



Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Out of My Mind

Thank the Lord 2020 is over! In my life time, there has not been a year which produced greater challenges. Perhaps this is because the virus impacted every aspect of our lives. There has been no place (mentally or physically) we could go where we were free from even the thought of what was happening.

The truth is that each year comes with its own issues, problems, and challenges. However, before we can embrace the opportunities which present themselves, we have to move beyond the past. Paul encourages believers to *"forget those things which are behind"* so they can *"reach forward to those things which are ahead"* (Phil. 3:13). The Greek word "forget" used in this verse means to put something out of one's mind. To forget does not mean that something is forever gone from our memory banks. Rather, it indicates that we choose to not allow the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of a former day to negatively impact how we live today.

I do not think the events of the past year will be forgotten any time soon. They may even serve to help us appreciate some things that we formerly took for granted. Things like sharing a meal with friends, going to a ball game and yelling for our team, singing at the top of our voice in church, and hugging those we love. If we can use what we experienced in 2020 to help us live richer, deeper, faith-filled lives in 2021, then all the anxiety and adversity associated with the virus will not have been in vain. Thank God for a new year, with new opportunities, and new life. My prayer for each of you is this will be a year of success, celebration, and hopefulness.

Blessings in Christ.

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 2021 will be a year of peace and blessings for you and your families. God Bless!!!

The Staff of FBCC

2021 Budget Passed

The 2021 FBCC Budget passed with a vote of
136—Yes **7—No**

Attention

All Committee & Ministry Leaders

If you have any outstanding expenses for the year 2020 please turn that information in to the church office as quickly as possible. We need everything by **Jan. 11th**. Thank you!

Sunday Schedule

Due to the cooler weather, we will no longer be able to have the 9:30am Drive-in Service. There will be **one service at 10:00am in the sanctuary**. The church has purchased a transmitter so that if you prefer not to come inside you can tune your car radio to FM87.9 and be able to hear the service taking place while sitting in the parking lot. If you plan to remain in your car, you can park on the 220 side or the John Redd side for best reception. If you plan to come inside, you will want to continue to enter the parking lot through the John Redd Boulevard entrance. Only the triple doors to the sanctuary on the John Redd side will be open for you to enter and leave.

Just as a general reminder, you are encouraged to wear your mask when entering and exiting the sanctuary.



Prayer Room Ministry
Prayer Room
Phone Number
647-3777

Building Improvement Fund

Due to the delay in being able to start the Capital Campaign, the Finance Committee has approved a designated Fund for Building Improvements. This fund can be used for memorial donations or other special offerings to help toward the cost of upcoming building repairs. When we can move forward with the Capital Campaign, any monies in the Building Improvement Fund will be transferred to the Capital Campaign.

2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are available for you to pick up in the hallway off from the office hallway. If you do not see a box with your name on it and you would like to have a box, just see Sandy or Ruby in the office and we will get you one. If you need a box mailed to you please let us know and we will send it.



Custom Made Face Mask

If you would like to have a Custom made mask with the FBCC Church Logo on it or maybe another emblem, you can contact Kellie Powell at kjvinyldecals@yahoo.com or message Kellie Powell on Facebook at [KJ Vinyl Decals and More](#)

Prices range from \$5.00—\$10.00 depending on what you want on it, how many colors and what type and color of mask you choose.

2020 Contribution Statements

Your 2020 Contribution statements will be mailed as quickly as possible before the end of January. If you include your donation as deductions for tax purposes, it is important not to file your 2020 tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement from the church for your contributions. If you are in need of your contributions report before it is mailed, you can contact Sandy Moses in the church office to request a printed copy.

New Email Addresses

FBCC: firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com
Larry: pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com
Sandy: fbccsandy Moses@gmail.com
Ruby: fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com

In Sympathy:

Virginia Nash, mother of John Mayberry
Esther Bryant, mother of Leah Bryant-Johnson
 Bob Hall, brother-in-law of Hugh & Brenda Hagood
 Rennis Bowling, nephew of Lois Dalton
 Tommy Arrington, husband of Frances Arrington
Ann Rose, daughter of Eddie & Becky Conner
 Margaret Adkins, aunt of Shirley Craven

Welcome New Members:

On Sunday, December 13, 2020, the church voted to receive Randy Joyce and Faye Haynes for membership based on transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Martinsville.

New Contact Information

Rosa Foley: 373 Mt. Hermon Church Rd., Bassett VA 24055
 Telephone: 276-421-2424
 Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Houston, 508 N. 28th St.,
 Nederland, TX 77627
 Randy Joyce, P.O. Box 4311, Martinsville, VA 24115
 Telephone: 276-618-1195
 Faye Haynes, 1015 Corn Tassel Trail, Martinsville, VA
 24112 Telephone: 276-806-5335

New Arrival

Matt and Jessica Painter proudly announce the birth of their son, Carson Lee Painter. Carson was born on December 10, 2020 and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 3/4" long. The proud grandparents are Mike and Susan Painter and great grandparents are Bob and Anna Hall.



A Note from Grace Network

This year has been very challenging on many levels and we have struggled with finding the best ways to connect to our clients that have food needs. However, we have done an amazing job of providing this service and a big thank you to you, as you continue to support our pantry and to our volunteers that have continued to be that beacon of hope for those that are hungry. Our food pantry will become more important than ever as we move forward and your participation is most needed. Thank you all for your continued support and may you have a safe and Merry Christmas! *Blessings, Tracy*

JANUARY FOOD ITEM FOR GRACE NETWORK

Corn 15 oz. (whole or creamed)
HYGINE ITEMS NEEDED
Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you are a Senior and looking for Scholarship money you might want to check out the Virginia Baptist Foundation. The foundation offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students. During the 2020/2021 academic year, the foundation is awarding more than \$200,000 in scholarships to 109 deserving students from across Virginia.

Applicants for foundation scholarships must be full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a BGAV church and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2021/2022 academic year are available on the foundation's website (www.vbfinc.org) beginning December 1, 2020, and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2021.

Thank You Cards

First Baptist Church Collinsville,

We would like to thank you for the many ways you blessed us as Dad journeyed from this earth to his heavenly home. We are so grateful for all the cards, prayers, visits, food, phone calls and other acts of kindness. Dad loved FBCC and he loved each one of you. Thank you for loving back on him. *Appreciatively, The family of Melvin Newsome*

FBCC Bereavement Meal Team,

Thank you for the wonderful meal you so graciously provided. The time together was precious and the food was delicious. We greatly appreciate your care and kindness! *The family of Melvin Newsome*

Dear Friends,

Thank You so much for your many acts of kindness to my mom (Essie Janey) and my brother over the last months of her life. This church and pastor and deacons have been the true spirits of God's Love.! *Love in Christ, Nancy Cloeter*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Update

For Martinsville, Henry County and Franklin County there were 9936 shoeboxes, 1200 special access shoeboxes and 209 shoeboxes built online for a total of 11,345 for our area. We think there will be more online boxes, but this is what has been recorded so far.

This means that with the influence of families of recipients that about 66,000 people will hear the Gospel, 4538 children will be enrolled in the Greatest Journey classes and 2382 will make decisions to follow Christ. Isn't that wonderful to think our area will affect that many people—a simple shoebox with the Gospel message.

A special thank you to each person who packed boxes and prayed over the boxes. A special thank you to the churches that were drop off centers for the boxes—Chatham Heights Baptist, Stone Memorial, Crosspoint, Halesford, Franklin Heights, Boones Mill and Faith Assembly of God.

Just wanted our people to know they are missionaries—big time through the shoeboxes. *Thanks bunches, Betsy*

W M U News

WMU NEWS HAPPY NEW YEARS! I hope you had a blessed Christmas.

Our Mission Action project for the month of January will be helping Grace Network. Please bring the following items: Corn (whole or Creamed 15 oz.), toilet paper, deodorant and feminine products. There will be tubs underneath the tapestry in the vestibule area for you to place your donations in. We will deliver to Grace Network on February 1st.

If you haven't given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or could give an additional contribution please do so during the month of January. Our missionaries need our support in sharing the gospel. Thank you for the many ways you have served in the past year and the many ways you will serve in 2021.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

2020 Goal for FBCC

\$10,000.00

Received as of 1/03/21

\$7,415.00



If you read The Bible thru during 2020 and would like to be recognized for this please call the office and give us your name (647-3774)

Coming Soon.....



January

2021

50 Days of

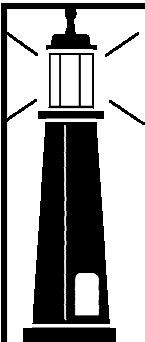
Prayer

Details to Follow

Thanks Everyone

Our first Drive-Thru Nativity went very well thanks to all of you and your contributions. Every volunteer who signed up helped with painting, building, putting scenery together, working with traffic, signing people in, costuming, serving hot chocolate, and standing in the scenes. For those who couldn't help in person, you prayed and gave encouragement, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. We had 495 vehicles to drive through - most of them with at least three passengers - that means over 1,000 people from the community experienced the Gospel story. Moving forward, we should continue our prayers for the seeds that were sown. This was not our traditional way of celebrating Christmas, but it was definitely serving our community and a beautiful way to celebrate what Jesus would do. God bless you for all that you did.

Penny Decker



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Sunday Inside Worship Service 10:00am
(Can listen in the parking lot on FM87.9)

Sunday Services & Wednesday night
Devotions are available on www.youtube.com
Just search First Baptist Church of Collinsville



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Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

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| 01 Sharon Anderson | 19 bob Roetken |
| 01 William Wagoner | 19 Jeremy Craven |
| 02 David Joyce | 20 Allen Ramsey |
| 02 Bill Wagoner | 20 James Thomas Whitlow |
| 02 Megan O. Haak | 20 Tina Haskins |
| 04 Michael Vernon | 23 Frances Mabe |
| 05 Beth Johnson | 23 Joan Palmer |
| 06 Jamie Collins | 23 Sherry Flanagan |
| 06 Carri Turner | 24 Mike Pennington |
| 06 Jackson Crane | 25 Paul Jones |
| 06 Lacey Flanagan | 25 Rebecca Beachy |
| 07 Carolyn Bowles | 26 Raymond Prillaman |
| 07 Chris Rivera | 27 Doris Anthony |
| 07 Lena Rivera | 28 Dana Pennington |
| 10 Carole Webb | 28 Michael Craddock |
| 12 Jacob Gilbert | 30 Amber Purdy |
| 12 Carolyn Hatchett | 31 Nancy McGhee |
| 13 Frances Martin | 31 Peggy Moran |
| 13 Ethan Collins | 31 Hannah Patterson |
| 14 Bobbie Joyce | 31 Lauren Anderson |

February Birthdays

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| 14 Tommy Harris | 02 Chris Newman |
| 15 Peggy (Legus) Joyce | 02 Rebecca Vernon |
| 15 Janet Malone | 04 Lillian Irene Hall |
| 15 Kevin Harter | 04 Angie Alley |
| 16 Tiffany Hodge | 04 Deborah Linkous |
| 17 Steve Emberson | 04 Jennifer Cedillo |
| 18 Leslie Cunningham | |

- 05 Bonnie Shelton
- 06 Ruth Brown
- 06 Sharri Love
- 06 Carrie Pinnix
- 07 Linda Hagood
- 07 Audrey Prillaman
- 07 Kathy Martin

January Anniversaries

- 06 Bill & Susan Wagoner
- 12 Larry & Edith Sharp

February Anniversaries

- 08 Dale & Nancy McGhee
- 10 Carl & Gail Smith
- 20 David & Peggy Joyce

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
10:00 am: Service
Inside and on Radio Station 87.9

Church Literature Available
We have continued to order church literature for you. On Sundays you can pick up the Mature Living, Home Life, Stand Firm and Open Windows from the tables near each entrance to the sanctuary. During the week they are available at the church office entrance.

2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First Baptist Church of Collinsville
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Honorariums & Memorials
December 2020

Given by

in Loving

Alex & Angie Alley	Memory of all the loved ones who have gone on before us and to honor the resiliency and faithfulness of this church
Greg & Shirley Craven	Memory of Greg's parents, David & Jerri Craven Memory of Shirley's parents, Bill & Irene Adkins
Becky Crotty	Memory of her husband, Larry Crotty
Betty Crotty	Memory of her husband Bob Crotty
Doss Family	Memory of David Doss
Steve & Nancy Edwards	Honor of the Agape Sunday School Class
Ferguson Family	Memory of Sterling Ferguson and Stephen Ferguson
Hugh & Brenda Hagood	Memory of Walter Hugh Hagood, III
Mark & Betsy Ivey	Memory of Mami & Harry Davis Memory of Maggie & Mark Ivey, Sr. Honor of the Agape and Seekers S. S. Classes, Honor of Mark, Rosa, Melissa and Ish Honor of Maggie, Gabby, and Britini
J. Randy Joyce	Memory of J. Randolph & Estelle S. Joyce
Bill & Temple Mays	Memory of Agape S. S. Class members who passed away this year
Melody Oliver	Honor of her beloved sisters - Brenda Carter, Linda Newsome, and Sherryl Anderson
Barbara Prillaman	Honor of the Praise Team
Katherine Tinsley	Memory of her mother, Rheba H. Shelor
Ron & Vicki Turner & Family	Memory of Albert & Hazel Joyce
Becky Wagoner	Memory of her brother, Carlos Coleman
Pat & Mike Walker	Memory of Wayne Walker
Virginia Webb	Memory of her husband, Frank Webb
Brenda Carter, Linda Newsome, Sherryl Anderson, & Melody Oliver	Memory of their parents, Melvin & Peggy Newsome and their brother, Harold Newsome