

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Make Room for Jesus

(Luke 2:1-14)

What would you have done if you had been the innkeeper in the account of Jesus' birth? He probably thought he had a good excuse for not housing the couple in his Inn. There were many people arriving in Bethlehem for the census. It was first come, first serve. After all, he was in the business to make money. By the time Joseph and Mary arrived in town all the rooms could have been booked. Or maybe the innkeeper did not want to have to deal with a woman who might give birth while she was actually staying in his inn. If she cried out in childbirth it might disturb the other residents. They could decide to not stay there the next time they came to town. Perhaps he justified turning them away by providing the cave where travelers housed their animals while in town. It was better than nothing, right? Yet, I imagine that when he heard that the newborn child was the Messiah, he probably regretted that he wasn't more hospitable to the couple.

Perhaps you can relate to the Innkeeper's predicament. Your schedule is overcrowded and you don't think you have enough room to give the time and attention to Christ that he deserves (and that you need). However, it is interesting that somehow we always find the time to attend the dinner invitations from friends and family. We have enough time to place all the decorations around the house. We have enough time to get all those presents purchased and wrapped. When all is said and done, we make room for the things we think are important. How can you free up time in your schedule and your heart for Christ this Christmas season? If you try, I am sure you can arrive at a plan that will allow you to enjoy Christmas with others and honor Christ as well.

Merry Christmas

Pastor Larry

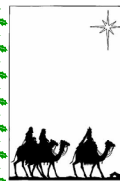
Christmas Events

Church and Community Movie "The Perfect Gift"



With Christmas and giving in full focus, make plans to attend "The Perfect Gift", our Christmas movie on Sunday, **December 4 at 4:00pm**. After the movie we will be having a time of fellowship and refreshments. Since this is open to the community we ask that our folks bring finger foods with enough to share with others. (*Please be mindful of those who have nut or peanut allergies and not bring items made with nut products.*) We want to make THE PERFECT GIFT OUR Perfect Gift for the community.

Journey through Bethlehem



An interactive experience for children and adults too.

December 11, 2022

4:00–6:00pm

Travel through time and learn about the reason for the season. Enjoy making crafts, making cards for shut-ins, and caroling in the neighborhood nearby. **All are welcome**

A Morning of Christmas Music



Sunday, December 18, the Adult Choir will be celebrating Christmas with a morning of music that celebrates the Joy that Jesus Reigns. In the midst and mess of our daily lives we can rest knowing that Jesus Reigns. As we look and enjoy the wonder of the season with the lights and decorations and hear the sounds of the joyful songs, let it be a reminder of that forever beauty of His Reign - "And He shall reign forever." Exodus 15:18

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Our Candlelight Communion Service will be held on **Saturday, December 24** at 6:00pm. Please make plans to come and bring someone with you to this special service.



**Operation Christmas
Child Shoe Boxes**

You accepted the challenge of packing 400 shoeboxes and you packed a total of 389. Job well done. You have helped make a lot of children around the world have a Merry Christmas!

Thank You!



**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

FBCC 2022 GOAL \$10,000.00

This offering is named for Lottie Moon and her work and sacrifice to keep missionaries on the mission field. When you give, you too are keeping missionaries on the mission field! 100% of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to missionaries, not to administration.

If you would like to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor or memory of a loved one, you can include that information on your offering envelope or drop it off at the church office by December 12th. We will place a list in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th acknowledging these gifts.

October Report

Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays)	53,840
Monthly Offering Received	36,951
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	37,442
Operating Account Balance	378,451
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	4,828
Benevolence Designated Fund	2,140
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	29,300

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:

Troy Beverley, father of Gunner Beverley
Harvey McGuire, brother of C. D. McGuire
Cindy Williams, cousin of Dickey Cobb
Ola Wagoner, sister of Bonnie Slaughter
Avis Sinclair, grandmother of Tim Pace
Arthur "Art" Ayers, husband of Brenda Ayers
Brenda Stone Cannaday, cousin of Kathy Draper
Juanita Fox, wife of John Fox, (Former HCBA Director of Missions)

NOTICE

The updated Church Officers & Workers List for 2022-2023 is available for you to pick up at the information stands.

2023 Church Budget Vote

Sun., Dec. 4

If you can not be here on Sunday, you may vote absentee by contacting the church office by Friday, December 2.

Evangelism/Mission Development

We hope that everyone enjoys the Christmas movie 'The Perfect Gift' followed by the finger- food social. Right now, plans are to have one movie every quarter. So, our next movie will be in the early March of next year.

The next for our committee will be to lead the video-driven course, '70X7', on forgiveness as part of our Sunday afternoon programs. The comments from those who took it this past year have been encouraging - a very transformational look at what the Bible says about forgiveness, and the critical role it plays in the life of Christians. We will start sometime in January, depending on how it fits with other Sunday afternoon programs. If you are interested in this course, and/or would like more information, please contact Rocky Rockwell at the church, call him by phone 276-224-0979, or email him

at RockysRamblings@gmail.com

December Grace Network Food Item

Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz. jar or can)

December Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—October 31, 2022)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Sept. donations to Capital Campaign	\$103,119.06
October donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,341.25
Total Received	\$105,460.31
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 10/31//22	29,300.31

Constitution Discussion and Vote

The Constitution Revision Committee has been working on the necessary changes to the church Constitution that need to be made in the process of becoming incorporated. There will be a discussion meeting on Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:45pm in the Sonshine Classroom. The church will vote on the changes Sun., Dec. 11 during the morning service. If you are unable to be here on the 11th, you can vote absentee by calling in your vote to the church office (276-647-3774) by Fri., Dec. 9. **If you did not get a copy of the proposed revisions, you can pick one up today at the Welcome Desk or at the Information Stands.**



WMU News

Merry Christmas to you all! May this special season we celebrate remind us of that child that was born in Bethlehem, what a wonderful gift we were given! Our Mission action for this month is our shut-ins and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. May the spirit of this season remind us that it is in giving we receive the joy of sharing with others! May you all have a blessed Christmas...

In His Name, Lana and Hope!

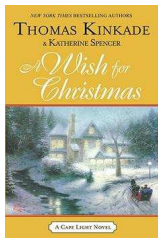
December WMU Meetings

Dec. 06—11:30am:Phyllis Creasy Prayer Group/Hugo's
Dec. 13—10:00am Iva Turner Group/SonShine Classroom
Dec. 13—6:00pm: Betty Westover Prayer Group/S./ Hall
Joyce Newman Prayer Group
Date and Time to be announced)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

A Wish for Christmas

By: Thomas Kinkade & Katherine Spencer



In Cape Light, Christmas brings unexpected gifts that will never be forgotten. This Christmas, the people of Cape Light reflect on their past and revel in their future. David has returned home after serving in Afghanistan to find his widowed father, Jack, remarried, and a young stepsister in the house. Further, his own physical injuries may never heal. He's having trouble joining in the cheer of the Christmas season-but soon realizes that he will have to heal not only his body but also his heart

Lottie Moon Post Office



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open for the convenience of the FBCC family to send cards to church family and shut-ins for just 10cents each. All money collected will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. **The Post Office will close on Dec. 25.**

The church office is not able to mail Christmas cards not picked up at the Lottie Moon Post Office. As you are preparing your cards, please take notice if the person lives out of the area or is a resident of a nursing home. We suggest you mail those cards through the US Postal Service to ensure they are received. We also recommend mailing cards to our home bound members through the mail system so that they will be received by Christmas. Our deacons, pastor and WMU members try to pick those up and deliver them as they can, but it can take several weeks into January before they all may be delivered.

HELP WANTED

We have two part-time positions available at FBCC. We are looking for a part-time Custodian to assist our current Custodian. It will be approximately 20hrs/week. We also are in need of a Van Driver to help with our van ministry. If you are interested in either or these positions, please contact the church office for more details.

Year End Giving

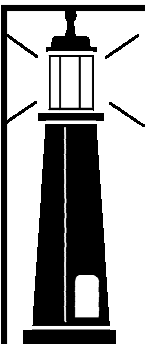
Offerings for the giving year 2022 can be received in the office through Friday, December 30 or post-marked by December 31st. On-line gifts for the year 2022, can also be received on our church website or Reals through December 31.

Looking Ahead

Sun., Jan. 01: Sunday School @ 9:30am
Morning Worship @ 10:30am
Mon., Jan. 02: Church Office Closed for New Year
Tues., Jan. 03: Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Larry resumes
Thurs., Jan. 05: Knitters & Crocheters resume
Sun., Jan. 08: Sunday Evening activities resume
Mon., Jan 09: Ladies Card Ministry resume
Sat., Jan 14: Youth Humble Hands
Wed., Jan. 25: Quarterly Business Meeting



The church Office will be closed on Fri., Dec. 23 and Mon., Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. Pastor Larry, Pastor Christian, Sandy, Ruby, Kim, Paige and Sarah would like to wish each of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas!



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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (May - Sept.)	4:00pm
Youth	4:00pm
Adult Bible Studies	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
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

28 Gary Walker	28 Gary Walker
01 Joe Johnson	28 Walt Shaw
02 Melody Oliver	28 Robbie Wilson
03 Yvonne Harris	28 Nic Houston
04 Kevin Shropshire	29 Kera Music
05 Sarah Scott	30 Chad Cobb
06 Paige Collins	30 Melissa Ivey Alaoui
08 Taylor Draper	30 Lisa Houston
09 Kenny Inman	30 Madison Ross
09 Susan Rodies	31 Perry Harmon
10 Nathan Roetken	31 Sam Olaiy

January Birthdays

01 Sharon Anderson	01 Sharon Anderson
01 William Wagoner	01 William Wagoner
02 David Duke	02 David Duke
02 David Joyce	02 David Joyce
02 Bill Wagoner	02 Bill Wagoner
02 Megan O. Haak	02 Megan O. Haak
06 Jamie Collins	06 Jamie Collins
06 Lacey Flanagan	06 Lacey Flanagan
06 Jackson Crane	06 Jackson Crane
07 Carolyn Bowles	07 Carolyn Bowles
07 Chris Rivera	07 Chris Rivera
07 Lena Rivera	07 Lena Rivera
10 Carole Webb	10 Carole Webb
12 Carolyn Hatchett	12 Carolyn Hatchett
12 Jacob Gilbert	12 Jacob Gilbert

December Anniversaries

05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
13 Jose & Karen Castro
14 Tommy & Yvonne Harris
15 John & Terri Anthony
19 Mark & Betsy Ivey
22 Eddie & Becky Conner
23 Keith & Melody Oliver
23 Jeff & Dee Webb
23 Sammy & Bonnie Shelton
28 George Collins & Lisa West
31 Ray & Lisa Rivera

January Anniversaries

06 Bill & Susan Wagoner

**The Ladies
Card Ministry
Will not meet in
December**

**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
with Pastor Larry
Will NOT meet in
December**



AWANA
Will not meet
Dec. 11, 18 or 25

**Loving Hands
Knitters and
Crocheters**

Will resume meeting again the
1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month in January, 2023
10:00am-12:00 noon
Hospitality Room

We welcome anyone who would like to join us as we will be knitting and crocheting for missions. Please bring a ball of blue yarn and your knitting needles and/or crochet hooks. Any questions call Bobbi Frazer @ 276-252-8106.



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