

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## The Top Spot

If you are like me, every morning you get up there are things you would like to accomplish that day. From those desires come a list of priorities—finish the project at work, mow the yard, watch a child play ball, visit a sick friend, take your spouse to dinner. Now there is nothing wrong with any of those things, but which should be our top priority? As followers of Jesus our priorities should change. While those things may remain on the list, our number one priority should be to serve Christ. Jesus modeled for us how to set priorities. He told the Pharisees, *“I do not seek not My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me”* (John 5:30, NASB). Doing God’s will was always the top priority of Jesus.

Just as Jesus made His priorities match His Father’s priorities, our priorities need to match the priorities of Jesus. Paul tells us, *“Jesus died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them”* (2 Corinthians 5:15, NLT). Following Jesus as our top priority is the normal Christian life. No longer do we live for ourselves; we live for Christ. No longer do we live to just please ourselves; we live to please King Jesus.

What do you think were some of Jesus’ priorities? Worship was a priority. Jesus exalted the Father as the source of every good thing. Prayer was a priority for Jesus. More than seventy times the Gospels record Jesus either speaking about or modeling prayer. Obedience was a priority for Jesus. Jesus always gave Himself to His Father’s kingdom agenda. Dependence on the Spirit, reliance on God’s Word, encouraging others, and cultivating healthy relationships — all these things were priorities for Jesus. Now, if these were Jesus’ priorities, don’t you think they should be ours too?

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus challenged those listening to, *“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”* (Matthew 6:33, ESV). Many times we are afraid that if we make Jesus’ priorities our own, we will miss out on a lot of neat things. But Jesus promised that if we put Him and His priorities first in our lives, then He will give us the things that really matter in life. Make pleasing and serving Jesus your top priority today and every day. Blessings in Christ. (Adapted from a blog by Craig Etheredge, 8/24/21)

*Pastor Larry*



*And people should eat and drink and  
Enjoy the fruits of their labor for  
These are gifts from God  
Ecclesiastes 3:13*

**Happy Labor Day!**  
**(Monday, September 06 the church  
office will be closed)**

## 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!



## Prayer Room Ministry

May and June

Number of Notes mailed out	131
Number of Calls made	2
Number of Prayer requests	11
Total Number of Volunteers	2
Total of Prayers Prayed	312
Total Volunteer Hours	26

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

## In Sympathy:

Teresa Emberson, wife of Daryl Emberson and daughter-in-law of Arthur and Marci Emberson  
Freddie Naff, brother of Rachel Wood  
Debbie Wyatt, aunt of Taylor Conklin  
Cecelia Conklin, grandmother of Taylor Conklin  
Phyllis Schlueter, mother of Brandi Lackey

## Help with Wednesday Night Meals

Do you like to cook? Do you like to serve others?  
Do you like to clean? Do you like to eat?  
Do you like to fellowship?

If you answered yes to any of the above then we need you on our Wednesday Night Fellowship meals! We are needing volunteers to help with the meals on the 1st and 4th Wednesday night. If you'd like to volunteer please let Rebecca Vernon know. You can call her at 276-340-8243, email her at [rvernon@martinsville.k12.va.us](mailto:rvernon@martinsville.k12.va.us) or see her Sunday.

## Please Take Note:

If you have not been receiving the email notices the church has been sending out or the One Calls the Pastor has been making and you would like to be included, please call the church office at 647-3774 and we will be glad to add you to the list.



## Wednesday Night Activities Resume!!

September 8, 2021

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

## New Email Addresses

**FBCC:** [firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com)  
**Larry:** [pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com)  
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## September Grace Network Food Item

*Green Peas (15 oz.)*

## September Featured Items

*Feminine Products, Toilet Paper, Deodorant*

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**Awana Ages 2 years—12th Grade**  
**Sun., Sept, 12, 2021**  
**4:00pm**

## July Report

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	44,508
Monthly Offering Received	33,369
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	29,175
Operating Account Balance	274,158
CD's & Savings Balance	61,473
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	1,302
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,975
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,373
Building Improvement Fund	32,010

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.

### Thank You Card

Dear First Baptist Collinsville

We are ever so thankful for your generous Bible School donation for Blessing Buckets to help hurting people in crisis.

Blessings, Rhonda Zols

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Peace Lilly plant sent to us during this time of our sorrow.

Marcie & Arthur Emberson

### Church Officer and Workers for 2021-2022

There is a list of Officers and Workers for the New Church Year available for you to pick up at the information stands. This list will be updated as new workers are added.

### School Supplies List (Meadowview Elementary School)

Single Subject Notebook      Tissues  
Hand Sanitizer                      Clorox Wipes  
Zip Lock Bags                      Lysol Spray

All donations will be appreciated by the Meadowview Elementary School. A box will be placed near the Tapestry for your donation.



### WMU NEWS

What a wonderful time we had together last week, fellowship and of course food! I hope we are all prepared to begin meeting again.

The Baptist General Assembly of VA in support of the Virginia Emergency Center are asking the churches of VA to create Hygiene Kits for the refugees coming from Afghanistan to the United States, so they can have some essentials needed as they arrive. The kits should contain soap, shampoo, deodorant, washcloth, comb/brush, facial tissues, shaving cream and razor, toothpaste and toothbrush. They have asked us to put them in a 1 gallon zip lock freezer bag for easy transport.

The closest church to get them to is Mill Creek Baptist in Fin-castle, VA I need to have these no later than September 22nd, so they can be delivered by the 27th by their pastor. I will be taking them on the 23rd, so please have them at the church before then so I can pack them up!

Thank you to all our ladies for being "Relentless"

(Luke 10:25-37)

Love and blessings as we go forward this year

Lana Martin

p.s. Shirley is working on the new books and she will get them to you as soon as she can.



Birthday Blessings to Mrs. Betty Hall who celebrates her 90th birthday on Tuesday, September 14th. Wishing you a wonderful day and may God bless you with many more.



Ladies Card Ministry  
(2nd Monday of the Month)  
Monday, September 13, 12:00 noon  
SunShine Classroom  
Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards

### Youth News/Lineup

**Sunday School:** Meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 in the "Lighthouse" (3rd floor). Join us for fellowship and diving into God's word with The Gospel Project Study. 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.

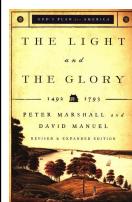
**Wednesday Evening Youth Group:** Apolo-what? Apologetics. What is it and why, as Christians, we need to understand it. Teacher *Stacy Craven*, Game Leader/ Shenanigan Instigator: *Bully Pinnix*. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Lighthouse.

**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.....

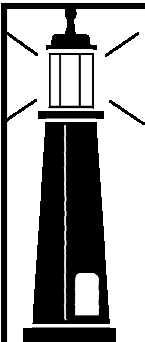
#### The Light and The Glory 1492-1793

By: Peter Marshall & David Manuel



Did Columbus believe that God called him west to undiscovered lands? Does American democracy owe its inception to the handful of Pilgrims that settled at Plymouth? If, indeed, there was a specific, divine call upon this nation, is it still valid today?

*The Light and the Glory* answers these questions and many more. As readers look at their nation's history from God's point of view, they will begin to have an idea of how much we owe to a very few--and how much is still at stake. Now revised and expanded for the first time in more than thirty years, *The Light and the Glory* is poised to show new readers just how special their country is.



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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**

**2021 September Birthdays**

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Milton Pace       | 17 Barbara Prillaman |
| 01 Doris Walker      | 19 Shirley Ramsey    |
| 02 Leah Johnson      | 20 Tim Gauldin       |
| 06 Phillip Turner    | 20 Betty Lavinder    |
| 06 Doug Gibson       | 20 Dickie Martin     |
| 07 Janice Garrett    | 20 Rilee Harter      |
| 07 George Gentry     | 20 Lucy Roldan       |
| 07 Kemper Terry      | 21 Lana Martin       |
| 07 Randy Goad        | 21 April Lents       |
| 08 Sam Torian        | 22 Ruby Meyers       |
| 08 Tracie Slack      | 22 Ronald Lemons     |
| 08Gavin Whitlow      | 23 Elijah Beachy     |
| 09 Wes Martin        | 23 Mason Ferguson    |
| 10 Raymond Rivera    | 23 Katie Wood        |
| 10 Delano Thomasson  | 24 Belinda Ashworth  |
| 10 Suzanne Turner    | 24 Becky Nance       |
| 11 Frances Arrington | 24 Heather Perry     |
| 12 Mike Womack       | 24 Jummy Olaiya      |
| 12 Richard Ramsey    | 26 Brandi Lackey     |
| 12 Jordan Butchko    | 26 Wayne Johnmson    |
| 12 Amanda Harter     | 28 Scott Patterson   |
| 13 Jim Garrett       | 28 Kelly Whitlow     |
| 14 Betty Hall        | 29 Luke Ashworth     |
| 14 Danny Pagans      | 30 Luke Craven       |
| 15 Gail Atwood       |                      |
| 15 Joe Frazier       |                      |
| 16 Roslynn Foddrrell |                      |

**October Birthdays**

- 01 Eddie Conner  
01 Christine McAlexander

- 02 Scott Terry  
02 Mona Turner  
03 Betsy Ivey  
04 Kathy Draper  
06 Alex Alley  
06 Katelyn Cobb  
07 JoeAnn Belcher  
07 Curtis Stone  
07 William Blackwell  
07 John Flanagan

**2021 September Anniversaries**

- 09 Scott & Robin Mayberry  
14 Doug & Bonnie Huff  
16 Pete & Kathy Draper  
19 Jay & Whitney Engstrom  
23 Jerry & Judy Robertson  
26 Tommy & Lisa Houston  
26 Rick & Sharri Love  
28 Roger & Margie Woods

**October Anniversaries**

- 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



**VBS 2022**

**Spark Studios!**

It is time to start planning for VBS 2022 **Spark Studios!** Life-way VBS Preview is scheduled for January 28-29, 2022 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. It is a wonderful training opportunity and introduction to the 2022 theme. If you work in VBS and would like to attend, please sign up by September 30th so we can make our reservations! There is a sign-up sheet posted by the church office. (The church will cover the cost for ministry leaders to attend a training event each year.