

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

God & Love



From the Pastor Hi folks. Can you believe it is already February? Now I know that some of you may not be all that big on celebrating Valentine's Day. But can I tell you something—it is important to God. Well, the emphasis of our holiday, "love", is important to Him for several reasons.

For one, God is love (1 Jn. 4:8). Love is part of God's divine nature. Even unsaved, unchurched people will refer to love in their meanderings about God. If they do not know anything else about God, they know He is associated with love. Even when God is disciplining us or dealing out divine judgment, it is done so from a basis of His divine love for us.

Second, God responds to His creation in love. He does more than reflect love—He shows us His love. Think of how God's love is expressed to us. The greatest act of love was demonstrated by God sending Jesus to take our punishment for sin, so they we could be saved. Beyond that, God continues to persevere in that love by providing grace and mercy to us. He could simply walk away from us when we disobey Him or reject His promptings, but He does not. He keeps loving us. All those who end up in hell one day must trample the love of God underfoot to get there.

Finally, God expects His people to love. We often quote the last part of 1 John 4:8 that says "God is love." But the first half of that verse is just as important to the concept of God's love. It says, "He who does not love does not know God". That is pretty clear, is it not? If we say that we are born-again, then love must be a part of our lives. It is not enough to say we love God—we must show our love for Him. This being true, it is not enough to say we love others on behalf of God. We must show that we love them as God loves them. And that expression of love must resemble the love of God. If not, our words mean absolutely nothing. As Paul wrote, it becomes nothing more than a "noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:1).

So, this Valentine's Day, remember to let God know that you love Him. And express your love to others in ways that leave the message ringing loud and clear in their ears—"GOD IS LOVE". Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

AND WALK IN THE WAY OF LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT offering AND sacrifice TO GOD. ~Ephesians 5:2~
happy valentine's day



Craft DAY



CHURCH-WIDE CRAFT DAY

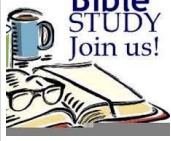
FEBRUARY 24TH 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

We will be making simple craft items to go into our shoeboxes. All ages are invited to attend. These crafts are so simple that you can continue to make them at home while you watch T.V.

*LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
(Hotdogs and Cupcakes)*

So come out and join us as we create items to share Jesus loves for all the children, red and yellow black and white.

You can stay the entire 4 hours or just come when it fits into your schedule. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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



1,000 SHOEBOXES
Our Goal for 2024

We have been challenged by the children to pack 1,000 shoeboxes for the year of 2024. We really need your help. Remember if you like packing your own boxes you are still encouraged to do so. If you would like to help supply items, we could use your help. The children and youth will be responsible for the packing of these boxes. Each month we will collect different items. However, if you want to contribute something that you don't see on the shopping list, we will include them in our packing.

There will be tubs underneath the tapestry for you to place the items in. We will remove them on a weekly basis and store them in a room in the church where we can lock the items up.

Thank you again for supporting the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. We covet your prayers for this ministry.

Suggested February Items: Fashion Accessories (Hair Bows, headbands, ribbons, watches, sunglasses, necklaces, bracelets, etc.)

VBS—Breaker Rock Beach

June 9-12

Questions? See Suzanne Terry or Rebecca Vernon

December Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	55,570
Monthly Budget Offering Received	43,480
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	47,662
Non Budget Expenses (LED Sign—Electrical License	15
Operating Account Balance	286,127
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	6,411
Benevolence Fund	1,309
Project Hope	616
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	82,728

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:

Nellie Overstreet, aunt of H. D. Linkous
David Duke, brother of Robert (Bing) Duke
 Dennie Worrell, father of Debbie Linkous
 Elsie Chitwood, mother of Sheila Ramsey

New Contact Information

Mark Ivey, 350 Kings Way Rd., AL 7, Martinsville, VA 24112
Ellin Cobler, 352 Kings Way Rd., AL15, Martinsville, VA 24112
Doris Draper, Suncrest Assisted Living, 2415 Figsboro Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112

Kera Music, 418 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112

Paul & Sherrie Setliff No longer have a landline

Paul's Cell No. 276-252-5883
 Sherrie's Cell No. 276-252-4948



New Arrival

Tyler & Erin Robertson proudly announce the birth of a son, Brock Michael Robertson, born on January 8, 2024. Brock weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. Brock also has a big sister, Parker, who is loving on him. His grandparents are Jerry and Judy Robertson.

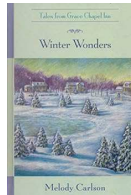
NEEDED : VAN DRIVER

FBCC is in need of a Van Driver for transporting participants to/from church, who are unable to attend otherwise. **This is a paid position. No CDL required.** If interested please contact the Church Office at 276-647-3774.



FBCC Library Book of the Month

"Winter Wonders"
By Melody Carlson



When Louise's daughter Cynthia brings home a famous home-and-garden expert to write a children's book, the Howard sisters' peaceful lives are turned upside down. And now Alice has gone and gotten herself involved in the local dog racing. The dogs are being mistreated, and she's jumped into the cause, head first, becoming far more involved than she'd ever intended.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—December 31, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Nov. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$39,491.91
December 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 6,441.25
Total Received	\$158,888.07
Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$82,728.07



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 nursing 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.

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

Evangelism/Mission Development

Our quarterly movie last month, "The Ultimate Gift", was well received but with only 17 in attendance. We would really like to grow this program into a quarterly community event by inviting people from throughout the community.

We continue to have a critical need for volunteers to help with the local jail ministry program. We could make a lot more of an impact with just a few more volunteers from each church in the community. Please consider joining us. Talk with Rocky Rockwell about the opportunities.

Please join us Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor for our weekly prayer for our church. We will break in time for everyone to get to their classes.

Men, if you are not already in another Sunday morning class, you are encouraged to join the new Thomas Kasey Bible Study in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor immediately after the prayer time.

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.

February Grace Network Food Item

Juice (40-64oz.)

February Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Bath Soap, Toothpaste and Individually wrapped toothbrushes

W M U NEWS

Hope everyone is staying warm! Spring is not far away!! Thank you all for the items collected for the Warming Center. We had 3 totes packed full plus several boxes of shoes and necessities for the homeless.

Our Mission Action for February is the Foster Children At Hope Tree. They need back packs, small suitcases, games, puzzles, personal items, (for the older girls), Pajamas size 5-16, socks, underwear (new in packages—boys and girls), Gift cards from Fast Food Places for them to give as gifts for their birthday or anything that would make them feel loved.

I am so thankful that we have Hope Tree to assist these precious children. May God continue to bless this ministry.

Blessings, Lana, Hope and Bobbi

Thanks to Bobbi Frazier for helping load and deliver!!!

Greetings from the Lighthouse

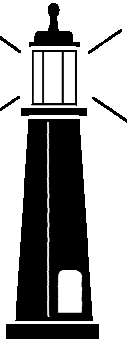
Do you enjoy listening to the old classic love songs or do you enjoy watching a good romantic movie? Now I'll admit I don't watch a ton of romance movies but there are some that I would say are pretty good. For the most part if it's a "chick flick" it has to have some element of funny in it for me to watch it. My personal favorite chick flick hands down goes to *50 First Dates*. I did watch the movie *A Walk to Remember* and this guy had some tears stream down his face at the end but don't go sharing that with anyone, it will be our little secret.

My first experience dealing with the whole "love thing" happened when I wrote a little note to the girl I was crushing on in 1st grade. It was the usual note that simply said "do you like me check yes or no" I never got that note back so I never really found out but I'm guessing it was a no.

This month we are reminded over and over and over again about Love. You walk into any grocery store and you are bombarded with hearts, balloons, cards and candy. It is not a bad thing to be reminded of love as long as the Love you think about is true love and not the commercial, hallmark kind of Love. Love is something that we all should take seriously. 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us all of what love is. It is patient, kind. It does not envy or boast. It is not self seeking. It keeps no record of wrong nor does it delight in evil. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and perseveres. Love never fails. The only one who can truly fulfill Love in the purest form is Christ. Let me conclude by saying this. When you write that love note to Jesus. He will give that note back and the word yes will be circled but the word like will be replaced with love. I hope you have written that note to Jesus but if not come talk to me and I will be glad to have that discussion with you.

Pastor Christian

Superbowl Party, Sun., Feb. 11 @ 4:00pm



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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

February 2024 Birthdays

16 Vera Dodson	17 John Anthony (V)
02 Chris Newman	17 Dickey Cobb
04 Angie Alley	18 Becky Conner
04 Bill Maydian	18 TK Garrett
04 Lillian Irene Hall	18 Kathy Kitchen
04 Deborah Linkous	19 Caleb Beachy
06 Ruth Brown	20 Michael Mayberry
06 Sharri Love	22 John Floyd
06 Carrie Pinnix	22 Lacey Mize
07 Kathy Martin	22 Izaak Flanagan
07 Audrey Prillaman	23 Jordan Tilley
08 Cameron Adkins	23 Mark Martin
08 Wendell Lawrence	23 Nicholas Pillsbury
09 Hugh Hagood	24 Dale Hancock
09 Steve Houston	24 Brooke Blaylock
10 Shirley Frith	24 Ava Tuck
10 Cindy Vernon	25 Penny Decker
10 Robert Black	26 Taylor Jo Gary
10 Brandon Martin	26 Carolyn Rockwell
11 Elizabeth Teal	27 Lee Gregory
11 Evie Jo Alley	27 Gail Smith
12 Austin Powell	27 Mary Ann Doss
13 Betty Pagans	27 Gina Barrow
13 Sheila Ramsey	28 Brenda Lemons
14 Cory Ashworth	
14 Miranda Ferguson	
14 Emily Cowher	
14 Hunter Hiatt	
15 Mary Ann Wall	
16 Janet Roetken	

March 2024 Birthdays

01 Pat Cobb
01 Deborah Treherne
02 Jay Knighton

02 Rick Wright
03 Gunnar Robertson
03 Jase Ramsey
04 Angela Brunner
05 Mollie Shelton
05 Charlie Fickling
05 Jose Cedillo
05 Eli Martin
05 LeeAnna Ferguson
06 Susan Rorrer
07 Joyce Jacobs
07 Catherine Privette
08 Sharon Belcher
09 Kellie Powell
09 Stacy Craven

February 2024 Anniversaries

10 Carl & Gail Smith
20 David & Peggy Joyce

March 2024 Anniversaries

01 Arthur & Marci Emberson
01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
04 Tommy & Jen Nance
05 Tim & Michelle Pace
11 Larry & Jan Cheek
15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
19 Greg & Shirley Craven
29 Tim & Sandy Gary

Dates to Remember....

Feb. 06: Iva Turner Group/
Social Hall

Feb. 06: Phyllis Creasy
Group/ Hugos

Feb. 10: Valentine Dinner
Social Hall

Feb. 11: Youth Superbowl
Party

Feb. 12: Ladies Card Min.

Feb. 13: Betty Westover
Group/Social Hall

Feb. 14: Valentine Lunch
for Widows & Widowers/
Hugo's

Feb. 15: Joyce Newman
Group/location to be
determined


Feb. 18: Focus on WMU
Sunday

Feb. 20: WMU Council Mtg.

Feb. 24: Craft Day

Feb. 26: Finance & Church
Council Mtg.

Feb. 29: Sr. Adult Trip

 <p>AWANA SUNDAYS 4:00-5:30pm Children ages 2 thru 5th grade</p>
