

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Holy Humor

The Bible tells us, "A merry heart does good like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones" (Pr. 17:22). It has been a long year. And some of you may be feeling like your spirit is drying up inside of you. Well, I thought I would try and give you an injection of humor to help revitalize your soul. Hopefully, some of these will tickle your fancy bone.

A woman said to her pastor, "You don't know how much your sermons have meant to my husband since he lost His mind."

A bus driver went to a church service for the first time and sat in the front row. After his sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked why he sat in the front row alone. "Well," the driver said, "I just sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."

A little boy was at his first wedding. After the ceremony another child asked him, "How many men can a woman marry?" "Sixteen," the little boy said. "How do you know?" his friend asked. The boy replied, "The preacher said it, four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

One Sunday afternoon, a pastor visited the home of a member who missed church that morning. He said, "I am told you went to the ball game instead of coming to church this morning." The man snapped at his pastor, "That's a lie and here is the string of fish to prove it."

Let's end with some rather risky bloopers found in church bulletins:

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

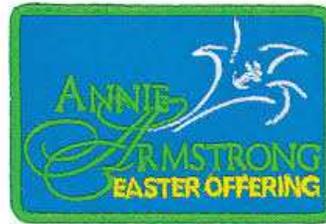
The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

A pastor began a service with: "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

I hope these jokes have not laid an egg. Smile—God loves you. Hang in there. We are going to get through this pandemic.

Pastor Larry



**Your Gifts to the  
Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering  
supports North  
American  
Missionaries  
FBCC Goal  
\$5,000.00**

*100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering gifts support thousands of  
missionaries in church planting and  
compassion ministry*

## 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.

**Happy Easter  
Sunday  
April 4, 2021**





## Prayer Room Ministry

**Prayer Room  
Phone Number  
647-3777**

## In Sympathy:

Jewell Earles, mother of Beverly Rakes  
Larry Fleming, nephew of Ruby Wright and cousin of Jim  
Joyce  
Ricky "Big Bird" Holcomb, husband of Paige Holcomb and  
son-in-law of Eddie and Becky Conner



## 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](mailto: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.

## New Contact Information

Sammy and Bonnie Shelton, no landline.

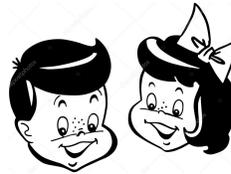
Cell phones only. Sammy: 1-276-252-7149

Bonnie: 1-276-734-6409

Cindy Vernon's new address is: 135 Redwood St., Bassett, VA 24055

Pastor Larry and Jan have a new Telephone Number 276-790-3898

## Children's Take on the Bible



*The following statements about the Bible were written by children and have not been retouched or corrected, ie: bad spelling has been left in, etc.*

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*Bulletin and given to us by Joyce Jacobs.*

*(Continued from the February Issue)*

- St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
- Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, "man doth not live by sweat alone."
- It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- The epistles were the wives of the aposties.
- One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was also a taximan.
- St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

## Read the Bible Thru in 2019 & 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we were not able to hand out the certificates to those who read the Bible thru in 2019. Looks like that is going to be the case for 2020 also. Following is a list of all those who notified us they had read the Bible through.

**2019:** Rebecca Vernon, Betty Lavinder, Dottie Turner, Pam Joyce, Jim Joyce, Mike Craddock, Bobbi Frazier, Cindy Vernon, Susan Rorrer, Lisa West, Felecia McBride, Dickey Cobb, Suzanne Terry, Ken Wagoner, Phyllis Prillaman and Ann Amos.

**2020:** Lisa West, Ken Wagoner, Becky Wagoner, and Phyllis Prillaman

## MARCH FOOD ITEM FOR GRACE NETWORK

Corn 15 oz. (whole or creamed)

## HYGINE ITEMS NEEDED

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

## New Email Addresses

**FBCC:** [firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com)

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**Sandy:** [fbccsandymoses@gmail.com](mailto:fbccsandymoses@gmail.com)

**Ruby:** [fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com](mailto:fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com)

**HAPPY**  
**St. Patrick's**  
**DAY**

Wednesday, March 17

### Thank You Cards

We have been notified recently that our aunt Ellin Cobbler's church family generously gave a donation to Bethlehem United Methodist Church in memory of our mom—Ellen's sister, Marie Hodges. Our mom was very faithful to her church in her presence, her service, and her gifts. Thank you for honoring her memory.

*From the family of Marie Hodges*



### WMU News

Our upcoming month of mission action project will focus on giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for our North American missionaries. Our goal is \$5,000.00. Please pray also for these missionaries who have had to endure a lot with this past year of the virus.

We also have decided to give to God's Pit Crew during the month of March. God's Pit Crew Board has agreed to match all donations up to \$30,000.00. I know we can't give that much but anything you give will have a double impact. Please make your check payable to 1st Baptist Church but designate it to God's Pit Crew. Please give it to Sandy no later than March 17th in order for us mail the check so they can receive it by the cut-off date of March 26th. If you would prefer to give items for a blessing bucket, we will have a tub setting under the tapestry for your donation.

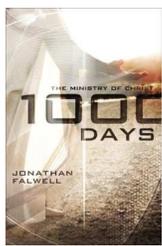
Thank you for all you did to reach out to the 57 nursing homes residents at Harmony Hall and Hairston Home. You were very generous and I know they felt God's Love by what you gave to make our valentine bags special.

I participated in a Zoom meeting with the leaders of the WMU of Virginia on Saturday morning, Feb. 21st. The topic was Depression and Suicide. It had some great information that I am hoping we as a WMU group can help to organize in our church. They recorded the zoom meeting and I also hope to share that with you. Did you know that there are 45,000 suicides a year in the U.S., every 13 minutes someone in the U.S. takes his or her own life and 22 vets on average kill themselves every day? This was alarming to me. Then we have all those in our churches and communities who are struggling with Covid-19 isolation: such as older members of our community, shut-ins and those in health care facilities, school age children who are learning at their kitchen tables and are falling further and further behind, the High School Seniors of 2021 who have missed so much of their Junior and Senior year and the front-line workers who are no longer recognized for their service and not to mention those incarcerated who can no longer see friends and relatives. Yes, there are a lot of us struggling but we must remember to keep the faith and to keep reaching out to those in need. So be ready for some thinking out of the box ideas soon to come. We hope you will be able to participate in some upcoming projects.

If you are reading this WMU section of the newsletter and have been wanting to get involved with the WMU, we would welcome you in participating in our projects at this time. The circles are unable to meet but we hope to soon as it is safe to do so. Please contact Shirley Craven at 276-358-1357 or Lana Martin at 276-224-6315 if you have questions or would like to join one our circles.

*Shirley Craven, WMU Director*

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



#### "1000 Days: The Ministry of Christ"

*By: Jonathan Falwell*

There is a universal restlessness today among believers, young and old--unease, unhappiness, and unrest that exists in our pursuit of happiness. Unarguably we find the answer in the life and salvation of Jesus Christ. Undeniably the miracles of His virgin birth, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave hold the key to eternal life and ultimate joy. But what if in addition to these awaited a miracle revealed in Jesus' three years of public ministry, the roughly 1,000 days that followed His life of otherwise relative obscurity--the 1,000 days that were intentionally lived and documented? In 1,000 Days Jonathan Falwell presents the unique chance to study this miracle, looking closely at those last three years in Jesus' life and revealing vital information from the gospels for our lives today. Meet Jesus like never before when you take a second (or maybe third or fourth) look at what He said in those 1,000 days. Each chapter also includes a special Bible study for use either by individuals or small groups. Find rest in His invitation to make His mission your mission. Discover, as Falwell has, that a picture of the life of Jesus is worth a thousand days.

*Check it out in the church Library*

### Inclement Weather Policy

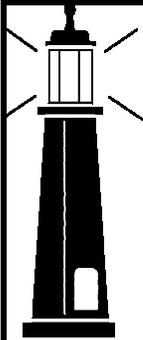
**We will try to notify you by "One Call" if services are cancelled due to inclement weather.**

**We will also try to publish Sunday cancellations on Channel 7. Please be cautious and use your best judgment if services have not been reported cancelled during potential icy conditions.**

### Thought for the Day.....

*Each new day is an opportunity to start all over again....to cleanse our minds and hearts anew and to clarify our vision. And let us not clutter up today with the leavings of other days.*

Treasured Selections from Apples of Gold by Jo Petty



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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  
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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**March Birthdays**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 Pat Cobb              | 22 Jimmy Anderson          |
| 02 Jay Knighton          | 22 Joshua Coleman          |
| 03 Gunnar Robertson      | 24 Jason Collins           |
| 03 Jase Ramsey           | 25 Brenda Hagood           |
| 05 Charles Fickling      | 27 Judy Dodson             |
| 05 Molly Shelton         | 27 Christina Decker Beaton |
| 05 Jose Cedillo          | 28 Megan Chilton           |
| 05 LeeAnn Ferguson       | 29 Hunter Whitlow          |
| 05 Eli Martin            | 29 Blayke Collins          |
| 06 Susan Rorrer          | 30 Dale McGhee             |
| 07 Catherine H. Privette | 30 Harold Nofsinger        |
| 07 Joyce Jacobs          | 30 Ralph Shropshire        |
| 07 Jennifer P. Judy      | 30 J. Randy Joyce          |
| 09 Stacy Craven          | 30 Ellen Prato             |
| 09 Kellie Powell         | 30 Heather Chitwood        |
| 10 Eva Oliver            | 30 Noah Dotson             |

**April Birthdays**

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 12 Neil Ramsey      | 01 Marietta Gunter      |
| 13 John Anthony, IV | 02 Pam Albanese         |
| 15 Carlos Cedillo   | 03 Debbie Hancock       |
| 15 Madison Ferguson | 05 Becky Johnson        |
| 16 Lucas Draper     | 05 Ashleigh Pace Breath |
| 17 Timothy Hatchett | 06 Sharon Barrow        |
| 19 Darlene Gamble   | 07 Karen Castro         |
| 20 Merlene Beale    | 07 Noah Castro          |
| 20 Ashley Anthony   | 08 Jonathan France      |
| 20 Jose Castro      | 08 Chris Kistler        |
| 21 Katie Houston    |                         |
| 21 Calla Mayberry   |                         |

**March Anniversaries**

- 01 Arthur & Marcilene Emberson
- 01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
- 05 Tim & Michelle Pace
- 11 Larry & Jan Cheek
- 15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
- 16 George & Ruth Brown
- 19 Greg & Shirley Craven
- 29 Tim & Sandy Gary

**April Anniversaries**

- 01 John & Sherry Flanagan
- 02 David & Melanie Catron
- 03 Rudy and Barb Kobelia
- 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
- 09 Jason & Paige Collins
- 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
- 24 Alex & Angie Alley
- 25 J. D. & Joan Collins

**Daylight Savings Time**



**Sunday**

**March 14, 2021**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

We are continuing to have one service at 10:00am in the sanctuary. If you prefer not to come inside, you can tune your car radio to FM 87.9 to hear the service while 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 the best reception. If you plan to come inside, you will want to park on the John Redd side and enter through the triple doors to the sanctuary. Remember to wear your face mask and social distance.

**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.