

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## 7 LAWS OF THE HARVEST

Well, we are about at that time when all the gardens have yielded their crops. And we are headed to that moment when we no longer have to mow our yards, (unless you are one of those fanatics who wants to mow all year round). If you are one of those people you have my blessings and my prayers. While harvest time may end physically speaking, it never ends spiritually speaking. Jesus said this about harvesting souls for the kingdom of God:

*“Raise your eyes and look at the fields and see, they are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the reaper is receiving his wages and he is gathering fruit for eternal life; so that he who plants and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For in this case the saying is true, ‘One [person] sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap [a crop] for which you have not worked. Others have worked and you have been privileged to reap the results of their work.” (Jn. 4:35-38, AMP)*

Paralleling the physical harvest with the spiritual one, one author came up with 7 laws of any harvest. He wrote:

1. We reap only what has been sown.
2. We reap the same in kind as we sow.
3. We reap in a different season than we sow.
4. We reap more than we sow.
5. We reap in proportion to what we sow.
6. We reap the full harvest of the good only if we persevere; the evil comes to harvest on its own
7. We can't do anything about last year's harvest, but we can about this year's. ([www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org), J. Hampton Keathley, III)

At times the harvest is comprised of souls that we have helped come into God's kingdom thru salvation. At other times it involves the development of the fruit of the spirit in us or someone else thru the sanctification process. But on every occasion, the harvest brings honor and glory to God. Let me close with this thought. If you are saved, at one time you were actually the harvest. However, after coming to know Christ, you are expected to become the harvester. Make sure you are fulfilling your responsibility as a worker in God's field.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



## FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 10:00AM—2:00PM

Fall festival is soon approaching. If anyone is willing to volunteer please see Felecia McBride. Also again this year, I am asking for donations of candy, gift cards(\$5-10) and baked goods (homemade or store bought). Please put candy in a tote in the vestibule, give gift cards to Felecia, Sandy or Ruby and place baked goods in the kitchen a day or two before October 21st.

*We will have FREE food, crafts, games, bouncy house, music, cake walk, door prizes and other fun activities*

Please make plans now to join us for a day of fun and fellowship

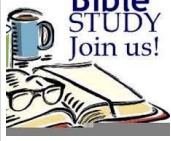


## Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes 2023

It's time again to pack our shoeboxes. **Our Church**

### Goal this year is 500 Shoebboxes

We need everyone's help in reaching our goal. In 2022, 10.6 million boxes were collected. 4.5 million enrolled in the 12-lesson, follow-up discipleship program and 2.4 million decisions were made for Christ. We are so thankful for the opportunity to participate in this ministry of bringing joy and the good news of Jesus Christ to children and their families through gift filled shoeboxes. Please join us as we fill shoeboxes for Jesus.



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

**GIRLS IN ACTION:**

The GAs are participating in a project with Spirit FM called "Letters from Home" in which letters, notes and messages are being collected and sent to Active, Retired and Disabled Military personnel for Christmas.

There are currently nine GA's who will begin this project on Wednesday, September 13. We would like the church to help by joining us in this project. You may write either in a card (no envelope is necessary), a note, a letter, or a pre-designed form from Spirit FM. The letters/notes can consist of prayers, encouragement, thanks for serving, bible verses, and messages of hope. We encourage all age groups to participate with us.

We will need to have the letters by October 23 for them to be distributed at Christmas. A box labeled "Letters from Home" will be in the vestibule for you to drop them in. There will also be a form you can use to write your letter on and additional cards to use.

We encourage you to write at least one, or better still, as many as you would like.

The logo for this project is "My hero doesn't wear a cape; they wear dog tags".

You never know what kind of difference you can make in someone's life by a few simple words.

Thank you for participating.

Charlotte Harter



*Ladies Card Ministry*  
**Monday, October 9**  
**12:00 noon**  
**Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards**

**August Report**

Monthly Offering needed	44,456
Monthly Offering Received	35,827
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	47,543
Operating Account Balance	333,691
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	5,831
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,741
Prject Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,974
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	62,363

*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:***

Charles Larrowe, brother-in-law of Willa Shropshire  
 Sue Cox, sister of Willa Shropshire



**AWANA**  
**Children ages 2 thru 5th grade**  
**SUNDAYS**  
**4:00—5:30pm**

***Welcome New Member:***

Rick Wright joined FBCC on Sunday, September 10, 2023. He joined by transfer of letter. His address is: 111 Maple Drive, Collinsville, VA. 24078.

His telephone No. Is: 1-770-568-6232.

**Grace Network**

As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

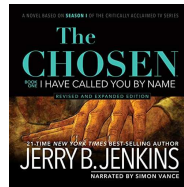
**October Grace Network Food Item**

***Sugar (4 lb.)***

**October Featured Items**

***Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant***

**FBCC LIBRARY BOOK OF THE MONTH**



***The Chosen***  
***I Have Called You By Name***  
**By: Jerry B. Jenkins**

Based on the acclaimed video series *The Chosen*, the most amazing story ever told—the life of Jesus—gets a fresh new telling from *New York Times* best-selling author Jerry B. Jenkins. What was it like to encounter Jesus face-to-face? How would he have made you feel; changed your way of thinking about God? Would he have turned your world upside down? Journey to Galilee in the first century. See the difference he made in the lives of those he called to follow him and how they were forever transformed. Experience the life and power of the perfect Son of God as never before—through the eyes of everyday people just like you. (located on the stand by the Social Hall Double Doors)

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—August 31, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.001
March-Dec. donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—July 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$23,821.91
August 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 1,746.25
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$138,523.07</b>
<b>Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>\$76,160.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance 08/31/23</b>	<b>\$62,363.07</b>



**Loving Hands Ministry**  
**Meet Every Thursday of the month**  
**10:00am-12:00 noon**  
**2nd Floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216**

The Loving Hands Ministry is going strong. We are hard at work knitting, crocheting, sewing and using our hands to make items for the *Shoe Boxes* and to donate to local nursery homes, the *Ravenel Breast Cancer Center*, the *Oncology Dept.*, *Mt. Valley Hospice*, the *Warming Center*, *Foster Children* and in *Danville*, the *Women's Center* and the *Pediatric Floor*.

We meet Thursdays on the 2 1/2 floor at the church in room #216. There is plenty of room for more people to join us to fellowship and to make blankets, hats, soap sacks, scarves, jump ropes and more. There is something for everybody to do. If you are not interested in using your hands to help, monetary donations for supplies would be appreciated.

Please pray about joining us soon. We would love to see you in room #216, the Loving Hands Ministry Room.

*The Loving Hands Ministry*

For more information you can call Bobbi Frazier @ 276-252-8106

**Evangelism/Mission Development**

We had 31 people attend the September 10 quarterly movie, 'Left Behind'. The follow-up workshop was not as well-attended.

We will re-do the 'Communicating Beyond the Rapture' workshop some time after the women finish their 6-week study of the Wilderness Tabernacle. With that being the run-up to the holidays, we will probably wait until January.

At this point, I'm hearing that the holiday schedule is already busy enough without a quarterly movie event. So, we'll hold that off until January, as well; If you have other thoughts, please talk with Rocky Rockwell.

Remember that Fall Festival is the third full weekend in October. As of this event, we will have a prayer tent at our outdoor events and a dedicated prayer room in the church at indoor events - set aside to provide ministry of presence for anyone who needs it. We have everything ready for that. If you would like to help as a prayer warrior in the tent, please see Pastor Larry or Rocky Rockwell.

Also remember that the men of the church are invited to join Pastor Larry, Pastor Christian and other church leaders in Pastor Larry's office at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to pray for the church before Sunday School gets started.

**Music Notes**

**5 - Fifth Sunday**

**ALIVE - "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ" Ephesians 2: 4-6**

Please join us for our first 5 ALIVE Sunday morning worship event on **October 29:**

**9:00 - 9:30:** Coffee and donuts will be available in the Social Hall prior to Sunday School

**9:30 - 10:15:** Sunday School

**10:30 - 11:00:** Pre-service Worship with special music in the sanctuary

**11:00:** Regular worship service

**(Please note the changes)**

**YOUTH CORNER**

**#things are a changing**

Greetings and happy October FBCC. Its here, finally one of my favorite times of the year. Friday night football, hoodie weather, and pumpkin spice everything. Do you enjoy this time of year as much as I do?

I love this time of the year because it resembles a time of change. We all need change in our lives. Most often people look at change as a bad thing but changes happen all the time and its often for the better. So this year I challenge you to look at the changing of the colors as an opportunity to change the items in your life that you are well aware of a need for change. Maybe it's the attitude towards others who think, act, and appear different then you. Maybe it's a time to change the way you treat someone who has wronged you. The Bible does tell us to turn the other cheek. No matter what change is needed in your life, my prayer is that you seek counsel from God and from the people God has placed in your life. Change results in beautiful shades of reds, yellows, and oranges and can result in smiles, warm hearts, and Godliness.

**Youth Calendar for October**

**Oct. 6th and 20th: 5th Quarter:** Join us after every home football game at Bassett @ Stanleytown Amazing Grace Baptist Church. Inflatables, food, worship, and its all free

**Oct. 21st: Humble Hands:** Two options for our teens to serve. Pumpkin Patch Grace Network for Fall and the FBCC Fall Festival.

**Oct. 27: Youth Lock-In:** It's our fall lock in and its costume themed. Stay up all night and have fun and grow.

**Nov. 4th: Spaghetti Dinner Service Project:** Come help us prepare to go meals for the community. All Donations received help offset the cost of Shipping the Shoe Boxes. Teen who gets the most meals wins a gift card.



**Senior Adult Trip—Monday, October 16**  
**Going to Maybry Mill, Farmer's Market and Nancy's Candy**



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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

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 Paid  
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Return Service  
 Requested

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- October 2023 Birthdays**
- 01 Eddie Conner
  - 01 Christine McAlexander
  - 02 Scott Terry
  - 02 Mona Turner
  - 03 Betsy Ivey
  - 04 Kathy Draper
  - 06 Alex Alley
  - 06 Katelyn Cobb
  - 07 Joe Ann Belcher
  - 07 Curtis Stone.
  - 07 William Blackwell
  - 07 John Flanagan
  - 08 Phyllis Prillaman
  - 09 Kim Beckner
  - 09 Austin Haskins
  - 09 Maddy Oliver
  - 09 Judy Robertson
  - 09 Roger Woods
  - 10 Will Nance
  - 11 Carley Mayberry
  - 12 Zane Forbes
  - 12 Justin Morris
  - 14 Paige Holcomb
  - 15 Brad Ferguson
  - 15 Rhett Houston
  - 16 Abby Quinnan
  - 18 Cindy Adkins
  - 19 Debbie McKinney
  - 20 Alan Brummett
- November 2023 Birthdays**
- 01 Greg Craven
  - 02 Matt O'Dell
  - 02 Jennifer Witt
  - 03 Stacy Fontaine
  - 03 Samantha Martin
  - 05 Kaitlin Haskins
  - 05 Susan Wagoner
  - 06 Judy Anthony
  - 10 Zoie Pace
  - 10 Summer Shelton
  - 11 Sandy O'Dell
  - 12 Sherryl Anderson

- 20 Woody Mize
- 21 Kirk Beal
- 21 Nelda Billings
- 21 J. D. Collins
- 21 John Floyd, Jr.
- 21 Kelly Jones
- 22 Chris Hatchett
- 23 Britney Terry
- 23 Anna (Connie) Hodges
- 24 Robert Duke
- 25 Colton Collins
- 25 Judy Harmon
- 27 Bobby Carter
- 27 Denise Collins
- 28 Mackenzie Eggleston
- 30 Arthur Emberson

**October 2023 Anniversaries**

- 06 Tony & Helen Alley Crane
- 06 Jonathan & Sarah France
- 09 John & Donna Floyd
- 09 Charlie & Diane F. Turner
- 12 Tim & Gail Atwood
- 17 George & Carol Gentry
- 18 Paul & Sherrie Setliff
- 29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins

**November 2023 Anniversaries**

- 06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
- 14 Chris & Sara Roetken
- 19 Mike & Dana Pennington

**Quarterly  
 Business Meeting  
 Wednesday  
 October 25  
 6:45pm  
 SonShine  
 Classroom**



*We as a church would like to thank you **Pastor Larry Cheek** for your continuous support of your congregation, our families and loved ones. We are deeply appreciative of the work you do for the Lord, example you display and inspiring messages you provide as we navigate this world and try to reach others for Christ.*

***Pastor Christian Lund**, we are so grateful to you as well for the support you have provided for our youth and their families. Thank you both for the messages of hope you portray to each one. May God continue to richly bless you and your ministries here at First Baptist Church of Collinsville.*