

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## AN EARTH SHAKING EXPERIENCE

(Matthew 27:45-56)

I expect most of us have seen news reports of an earthquake and the impact it had on an area. In some cases, the devastation was so great that it took years for the community to recover. However, the Bible records an instance when an earthquake caused a series of amazing events. Rather than destroy, this earthquake paved the way for a fresh start for many people.

When Jesus died on the cross it set off a chain reaction. First, the curtain in the temple was torn in two. Then, some Christians who had previously died and were buried arose from their graves and entered Jerusalem. The Bible does not say what those people did after resurrecting. Just that other people living in Jerusalem saw and recognized them. Finally, the Roman soldiers responsible to see that Jesus and the other two men were crucified acknowledged Jesus as the "Son of God."

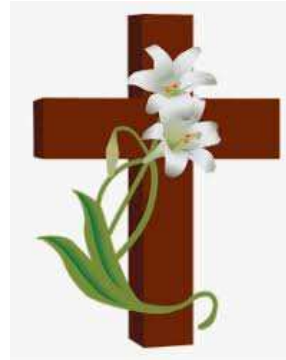
These events are significant. The curtain separated the Holy Place of the temple from the Most Holy Place. The Most Holy Place was where God resided and only the High Priest was allowed to enter. According to Jewish law, a dead body was unclean and any living person who came into contact with a dead body was considered unclean as well. The soldiers had been a part of this process from the beginning. They heard the accusations brought against Jesus. They saw how He conducted Himself thru the trial, beating, and time on the cross. They did not believe Jesus was the Son of God when the ordeal began, but they did when the day ended.

Matthew is showing that Jesus' death changed the relationship of Holy God to this world. The torn curtain tells us that every human can come into the presence of God. There is no need to have someone speak to God on our behalf. We are encouraged to come boldly into God's presence. The resurrected believers confirm not only the power of Jesus to overcome death, but the ability to cleanse those who were formerly considered unclean. Finally, the statement of the Roman soldiers lets us know that if those who are lost will review the evidence they will come to believe in Jesus as God's Son and trust Him as their Savior.

At the moment Jesus died on the cross, our sins were paid for. If we will place our trust in Jesus, we are forgiven and cleansed from all our sin. And one day we too will be raised from the grave to live forever with God in heaven. That's earth-shaking, rock-shattering news!

Happy Easter.

*Pastor Larry*



Sunday School—9:30am  
Worship Service—10:30am

## Easter Services

**Sunday, April 10**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Communion**  
**10:30am**

**Saturday, April 16**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**10:00am**

**Sunday, April 17**  
**Sunrise Service**  
**6:45pm**

## 70X7

*"Finding Peace by Forgiving Others and Yourself"*

By: Bruce Wilkinson

**This is a 8 week Bible Study**

The study will start on April 7—May 26 and is open to everyone. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board across from the SonShine Class or you can register on line at [www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org).

*There is a suggested donation of \$8.00 to help cover the cost of the workbook*



**Outdoor Service**  
**And BBQ Lunch**  
**Sunday, May 1—10:30am**  
**FBCC Picnic Shelter**

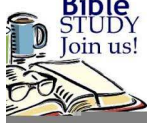
(No Sunday School)

*Please invite someone to come with you*




**Prayer Room Ministry**

**Phone Number**  
**647-3777**



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
**with Pastor Larry**  
**10:00am**  
**SonShine Classroom**  
**Everyone is invited to attend**



*Ladies Card Ministry*  
*(2nd Monday of the Month)*  
*Monday, April 11, 12:00 noon*  
*SonShine Classroom*  
*Making Birthday and Anniversary*

**Secure Online Giving thru Realm**

You can now give through our church website at  
[www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org)


**April Grace Network Food Item**  
*Juice (40-64 oz)*  
**April Featured Items**  
Toothpaste, Deodorant,  
Feminine Products

**February Report**

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	43,072
Monthly Offering Received	35,366
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	33,755
Operating Account Balance	330,084
CD's & Savings Balance	61,617
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	5,084
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,925
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,398
Building Improvement Fund	36,830

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:***  
Jane Hudson, sister of Betty Crotty  
Wanda Gail Martin, sister of Shirley Hodges



**VBS News**

We will host the associational VBS clinic on April 28 at 6:00. If you are willing to teach a session to area church workers to help prepare for VBS, please see Rebecca Vernon. She has the materials you need and can get additional supplies if needed. She will need someone to teach a class for preschool, 1st-4th, VBX (preteen), youth, missions, rec, and crafts. Rebecca will also need volunteers to help decorate and set up for the event. Our first decorating meeting will be on March 31. Please join us in the social hall anytime between 4:30-7:00 to help.

Our VBS will be June 12-17 with Family Night on the 17th. Please start praying for our VBS and how you can be a part of this fun week. Keep a lookout for a VBS booth and volunteer flyers in the foyer.

VBS: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose!  
Verse: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

**Constitution Revisions**

The Constitution committee has completed work on the changes to the church constitution. The proposed revised constitution will be handed out on Sunday, April 10. There will be a called business meeting on Wednesday, April 20th to discuss the changes. A vote will be held on Sunday, April 24th.

*Copies of the proposed revised constitution will also be available in the church office after April 10th.*

**'Evangelism/Mission Development'**

We hope you enjoyed our Dinner and a Movie featuring 'Sabina', the story of the founders of 'The Voice of the Martyrs'. If you missed it, and are hearing wonderful things about it, we may be able to set up a make-up viewing (you're on your own for the lasagna dinner - which was amazing, thanks to our church ladies and youth who prepared and served it).

There is still time to invite neighbors to sign up for the 70X7 course which begins on April 7. This is a life-transforming course on Biblical concepts on forgiveness.

Good News Jail Ministries needs prayer warriors to pray for the opening of the new Henry County Jail, and ongoing prayers for those who will be incarcerated there - that God will use their time in jail, and the ministry of faithful Christians to lead them to a life in Christ.

We're on the verge of bagging the idea of Christian worship services in the parks on Philpott Lake for lack of interest. We still have time, if our church wants to take the lead.

Please contact Rocky Rockwell for more on these items.



## WMU News

Happy Easter to all, as we celebrate this special event, may we be reminded of the greatest sacrifice given for us all!

Our Mission action for April is Meadowview Elementary School, for our Teachers. Each Group has been assigned what to bring for our Teachers, Cafeteria workers and Janitors, as they take care and love these precious children!

Remember to wrap the goodies individually so we will not have crumbs everywhere. Anyone in our church is welcome to bring something if they would like to, just have them in by April 26th, we will deliver them on April 27th Thank you for all you do sweet ladies.

On April 23rd. we will be having a craft day at the church for anyone who would like to take part in this, we will meet from 10:00am—2:00pm and lunch will be served (of course)! Any thing you would like to share would be great!

*As I write this, we will be going to The Harmony Hall on March 30th to have a bingo birthday party for the residents, Each group was assigned what to bring, Betty Crotty and her famous pound cake, ice cream, drinks, muffins (yours truly) and pineapple cakes, given by Dottie Turner, yum yum!! I made some goodie baggies filled with candy, toothbrushes, lotion and jewelry for the ladies and razors for the men. Each group contributed 1 roll of quarters for bingo prizes, they love getting the quarters for the drink machine!*

*Blessings to you all as we share the Love of Christ with each and every person we reach out to!!*

**Lana Martin**

### Mark Your Calendar.....

- April 07:** 70x7 Bible Study
- April 09:** Humble Hands @ Henry Co. Waste Site
- April 10:** Communion Sunday
- April 11:** Ladies Card Ministry Meeting
- April 13:** Called Business Meeting
- April 14:** 70x7 Bible Study
- April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17:** Easter Sunday/Sunrise Service @ 6:45am
- April 18:** Easter Monday—Church Office Closed
- April 20:** Called Business Meeting/Discussing Proposed Constitution Revision & vote on funding of roof
- April 21:** 70x7 Bible Study
- April 23:** WMU Craft Day/Social Hall
- April 24:** Vote on Constitution Revisions
- April 25:** Finance & Church Council Meeting
- April 27:** Quarterly Business Meeting
- April 28:** 70x7 Bible Study  
VBS Clinic @FBCC
- April 30:** Youth—Axe Throwing in Roanoke, VA
- May 01:** Outdoor Service/BBQ and Family Day

## Humble Helping Hands Project

**Who:** Humble Helping Hands (Youth of FBCC)

**What:** Serving Senior Citizens & Widows of Henry Co.

**Where:** Kings Mountain Trash Site

**When:** Saturday, April 09, 2022

**Time:** 8:45am—11:00am



The Youth (Humble Helping Hands) of FBCC will be at Kings Mountain Trash Site on Saturday, to help Senior Citizens and Widows of Henry County unload their trash and recyclables.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wed., April 27 @ 6:45pm**

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by April 13 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 report to the church office by April 22.

### FBCC Welcomes New Members

Caleb Beachy joined on Sunday, March 20 by his previous profession of faith and baptism. Caleb is the son of Ryan and Rebecca Beachy. His current address is 86 James St., Collinsville, VA 24078

Harold and Shelley Belcher also joined on Sunday, March 20 by their previous profession of faith and baptism. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 943, Martinsville, VA 24112

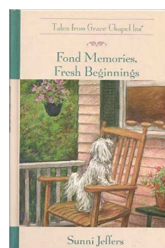
### ROOF EXPENSES

In order to avoid rising costs, the replacement of the roof has already begun. The roofing company requested half the cost of installation upfront. The money already earmarked for Capital Campaign will cover that amount. The Finance Committee recommends we cash in the CD and the funds be placed in the General Fund to cover the remaining cost. There will be a called business meeting on April 13 to discuss this recommendation. A vote will be held on Wednesday, April 20th.

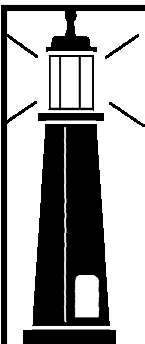
### Book of the Month.....

#### *Fond Memories, Fresh Beginnings*

By: Sunni Jeffers



The Howard sisters are very busy as the year moves from late summer into fall. Some long-term guests have settled into the inn, including a young family driven from their home by fire and a retired missionary seeking new direction. Add to that mix a stray dog, an ailing educator and a grade-school play, and the result is an unusual yet wonderful testimony to the fact that God has a plan for everyone.



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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**

**April Birthdays**

- 01 Marietta Gunter
- 02 Pam Albanese
- 03 Debbie Hancock
- 06 Sharon Barrow
- 07 Karen Castro
- 07 Noah Castro
- 08 Jonathan France
- 08 Christian Lund
- 09 Margie Woods
- 10 Tim Gary
- 10 Gwen Lewis
- 10 Tom Prato
- 11 Paul Setliff
- 11 Ashton Manns
- 11 Betty Jones
- 12 Felecia McBride
- 12 Ella Santoemma
- 14 Bobby Harter
- 15 Jim Joyce
- 15 Becky Johnson
- 17 Pauline Nuzum
- 17 Laura Whitlow
- 18 Christopher Hatchett
- 19 Kristen Tilley
- 22 Joyce Pace
- 22 Ruby Wright
- 24 Josh Acord
- 25 Whitney Engstrom
- 25 Diane Ferguson

28 Polly Dodson

30 Cindy Tilley

**May Birthdays**

- 01 Bailey France
- 02 Carrie Williams
- 02 Agnes VanHulzen
- 03 Ann Thomason
- 04 Tim Atwood
- 04 Sidney Lavinder
- 04 Wendy Gilbert
- 04 Tami Olaiya
- 05 Hope Johnson
- 05 Allison Prato
- 05 Michael Walker
- 05 Alan teal
- 06 Keith Eggleston
- 06 Dee Webb
- 07 Sarah France
- 07 Shelly Gibson
- 07 Savannah Lund

**April Anniversaries**

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

**May Anniversaries**

- 01 Roger & Judy Dodson
- 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder
- 06 Ricky & Sharon Anderson
- 07 Steve & Leslie Houston
- 09 Jeff & Wendy Watkins
- 16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson
- 16 Tom & Ellen Prato
- 17 Robert & Kit Scott
- 20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce
- 23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal
- 29 Scott & Suzanne Terry
- 30 Wayne & Becky Johnson

**Coming soon.....**

**IN CONCERT  
Mercy's Well**

A trio from Greensboro, NC will be singing for us on Saturday evening, **June 4 at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary. A time of fellowship will follow. Please be in prayer for this concert and their testimony as we invite our friends and neighbors to be a part of this special worship celebration.



**April Meetings**

- April 05—10:00am: Iva Turner Prayer Group/S. Hall
- April 05—6:00pm: Phyllis Creasy Group/S. Hall
- April 12—6:00pm Betty Westover Group/S. Hall



**Awana**

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