

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## AWESOME GOD

I was travelling toward Danville the other day on Highway 58. As I drove, the panoramic view caused me to think about the power of God to create. What a challenge it must have been for writers to try and capture in Scripture the awesomeness of God.

Perhaps the most thorough treatise on God and creation is found in Psalm 104. It is too long to put the entire chapter in this article. However, I encourage you to take some time this week and read the entire chapter—read it from several versions of the Scripture. Here are just a few select verses to whet your appetite for reading.

*You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved. <sup>6</sup> You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away. <sup>8</sup> Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed. <sup>9</sup> Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth . . . You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home, and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor. <sup>14</sup> You cause grass to grow for the livestock and plants for people to use. You allow them to produce food from the earth—<sup>15</sup> wine to make them glad, olive oil to soothe their skin, and bread to give them strength . . . You made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to set. <sup>20</sup> You send the darkness, and it becomes night, when all the forest animals prowl about. <sup>21</sup> Then the young lions roar for their prey, stalking the food provided by God. <sup>22</sup> At dawn they slink back into their dens to rest. <sup>23</sup> Then people go off to their work, where they labor until evening. (Psalm 104:5-9, 13-15; 19-22, NLT)*

This is a brief look at the greatness of God and the vastness of His creation. When the psalmist finished writing, he ended with the following verses.

*May the glory of the LORD continue forever!  
The LORD takes pleasure in all he has made! <sup>32</sup> The earth trembles at his glance; the mountains smoke at his touch. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! (Psalm 104:31-33, NLT)*

To that I say, AMEN and AMEN!! We serve a great and powerful God. In addition, that same God who created and sustains everything that exists in this world, is my Heavenly Father. I am so blessed. And so are you if God is your Father. Praise Him because He deserves all the praise and glory.

*Pastor Larry*

October is

**Pastor Appreciation**  
Month



*Let's show Pastor Larry and Jan  
some extra "Tender Love and Care" for  
their Commitment and Love to FBCC.*

### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

October 27 @ 6:45pm

One of the topics of discussion will be whether or not the church should consider incorporation. An attorney from Virginia will be at the meeting to answer any questions you may have about incorporation. We will have printed information available starting October 10 for you to read in the weeks prior to the meeting. A vote regarding this matter will be taken at a called Business meeting on November 17th.

Chairmen and ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by Oct. 13 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs to be 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 Oct. 22.

### **Secure Online Giving thru Realm**



You can now give through our church website at [www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org)  
More Realm news coming soon!

### **NOTICE**

### **REMINDER**

**Just reminding you as of October 24 you**

**MUST dial the area code (276) when  
you call the church office**

**1-276-647-3774 or 1-276-647-3775**

**Prayer Room 1-276-647-3777**



## Prayer Room Ministry

July and August

Number of Notes mailed out	95
Number of Calls made	
Number of Prayer requests	16
Total Number of Volunteers	2
Total of Prayers Prayed	346
Total Volunteer Hours	20 1/2

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

## New Contact Information

Rudy Kobelia no longer has a land line. If you need to reach him please call him at 1-276-734-5152

## In Sympathy:

Joann Barker, aunt of Diana Martin  
Richard Brown, cousin of Mike Craddock

## FILL SOME SHOEBOXES

### ONLY FOUR OR FIVE WEEKS TO GO!



By the time you get this newsletter, there will be about 4-5 weeks before the collection date in early November. So let's get busy filling the shoeboxes with gifts to make some happy children. **Last year** our church collected **381 shoeboxes** for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child.

Please fill the boxes found in the church foyer with items children will enjoy. Many children have never received a gift that is just for them. So your gift will be something that will be a reminder of the love someone has for them. Once they have the shoebox, there will be a "minister" with Samaritan's Purse that will share the Gospel message with each child. The child will then share the Good News with family members. So your box will spread the Message to more than one person ( usually). Please share as many boxes as you can. The child will be blessed and so will you.

*Betsy*



## Awana

**Ages 2 years—12th Grade**  
**Sundays @ 4:00pm**

## August Report

Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays)	44,508
Monthly Offering Received	39,368
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	33,182
Operating Account Balance	279,886
CD's & Savings Balance	61,473
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	1,380
Love Offering: Cops, Kids & Clothing	567
Benevolence Designated Fund	2,025
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,398
Building Improvement Fund	33,085

*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.*

## Church Council 2021-2022

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Larry Cheek
Associate Pastor of Education & Youth:	
Choir Director:	Penny Decker
Deacon Chairman:	Greg Craven
WMU Director:	Shirley Craven
Brotherhood Director (4MforHim):	Kemper Terry
Audio Services Coordinator:	Sherry Flanagan
Children's Ministry Coordinator:	Felecia McBride
Church Hostess:	Lisa Houston
Discipleship Coordinators:	Mona Turner Shelia Ramsey
Nursery Coordinator:	
Sunday School Director:	Peggy Delancey
Treasurer:	Kathy Draper
Senior Adult Coordinator:	
Youth Ministry Coordinator:	

## Chairpersons of the Standing Committees:

Benevolence:	H. D. Linkous
Evangelism/Missions Dev.:	Rocky Rockwell
Insurance:	Pat Cobb
Membership:	Sandy Gary
Money Counters:	Bobby Harter Ken Wagoner
Music:	Shelia Ramsey
Nominating:	Walt Shaw
Personnel:	Diana Martin
Properties:	Neil Ramsey Ken Wagoner
Public Relations :	Suzanne Terry
Special Needs:	Paige Collins
Stewardship:	Sheree Gillispie
Weekday Early Education:	Lisa West

## New Email Addresses

**FBCC:** firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com  
**Larry:** pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com  
**Sandy:** fbccsandyamoses@gmail.com  
**Ruby:** fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com

## October Grace Network Food Item

*Jelly (28—32 oz.)*

## October Featured Items

*Feminine Products, Toilet Paper, Deodorant*



### Thank You Cards

Church Family,

A special thank you for all you do for me and for continuing to remember me with your kind thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness. God bless you. *Rosa Foley*

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To our FBCC Family,

Ruth and I want to say a very special Thank You for all of the cards, phone calls and especially prayers during my convalescence. God's love has shown thru each of you and for that Ruth and I are especially thankful. We have felt that love, well wishes and sincerity through your calls, cards and prayers. Since the breaking of my hip on Thursday, August 12.

We serve an awesome God through whose love flows through your calls, cards and prayers. Ruth and I appreciate each of you and love each of you, our family at FBCC.

Your Brother & Sister in Jesus Christ, *Ruth & George Brown*

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To FBCC Church Family,

Thank you for your concern for me while I was recovering from the COVID virus. I appreciated the food, cards and phone calls I received during this time of isolation. It is a blessing to have so many caring people in my church family.

Love in Christ *Rudy Kobelia*

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Thank You for the donation you gave to our church in memory of my husband, Charles Wagoner, (Ken Wagoner's brother). May God Bless you. *Liz Wagoner and Family*

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FBCC,

Thank you for the contribution to the ministry of God's Pit Crew, in memory of my brother, Freddie Gray Naff.

God Bless, *Rachel Wood*

### WMU NEWS



What a lovely fall weather we have been blessed with! I had the privilege of delivering the Hygiene Kits last Friday to Mill Creek Baptist Church in Troutville, VA! We had a total of 59 kits and I was told the only church in this area to bring kits to them, you are special ladies for continuing this ministry each month! These will be transported to Richmond this week to the Baptist General Association for the Refugees.

Our mission for October is the First Responders in our area, Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad. We are making goody bags loaded with candy and gum for them and I have assigned each group certain thing to collect for the bags. Shirley and I will fill each bag and add a special note in each bag. We need to have these in by October 27th, a tote will be placed in the foyer to put your items in.

Once again, Thank You for you faithfulness each month in serving our community and sharing the Love of Christ! *Blessings, Lana Martin*



### Ladies Card Ministry

(2nd Monday of the Month)

Monday, October 11, 12:00 noon

SonShine Classroom

Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards

### 2022 Budget Preparation Meeting

Monday, October 25

6:00 pm

Conference Room

Committee & Ministry leaders please plan to attend. Also don't forget to turn in your budget request information to the treasurer or the church office by Friday, October 15th.

### Youth News/Lineup

**Sunday School:** Meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 in the "Lighthouse" (3rd floor). Leaders are *Beverly Rakes, Billy & Carrie Pinnix and Jeremy Craven*.

**Awana:** Middle Schoolers join us to answer the three spiritual questions every teen is seeking answers for: "Who am I?", "Why am I here?" and "Who's with me?" Awana's Trek will help us dive deep into scripture to answer these questions. High Schoolers join us for Awana's Discipleship program: Journey

Awana meets Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm. Classes gather in the Social Hall and then all classes move to the 2nd floor education wing for class.

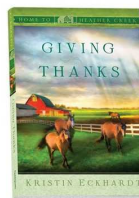
**Wednesday Evening Youth Group:** Apolo-what? Apologetics. What is it and why? Teacher *Stacy Craven*, Game Leader/Shenanigan Instigator: *Bully Pinnix*. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Lighthouse.

**Humble Hands:** The youth will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:45am-11:00am to help out Seniors in our community.

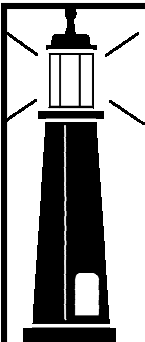
### Book of the Month.....

#### "Giving Thanks"

By: *Kristin Eckhardt*



Thanksgiving is right around the corner and excitement is in the air. Pete and Dana's wedding is on the horizon, and Pete is making all kinds of changes in his life. While he's busy redecorating his apartment for his new bride, Christopher is organizing a canned food drive at school and gets so wrapped up in collecting the most cans that he forgets all about helping the needy. His drive to win leads the Stevenson family to a valuable lesson about honesty. Meanwhile, Sam is intent on winning a soccer scholarship to college--no matter how unlikely--and Emily is feeling left out when her best friend Ashley starts hanging out with a boy and no longer has time for her. But when a fire breaks out in the tractor shed, all of the family's dreams may go up in smoke, and they have to come together and look to their faith to rebuild the home and their hearts.



**First Baptist Church**

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Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
Children's Church  
Awana 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

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit No. 5

Return Service  
Requested

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**October Birthdays, 2021**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Eddie Conner          | 21 Nelda Billings      |
| 01 Christine McAlexander | 21 J. D. Collins       |
| 02 Scott Terry           | 21 John Floyd, Jr      |
| 02 Mona Turner           | 21 Kelly Jones         |
| 03 Betsy Ivey            | 22 Chris Hatchett      |
| 04 Kathy Draper          | 23 Britney Terry       |
| 06 Alex Alley            | 23 Connie Hodges       |
| 06 Katelyn Cobb          | 24 Virginia Webb       |
| 07 JoeAnn Belcher        | 25 Sandra Sarver       |
| 07 Curtis Stone          | 25 Colton Collins      |
| 07 William Blackwell     | 25 Judy Harmon         |
| 07 John Flanagan         | 27 Bobby Carter        |
| 08 Phyllis Prillaman     | 27 Denise Collins      |
| 09 Kim Beckner           | 28 Mackenzie Eggleston |
| 09 Austin Haskins        | 29 Lisa Frazier        |
| 09 Maddy Oliver          | 30 Arthur Emberson     |
| 09 Judy Robertson        | 30 Kathie Meredith     |
| 11 Carley Mayberry       |                        |
| 12 Zane Forbes           |                        |
| 12 Justin Morris         |                        |
| 14 Paige Holcomb         |                        |
| 15 Brad Ferguson         |                        |
| 15 Rhett Houston         |                        |
| 16 Abby Quinnan          |                        |
| 18 Cindy Adkins          |                        |
| 19 Debbie McKinney       |                        |
| 20 Alan Brummett         |                        |
| 20 Woody Mize            |                        |
| 21 Kirk Beale            |                        |

**November Birthdays.**

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| 01 Greg Craven     |
| 01 Adam Pace       |
| 02 Matt Odell      |
| 02 Samuel Vernon   |
| 03 Stacy Fontaine  |
| 03 Ray Parcell     |
| 03 Samantha Martin |
| 05 Kaitlin Haskins |
| 07 Pat Davidson    |

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| 07 Carter Breath   |
| 08 Genevieve Stone |
| 10 Zoie Pace       |
| 10 Summer Shelton  |
| 11 Sandy O'Dell    |
| 11 Perry Tilley    |

**October Anniversaries, 2021**

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| 06 Tony & Helen Alley        |
| 06 Jonathan & Sarah France   |
| 07 Maynard & Ruby Huff       |
| 09 Charlie & Diane F. Turner |
| 09 John & Donna Floyd        |
| 12 Tim & Gail Atwood         |
| 16 Len & Suzanne Turner      |
| 17 George & Carol Gentry     |
| 18 Paul & Sherrie Setliff    |
| 29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins      |

**November Anniversaries**

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| 06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter |
| 14 Chris & Sara Roetken     |
| 19 Mike & Dana Pennington   |
| 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey     |
| 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow    |
| 25 Danny & Betty Pagans     |
| 27 Bill & Temple Mays       |
| 27 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell |
| 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin  |

**College Student  
Information Needed**

The WMU needs our college students' names and addresses. If your child is presently obtaining their bachelor's degree, we need their info. so that we can send them encouraging cards and small gifts to let them know their church family loves them. Please call the church office or let Lana Martin or Shirley Craven know this information. It will be greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming Events  
Mark Your Calendars**

- October 27:** Quarterly Business Meeting
- November 07:** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 22:** Finance & Church Council Meeting
- November 25:** Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)
- November 26:** Church Office Closed
- November 28:** Hanging of the Green Service