

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Tough Love

Hi folks. Most of us have heard about “tough love”. Perhaps some of you have even had to apply tough love to someone near and dear to you. That is, you chose to respond to them in a way that may have looked like you did not love them at that time, but it was for their own good. Did you know that God practices tough love? Read 2 Samuel 24.

God was upset with David for taking a census of Hebrew men who were capable of joining the army in the event of an enemy attack. In God’s way of thinking, David trusted 800,000 soldiers (v.9) more than he did his God. After the census, David was convicted in his heart that he had sinned against God. So he asked the Lord to forgive him. In response to his prayer God sent the prophet Gad to David with 3 options (v.13): for his sin the nation would have 7 years of famine, or David would be pursued by his enemies for 3 months, or there would be 3 days of pestilence in the land. This was David’s response, “Let us now fall into the hand of the LORD for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hands of man” (v.14). David wanted God to punish him because He would have mercy. This resulted in the death of 70,000 Hebrew men (v.15).

The word “mercies” in verse 14 is the Hebrew word for compassion. Yes, God is just and righteous in His judgment, but even God’s judgment is tempered by His love. Since God is love (1 Jn. 4:8); He never ceases to be love. Therefore, everything He does contains a strand of love. When God disciplines His children (Heb. 12:7-11) it is because He loves them and wants what is best for them. God never ceases to love, regardless of what we do.

As you prepare to celebrate Valentine’s Day, remember the love God has for you. Jeremiah wrote, “The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup>Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning” (Lam. 3:22-23, NLT). Perhaps those who are special to you could use a dose of God’s type of love this holiday. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

## 2025 IGNITE

### Men’s Conference

March 7–8

Thomas Road Baptist Church

Lynchburg, VA

**Ticket Cost \$79.00**

(Includes the ticket processing fee)

**A Sign-up sheet is posted by the church**

**Office. Must sign up by February 9th**

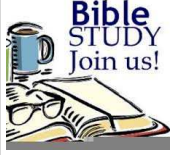
**Conference Speakers include**

Joe Theismann, Granger Smith, Ben Fuller

Rick Rigsby, Tim Timberlake,

Ted Cunningham, Zack Clinton and more!





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



**Loving Hands Ministry  
Meets every Thursday morning  
10:00-12:00noon  
2nd floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216**



**The Ladies Card Ministry**  
2nd Tuesday each month  
12:00pm  
SonShine Classroom  
We will be making, Birthday,  
Anniversary, and Thinking of You Cards

**Widow and Widower Valentine Lunch**



Thursday, February 13 @ Clarence's Restaurant  
Sign-up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board  
Van will leave the church at 12:00 Noon

**November Report**

Monthly Budget Offering needed	45,144
Monthly Budget Offering Received	38,732
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	36,636
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	223,591
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,229
Benevolence Fund	1,895
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	26,492

**December Report**

Monthly Budget Offering needed	56,180
Monthly Budget Offering Received	42,189
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	48,121
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	221,302
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,392
Benevolence Fund	1,380
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	34,153

**In Sympathy:**

Norma Reed, aunt of Angie Alley  
Randolph "Junior" Naff, Jr., brother or Rachel Wood  
Martha Johnson, mother of Sandy Gary  
Larry Linkous, uncle of H. D. Linkous  
Norma Sue Foley, sister of Sandra Cockram  
**Frances Arrington**, friend of many  
Dan Semones, brother of Willa Shropshire  
Sidney Lavinder, husband of Betty Lavinder  
Earl Coy Joyce, brother of Hank Joyce

**New Contact Information**

**Carl and Gail Smith— 276-734-8720** (No land line)  
**Ken & Becky Wagoner—Ken cell 276-734-9686**  
**Becky cell 276-336-0322** (No landline)

**FBCC Library Book of the Month**



**Giving Thanks**

**By: Kristin Eckhardt**

Thanksgiving is around the corner and excitement is in the air. Pete and Dana's wedding is on the horizon, and Pete is making all kinds of changes in his life. While he's busy redecorating his apartment for his new bride, Christopher is organizing a canned food drive at school and gets so wrapped up in collecting the most cans that he forgets all about helping the needy. His drive to win leads the Steverson family to a valuable lesson about honesty.

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—November 30, 2024)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Dec. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$45,933.16
Jan. –Oct. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$29,076.25
November-2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 1,597.50
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$189,561.82</b>
<b>Less Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>-\$ 76,160.00</b>
<b>Total Spent for Parking lot repair</b>	<b>-\$ 86,910.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 26,491.82</b>

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Jan. –Nov.. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$30,673.75
December-2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 7,661.25
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$197,223.07</b>
<b>Less Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>-\$ 76,160.00</b>
<b>Total Spent for Parking lot repair</b>	<b>-\$ 86,910.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 34,153.07</b>

## Women on Mission - *By Our Love*

### What we have done:

For the month of January, our women's missions groups concentrated their projects on the warming center in Martinsville. We collected items through the end of the month and delivered to the center on January 27 along with a hot meal for the people coming in to stay the night to escape the cold. We pray that we were not only able to warm their bodies but also provide Jesus' warmth for their souls.

### What we are doing:

During the month of February, we will be sharing God's love through these projects:

### WMU Focus Week - February 16 - 23 -

#### Theme: What Love

**Sunday, February 16,** we will be challenging the congregation during the morning worship service to pray for our missionaries and reach out to the community

**Sunday, February 16:** we will be going to the Hairston Home for Adults to play Bingo and have a Valentine's party

**Saturday, February 22:** we will have a breakfast for all WMU members (place TBD)

**Sunday, February 23:** at the beginning of the service, several congregation members will share their experience with their community outreach

Throughout the week, the WMU members will be visiting their shut-ins to share God's love with them



**AWANA**  
**SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM**  
For children 2 years to 5th Grade  
FBCC Social Hall

**LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**  
**FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**  
**FBCC's Goal for 2024 \$10,000.00**  
**Received to Date \$8,852.30**



### Can You spare a Box of CHOCOLATE CAKE MIX?

The Touchdown Club of Bassett High School's football team is providing the players with Protein Shakes. They use Chocolate Cake Mix as part of the ingredients for the Protein Shakes. If you would like to bring a box of cake mix for this effort, you can give it to Sherry Flanagan, put it by the computer table in the balcony or drop it by the church office during the week. This is a good outreach project to benefit the football team at Bassett High School.

## Youth of the Month



**Cassie Foley**

Cassie Foley is a senior at Bassett High School. She plans on pursuing a degree in criminal justice but has not decided on which school to attend after graduation.

She has been attending FBCC Youth Group since 2020. She and her friend, Bre were regular attendees throughout the youth video services during COVID. Bre attended the Good News Club at John Redd Elementary School and as a result, they both decided to join the FBCC youth group and we're so glad they did!

Cassie attends Christian Faith Baptist Church in Ferrum. Her favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

She lives with her papa, Bud Spencer. She works at Food Lion in Stanleytown, so drop in and let her check out your groceries!

She is a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society at BHS. She enjoys any kind of pizza and likes to cook.

## GOOD NEWS

The Sunday morning worship service is now being uploaded to the FBCC Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and type in **First Baptist Church of Collinsville, VA** and you will be able to enjoy the service

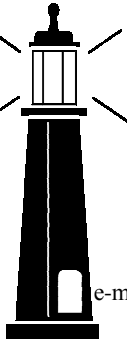


## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2025 Offering envelopes are available for you to pick up.

They are located on a table next to the Tapestry.

If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and would like a box, please come by the office or call and we will be more than glad to issue you a box.



**First Baptist Church**

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Prayer Room Ministry: 276-647-3777

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web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

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 2025 Birthdays**

- 01 Elizabeth Robertson
- 02 Chris Newman
- 04 Angie Alley
- 04 Debbie Linkous
- 06 Ruth Brown
- 06 Carrie Pinnix
- 06 Sharri Love
- 07 Kathy Martin
- 07 Audrey Prillaman
- 07 Linda Hagood
- 08 Cameron Adkins
- 08 Wendell Lawrence
- 09 Hugh Hagood
- 09 Steve Houston
- 10 Shirley Frith
- 10 Cindy Vernon
- 10 Robert Black
- 10 Brandon Martin
- 11 Elizabeth Teal
- 11 Evie Jo Alley
- 13 Mike Minter
- 13 Betty Pagans
- 13 Sheila Ramsey
- 14 Cory Ashworth
- 14 Miranda Ferguson
- 14 Emily Cowher
- 14 Hunter Hiatt
- 15 Mary Ann Wall
- 16 Janet Roetken
- 17 John Anthony (V)

**March 2025 Birthdays**

- 01 Pat Cobb
- 01 Deborah Treherne
- 02 Jay Knighton
- 03 Gunnar Robertson
- 03 Jase Ramsey
- 04 Angela Brunner
- 05 Molly Shelton

- 05 Charlie Fickling
- 05 Jose Cedillo
- 05 Eli Martin
- 05 LeeAnn Ferguson
- 06 Susan Rorrer
- 06 Jen France
- 07 Joyce Jacobs
- 07 Catherine Hancock Privette

**February 2025 Anniversaries**

- 10 Carl & Gail Smith
- 12 Dan & Kelly Kisner
- 20 David & Peggy Joyce

**March 2025 Anniversaries**

- 01 Arthur & Marcilene 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

**Thought of the Day**  
*Some people grumble because God placed thorns among the roses, yet never thank Him for the roses among the thorns.*

**Dates to Remember.....**

- Feb. 02:** Ladies Bible Study
- Feb. 04:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
- Feb. 04:** Iva Turner Group
- Feb. 04:** Phyllis Creasy Group
- Feb. 05:** WMU Council Meeting
- Feb. 06:** Loving Hands Ministry
- Feb. 08:** Couples Valentine Dinner
- Feb. 11:** Betty Westover Group

**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 FOOD ITEM**

Creamed Corn 15 oz.  
(NOT regular corn)

**FEBRUARY FEATURE ITEMS**

Toilet Paper, Bath Soap  
Toothpaste

Toothbrushes/individually wrapped

