

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## What Can We Do?

I am sure most of you have heard about the announcement Disney made the other day. If not here is a synopsis of it all. Earlier this year, the state of Florida passed the "Parental Rights in Education Bill," which prohibits public schools from indoctrinating children grades K-3 with pro-gay, pro-transgender propaganda. In response, Disney announced it will restore a previously cut lesbian kissing scene in its June Pixar release of the kid's movie "Lightyear."

In addition, the President, bolstered by documents from Health and Human Services, recently revealed his intentions to support transgenderism by purposely encouraging unnatural, unhealthy, and irreversible surgery for youth who desire to modify their sexuality.

Sadly, that is only the tip of the iceberg of the liberal assault on the parental right to control what and when your children learn regarding human sexuality. At times the assault against conservative, Christian values seems overwhelming—we are unsure what to do. The other Wednesday night someone asked me what they could do. Below are some suggestions.

1. It is vitally important you become aware of what is taking place in local, state, & federal government. We do not have the luxury of trusting that Judeo-Christian values will be reflected in our leadership. Ignorance is no excuse.
2. Speak out against ungodly, unnatural, acts (or the legalization of them) that violate the divine design of human sexuality & therefore undermine the family unit & the nation.
3. Regularly, contact government leaders & voice your opinion regarding what you think & expect them to do. Those people are supposed to represent you!
4. If politicians violate your trust, hold them accountable by removing them from office the next election. The issue here is bigger than partisan politics!
5. Make sure you talk to your children & grandchildren about what they are being taught at school. Peruse their iPads or textbooks. Read their assignments or school handouts.
6. Go to PTO meetings, & school board meetings, and ask pertinent questions. Do not be intimidated by rhetoric, insinuations, or threats.

7. Volunteer to assist a teacher or class. Not only will you be a blessing to a teacher & the children, but you will be able to observe firsthand what is being taught to your children.
8. Not all public school teachers are like ours at FBCC who live with a biblical worldview. If you discover a teacher or school is involved in teaching something with which you disagree or do not wish your child be taught, respectfully confront them in the presence of the principal. Remember, teachers are paid with tax dollars—they work for you!
9. Run for a seat on the school board or a local political office to get more Christian thought & leadership into our community.
10. Take a stand. Avoid supporting any company financially who supports the liberal agenda to distort human sexuality. Do not take your children to Disney World or movies produced by Pixar or any other affiliate of Disney!

Some of you may think this is a political issue and as such, I am overstepping my area of focus as a spiritual leader. Generally speaking, I prefer to stay out of politics, but this is too important. What leaders decide in Washington and Richmond is going to affect our homes, our churches, and our lives as citizens of the United States. The Bible says, *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Pr. 14:34)*. I would remind you that those who follow Jesus are His ambassadors (**2 Cor. 5:20**). Do not allow ungodly ideology to take over your country without a fight. Be salt & light in this world. Whatever it takes, make sure you represent King Jesus!

**Pastor Larry**



## 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.

## Capital Campaign

### It's your chance to "Leave A Legacy"

Yes, **Leave A Legacy** is the slogan for our recently announced capital fund raising campaign. This fund drive is for the purpose of providing financial support for two much needed maintenance projects at our church. The sanctuary roof was in dire need of replacement and it was the first maintenance item to be addressed. We actually had water leaking into the sanctuary.

The other much needed maintenance issue is our parking lots. We have three areas of major concern, each of which will be addressed as the funds become available.

This is why we chose "**Leave A Legacy**" as our campaign slogan. Think of all those church members before you that left a legacy for us by financially supporting earlier giving campaigns. Now it's our chance to thank those early donors and also a chance to pay it forward to future generations of church members.

This campaign officially kicked off at the May 1<sup>st</sup>. church wide picnic and will continue for a three year pledge period. Pledge cards were handed out at the picnic and there will be a collection ceremony held on Sunday, May 15 during worship service. Pledge cards will be available in the sanctuary on the day of this event. Note: If you would like a pledge card prior to this event you may go by the church office and pick one up, during regular operating hours. Also, if you can't be in attendance for the ceremony, you may drop off your pledge card at any time at the church office.

The pledge cards will allow you to make a campaign pledge for anything from a one time gift to a commitment to give for up to three years, ending in 2025. You may give weekly, monthly, annually, etc. as the Lord directs you.

This "**Leave A Legacy**" campaign is for the benefit of our church now and into the future. So pray about it, ask questions if you have them, and do what you are lead to do and may God bless you.

I'll close with ..... **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

### March Report

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	43,072
Monthly Offering Received	30,576
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	48,250
Operating Account Balance	314,323
CD's & Savings Balance	61,617
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	4,698
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,763
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	155

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:

Mike Davis, cousin of Betsy Ivey

**Rudy Kobelia**, member of FBCC & friend of many



### VBS News

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

### 'Evangelism/Mission Development'

This committee is always looking for good ideas for outreach to our community and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We would like to hear your ideas.

Our local Good News Jail Ministry had some exciting news. The new jail opened at the end of March and all of the inmates of the old jail were settled in just in time for Easter. Eight volunteer chaplains met the challenge to have Easter worship services, ministering to 65 inmates, resulting in 14 decisions for Christ! Hallelujah!

Chaplain Joe Collins still needs more volunteers to meet the needs of this larger jail with more opportunities to share Christ with people who desperately need Him in their lives. Please consider getting involved, even if you don't want to go into the jail itself.

There is a new way to pray for our local jails through the Echo Prayer Ap for smartphones. Please consider being a prayer warrior for the jail ministries.

We will be holding a Trauma Healing Seminar for the church soon. This is an opportunity to learn how to cope with your own heart traumas and griefs, and an excellent way to prepare to walk with someone else through theirs.

Please contact Rocky Rockwell for more on all of these ministry opportunities.

### Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(As of March 31, 2022)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March donations to Capital Campaign	1,405.00
Total	<b>\$38,235.00</b>
Spent for Roof thus far	\$38,080.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance	<b>\$155.00</b>



## WMU News

Thanks to all the ladies who contributed to the goodies for the Meadowview Elementary School Staff. We blessed 114 staff personnel on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our Mission Action for the month of May is to give a monetary contribution to God's Pit Crew. You can give it to the church office but be sure and have it earmarked for God's Pit Crew.

If you haven't given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or can give a little more, please do so. Our goal is \$5,000.00 for this offering. Please continue to pray for all our missionaries in the United States and in other countries.

Please continue to be RELENTLESS in living an authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others. May we be people of relentless faith who stand for JESUS CHRIST.

### 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.

### Weekday Education Program Taking Applications

Our Weekday Early Education Program is now enrolling for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Those interested may look on the church's website for additional information and forms to be completed

#### UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 05:** National Day of Prayer
- May 08:** Mother's Day
- May 09:** Ladies Card Ministry
- May 14:** Youth—Humble Hands
- May 15:** Capital Campaign Pledge Day

- May 15:** Deacons Meeting
- May 22:** Graduate Sunday
- May 23:** Finance and Church Council Meeting
- May 29:** Memorial Sunday
- May 30:** Memorial Day/Church Office Closed
- June 01:** Youth trip to Carowinds
- June 04:** Concert with Mercy's Well
- June 11:** Youth—Humble Hands
- June 12-June 16:** VBS
- June 17:** VBS Family Night
- June 19:** Father's Day
- June 26:** Deacons Meeting
- June 27:** Finance & Church Council Meeting

Go to our Church Website to view the full Calendar  
[www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org)



*Be sure to call, visit, text, facebook, twitter or whatever it takes to wish your Mother or someone who has been instrumental in helping make you the person you are, a Happy*

**Mothers Day on Sunday, May 8.**

### National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5



### KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS



You are invited to a mission craft day, Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 10:00am until 12:00pm at the church. We will be knitting and/or crocheting soap sacks for the needy. Patterns will be provided. Please bring a ball of

100% cotton or cotton blend yarn and size 8 knitting needles or a size H crochet hook. We will meet in the church parlor. Hope to see you there.

### NOTICE



Are you a parent of a student in our youth ministry? Well come connect with other parents, learn about what's going on in student ministries and learn something new from weekly articles. Search FBCC Student Parents on Facebook today.

**Annie Armstrong Offering**  
**FBCC Goal \$5,000**  
**Received thru April 24**  
**\$4,190**



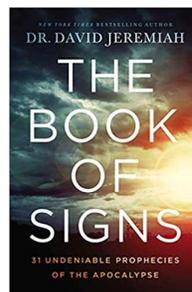
### May Grace Network Food Item

*Juice (40-64 oz)*

### May Featured Items

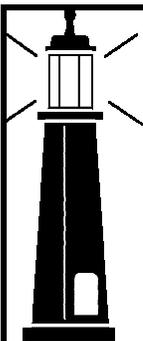
Toothpaste, Deodorant, Feminine Products

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



### The Book of Signs By: Dr. David Jeremiah

Many Christians struggle to understand the Book of Revelation. "The end times." "The apocalypse." "The day of judgment." These terms are both fascinating and frightening – but what do they really mean? Drawing from decades of study, Dr. Jeremiah explains every key sign of the approaching apocalypse and what it means for you, including international, cultural, heavenly, tribulation, and end signs. With his engaging writing style and clear analysis of how current world events were foretold in the Bible, *The Book of Signs* is an encouraging guide to the Book of Revelation



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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**

**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
- 11 Pamela Jones
- 11 Sylvia McKinney
- 15 Terrie Robertson
- 17 Temple Mays
- 18 Wendy Watkins
- 18 Katrell Ramsey
- 19 Marci Emberson
- 20 Shirley Hodges
- 21 Jessica Shelton

- 21 Hank Joyce
- 24 Tina Maxey
- 24 Phyllis Geramita
- 24 Jenna Meredith
- 26 Joan Collins
- 26 Scott Spencer
- 26 Sammy Shelton
- 29 Douglas Huff
- 29 Rick Love
- 31 Judah Beachy

**June Birthdays**

- 01 Styles Geramita
- 01 Mike Kennett
- 01 Tim Knight
- 01 Lisa West
- 02 Nicholas Alley
- 02 David Kinney
- 03 Chris Roetken
- 03 Rocky Rockwell
- 04 Ricky Anderson
- 04 Bob Hall
- 05 Bruce Adkins
- 05 Tommy Houston
- 05 Faye Haynes
- 05 Dustin Beckner
- 06 Steve Edwards
- 06 Sarah Lester
- 07 Elizabeth Decker Howell

**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

**June Anniversaries**

- 02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita
- 05 Joe & Tina Haskins
- 05 Scott & Tonia Patterson
- 08 Dale & Debbie Hancock
- 09 Chris & Martha Newman

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

**Veteran  
Memorial Day**

We would like to remember those who died while serving in the Military, or those who served and have since died. If you have a family member who was a Veteran that you would like remembered, we would like to have their name, branch/venue of service and their picture. We need this information given to the church office by Friday, May 13. If you have provided this information before, we should still have it on file, just call the office at 647-3774 to make sure.

Ladies Card Ministry  
(2nd Monday of the  
Month)  
Monday, May 09  
12:00 noon  
SonShine Classroom