Christmas and that 2024 will be a year of peace and blessings for you and your families. God Bless!!

Pastor Larry and Jan, Pastor Christian and family, Sandy, Ruby, Penny, Mary Jane, Kim, Jeremy, Paige and Sara.

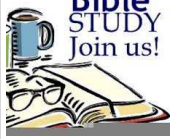
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 24 @ 6:45pm

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by Wednesday, January 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, January 17.

2023 Contribution Statements

*Your 2023 Contribution statements will be mailed to you as quickly as possible before the end of January. If you include your contributions as deductions for tax purposes, it is important **not to file your 2023 tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement from the church of your contributions.** If you are in need of your contribution report before it is mailed, you can contact Sandy Moses in the church office to request a printed copy.*



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 January Items: Hats, Gloves & Scarves**

NEEDED : VAN DRIVER



FBCC is in need of a Van Driver for transporting participants to/from church, who are unable to attend otherwise. **This is a paid position.** If interested please contact the Church Office at 276-647-3774.

October Report

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| Monthly Budget Offering needed | 44,456 |
| Monthly Budget Offering Received | 41,872 |
| Rental Income | 1,913 |
| Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.) | -0- |
| Monthly Budget Operating Expenses | 31,011 |
| Non Budget Expenses (Replacement of S/Hall AC Units) | 33,410 |
| Operating Account Balance | 286,608 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance | 6,379 |
| Benevolence Fund | 1,509 |
| Project Hope | 911 |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry | 1,366 |
| Van Fund | 13,398 |
| Capital Campaign Fund | 76,287 |

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:

Jan Reed, uncle of Angie Alley
 Joan Boswell, sister of Dickey Cobb
Sandy O' Dell, mother of Matt O'Dell
 James Garland, brother-in-law of Sylvia McKinney

Evangelism/Mission Development

Please Join us Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor for our weekly prayer for our church. We will break in time for everyone to get to their Sunday School Class.

Men, if you are not already in another Sunday School Class, you are encouraged to join the new Thomas Kasey bible Study in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

We distributed the Christmas Hope Packs personally to every inmate and every staff member at the local jails. One of the guards who escorted us said that it was the best day he's had in the jail for a long time, seeing all the smiles and positive responses. See Rocky Rockwell about becoming part of our growing jail ministry program.



Tithe and Offering Envelope
for 2024 available for you to
Pick-up

They are located in the foyer near the coffee bar. If you would like Offering Envelopes but do not see a box with your name, please call the church office at 276-647-3774 and let us know.

FBCC Library Book of the Month

"Blessed are the Cheese Makers"

By: Tricia Goyner and Cara Putman



Pay a visit to the charming Swiss Miss gift shop in the village of Sugercreek, known as the Little Switzerland of Ohio. You'll get to know Cheryl Cooper, a newly arrived "Englischer," who with her Siamese cat, Beau, is settling into the routine of running the store and adjusting to life in the Amish community.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—November 30, 2023)

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| Received thru Building Improvement Fund | \$36,830.00 |
| March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign | 76,124.91 |
| Jan.—Oct. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign | \$37,090.66 |
| November 2023 donations to Capital Campaign | \$ 2,401.25 |
| Total Received | \$152,446.82 |
| Total spent for Roof | \$76,160.00 |
| Capital Fund Balance | \$76,286.82 |



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.
The Loving Hands Ministry

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

Upcoming Youth Event

January 20th. Liberty Basketball Game

Do you like basketball? Well this is your opportunity to join us as we watch the Liberty Flames take on the Sam Houston Bearkats. The cost is only \$10 plus money for food. We will leave the church at 4pm and return by 10:30. Don't miss this opportunity

NOTICE

Attention all Committee and Ministry Leaders: If you have any outstanding expenses for the year 2023, please turn that information in to the church office as quickly as possible. We need everything by January 10th. Thank You

Grace Network

As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

January Grace Network Food Item

Juice (40-64oz.)

January Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

W M U NEWS

Our Mission Action for January is the Warming Center now at the Salvation Army, the list is pretty much the same as in the past. Breakfast foods (sausage, biscuits, waffles), Coffee, coffee cups, sugar, snacks (pre-wrapped), men's gloves, bottled water, chap stick, men's and ladies sock, Men's underwear (Size M, L, XL), Women's Underwear (XXL), I am sure coats will be needed if you have any good used coats for men or women! Soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes would be nice, anything else you want to share would be great!

They are also in need of volunteers to check in those staying there that night. People to stay during the night while those in attendance sleeps, help doing the laundry of the sheets on the beds, someone to prepare evening meals for about 30 people. They also need volunteers to clean the area that people are sleeping in. (this is a job that needs to be done on Saturday.


LADIES WINTER BIBLE STUDY



"Let's start at the very beginning,
 A very good place to start"



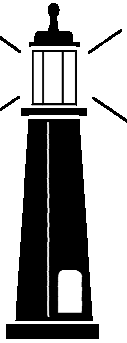
Our ladies Winter Bible Study will be Genesis 1-11. This is for new believers, non-believers, seasoned believers, those who are interested in learning about the beginning of our universe and humanity and especially for those who are not interested because they think they KNOW Genesis and there's nothing new they can learn from Genesis! (Oh, you'll be surprised at all the new things we will discover!). We'll learn about our mighty Creator God, who is the cause and source of all that is, while exploring the endless power

and incomprehensible  of the God who created us - and cares for us - personally.

This study consists of (2) six week sessions beginning on Sunday, January 21, 2024 (@ 4pm-5:30pm) and concluding on Sunday, April 28, 2024, with a break on March 3, 10 and 31.

You MUST sign up by January 14, 2024, because we have to have the books printed (since this book is no longer in print.) Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Christian's office. (For those of you who don't know where that is, it's the bulletin board on the right as you enter through the outside door toward the church office.) Cost will be approximately \$8.00, payable when you pick up the book at the first class.

I'm very excited to begin this study with you. " Oh, the things we'll learn!"
 Hope J.



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| 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:

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| 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

January 2024 Birthdays

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| 01 Sharon Anderson | 19 Robert Roetken |
| 01 David Conner | 19 Jeremy Craven |
| 01 William Wagoner | 20 Tina Haskins |
| 02 David Duke | 20 Allen Ramsey |
| 02 David Joyce | 23 Joan Palmer |
| 02 Bill Wagoner | 23 Sherry Flanagan |
| 06 Jamie Collins | 24 Mike Pennington |
| 06 Carri Turner | 25 Rebecca Beachy |
| 06 Lacey Flanagan | 26 Raymond Prillaman |
| 06 Jackson Crane | 27 Doris Anthony |
| 07 Carolyn Bowles | 28 Dana Pennington |
| 07 Chris Rivera | 28 Michael Craddock |
| 07 Lena Rivera | 30 Kit Conway |
| 10 Carole Webb | 30 Amber Purdy |
| 10 Harold Belcher | 31 Lauren Anderson |
| 12 Carolyn Hatchett | 31 Nancy McGhee |
| 12 Jacob Gilbert | 31 Hannah Patterson |
| 13 Frances Martin | 31 Peggy Moran |
| 13 Ethan Collins | |
| 13 Kaylyn Gary | |
| 14 Tommy Harris | |
| 14 Bobbie Joyce | |
| 14 Laurel Draper | |
| 15 Peggy (Legus) Joyce | |
| 15 Kevin Harter | |
| 15 Janet Malone | |
| 17 Steve Emberson | |
| 18 Leslie Cunningham | |

February 2024 Birthdays

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| 02 Chris Newman |
| 04 Angie Alley |
| 04 Lillian Irene Hall |
| 04 Deborah Linkous |
| 06 Ruth Brown |
| 06 Sharri Love |
| 06 Carrie Pinnix |
| 07 Kathy Martin |
| 07 Audrey Prillaman |

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| 08 Cameron Adkins |
| 08 Wendell Lawrence |
| 09 Hugh Hagood |

January 2024 Anniversaries

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| 06 Bill and Susan Wagoner |
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February Anniversaries

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| 10 Carl & Gail Smith |
| 20 David & Peggy Joyce |



Dates to Remember....

- Jan. 08:** Ladies Card Ministry
- Jan. 09:** Betty Westover Group/S. Hall
- Jan. 11:** Loving Hands Ministry/Room 216
- Jan. 18:** Loving Hands Ministry/Room 216
- Jan. 20:** Youth to Liberty University
- Jan. 22:** Finance & Church Council Meeting/Sonshine Class
- Jan. 24:** Quarterly Business Meeting/Sonshine Class
- Jan. 25:** Loving Hands Ministry/Room 216
- Jan. 28:** Ladies Bible Study "Genesis" begins Sonshine Class

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