

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



SLIP SLIDDING AWAY

Hi church family. I expect most of you are praying for an early arrival of spring. Some of you may have even jumped ahead to beseeching God for summer temperatures. While I do enjoy the colder weather more than most people, it does present some challenging issues. One of those really cold weeks during the winter weather there was an area right in front of the door leading to our offices where the rain had frozen, but it was not visible to the naked eye. When I stepped on that patch of ice my feet slipped. Thankfully, I was able to steady myself and did not fall. Afterwards, I asked Kim to put some salt on the ice and orange cones around the perimeter to make visitors aware of the danger.

One of the things I appreciate about God is that He often uses everyday life to assist us in our efforts to live spiritually. If I had been carrying something in my arms, when I slipped on the ice, I might have fallen. But in that moment, I was able to extend my arms and keep my balance. The Bible tells us to, *"Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall"* (Psalm 55:22). The burdens that we often carry in our hearts and minds can cause us to fall. We become distracted by a problem we need to solve, or a health issue that has arisen, or a task that must be completed. These or other burdens cause us to become spiritually unbalanced—we fail to look to God for our solution or lean on God for our strength. In other words, we are attempting to carry a burden ourselves.

The Bible encourages us to bring our burdens to Jesus (Matthew 11:28). We can trust Him to carry the loads that are too heavy for us. Don't risk falling! Whatever it is that is weighing you down and consuming your life, give it to Jesus. He will gladly carry it for you.

Pastor Larry



5th Sunday

5 Alive

March 30

Please come join us

9:00am Donuts, Coffee and fellowship

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

MAY 4

Covered Dish Lunch

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special Sunday



VBS 2025

Magnifying

God's Greatness

VBS will be June 8-12 from 6 to 8:30. Please mark you calendars and b sure to join us for a week of *"Magnifying God's Greatness!"* Be in prayer about how God can us you to make a difference this summer in the lives of children in our community. If you know where you would like to serve, please see Melanie Eggleston or Rebecca Vernon to volunteer.

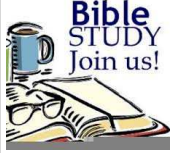
Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me: *Let us exalt his name together.—Psalm 34:3*



DAYLIGHT TIME

BEGINS MARCH 9

BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCK FORWARD



**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**



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

ATTENTION!

All Parents of Children and Youth

There is also a suggestion box located on the welcome desk for anyone who would like to include their input and thoughts of what they feel the job description for the Ministerial Staff position should entail.



**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. This is a good outreach project to benefit the football team at Bassett High School.

January Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,284
Monthly Budget Offering Received	41,053
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (Memorials, Use of building, etc.)	100
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	24,052
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	244,217
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	11,046
Benevolence Fund	1,215
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	38,559

In Sympathy:

Ricky Hartis, father of Sara Roetken
Joan Pace, mother of Brian Pace
Harry Alley, father of Alex Alley

New Contact Information

Carolyn Maydian: 276-252-4719
Joan Collins: 276-358-0043
Agnes Vanhulzen: 15 Thornton St.,
Mendon, MA 01756



Love Offering

A love offering will be taken on Sunday, March 16 for Carolyn Maydian who experienced severe smoke and water damage from a fire in her home a few weeks ago. She will be displaced from her home for several months. Checks can be made payable to FBCC.

Preschool Donations

Our Weekday Education Program is in need of the following items:

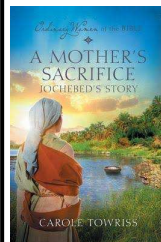
- Germ X hand sanitizer
- Select-a-size paper towels
- Clorox or Lysol wipes

We greatly appreciate any donations you are able to provide. There is a container in the vestibule for you to place these items in.

FBCC Library Book of the Month

A Mother's Sacrifice

By: Carole Towriss



A tiny infant floating in the Nile...who became the man who saw God on the mountaintop and brought down the Ten Commandments. The reluctant leader who brought his people to the gates of the Promised Land. We all know the story of Moses. Less familiar is the story of his mother, Jochebed, an ordinary woman whose extraordinary quick thinking and courageous actions saved the life of her son in a time of great peril.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—January 31, 2025)

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. –Dec.. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$38,335.00
January 2025 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 4,406.00
Total Received	\$201,629.07
Less Total spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$ 38,559.07

Women on Mission - *By Our Love*

What we have done:

During the month of February, the WMU celebrated WMU Focus Week by challenging the congregation to pray for a missionary and spread God's love to a stranger during the week by giving them a blessing envelope. Each WMU group visited their shut-ins and delivered a Valentine care package, and we delivered Valentine treat bags and cupcakes to the Hairston Home for Adults. We also spent an afternoon playing Bingo with them, which they absolutely loved. We ended Focus Week by meeting at Pacific Bay for breakfast. Finally, we cooked and delivered food to the warming center on February 24 for their dinner that night.

What we are doing:

Our focus for the month of March is God's Pit Crew. On Wednesday, March 5, we will be going to Danville to volunteer for two hours, helping them fill their Blessing Buckets. They have been very busy delivering God's hope to people who have experienced extreme hardships, and we are grateful for the opportunity to help them. If the warming center is still open at the end of March, we will once again cook a meal and deliver to them.

Just A Note:

On Sunday, March 30, we will have our 5Alive in the Social Hall from 9:00 - 9:30. Come enjoy coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship time before going to Sunday School.

Evangelism/Mission Development

A note from Rocky, our chairman: It has been a while since I've put an entry in the Lamplighter as I sort out my dual role in the church and the HCBAV. As things come together, it appears more and more that what I'm doing at the association level is becoming an extension of what I have been doing at the church level. I'm still here, actively engaged in our church, just looking at our outreach ministry from a little different level.

The best way you can keep up with ongoing outreach mission development efforts will be to follow <https://HCBAV.org> and get involved wherever you can. They're all covered in the 'Get Involved' page and 'Calendar of Events'. If you are aware of events that need to be on the calendar, please get them to me.

Our disaster response mission trip to Damascus, VA will be over our schools' Spring Break to help in a rebuild effort as BGAV works to rebuild 74 homes. Imagine that, and be part of it! If you have not already volunteered to join us and bring your teen youths along, please go to our website or use the sign-up sheet given to you over two Sundays last month, and volunteer! Jesus Christ commanded us to be there for our neighbors, and we would be so grateful if our neighbors did the same for us.

NASCAR Spring races at the Martinsville Speedway will be March 28-30. They need an infusion of new volunteers to help, and a training session held on March 6 @ 6:30pm in the NEW Office of the Speedway. Anyone interested would need to text or call Tim Byrd (276-252-5052).

Please check out the Tract Racks in the foyer. We have two new bilingual tracts for sharing the Gospel with Spanish speaking people - one for adults and one for children. *Ellos también necesitan a Cristo.*

Youth of the Month



Izaak Flanagan

Izaak Flanagan has been attending FBCC pretty much as long as he can remember. His favorite scripture verse is Mark 10:27, *"But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.'"*

He lives in Bassett with parents, John and Sherry and older sister, Lacy. He has two dogs, Cash and Lucy, and last but not least, Creed, a foot long bearded dragon lizard.

He is a Junior at Bassett High School, plays football and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which meets weekly for devotions. He plans to attend college and pursue a career as an elementary school teacher.

He works during the summer with Tommy Harris doing maintenance and upkeep at Lake Lanier. His hobbies include fishing, hanging out with friends; especially his girlfriend Payton.

Izaak's favorite food is chicken wings – garlic parmesan, YUM!

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.

On the Road Again.....

Senior Adults (age 60 and up)

Hamrick's, Greensboro, NC

Monday, March 10

Van leaves the church at 8:30am

Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. First 15 will ride the van, others car pool.





First Baptist Church
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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
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Return Service
 Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2025 Birthdays

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| 01 Pat Cobb | 21 Nancy Martin |
| 01 Deborah Treherne | 21 Calla Mayberry |
| 02 Jay Knighton | 21 Katie Houston |
| 03 Gunnar Robertson | 22 Jimmy Anderson |
| 03 Jase Ramsey | 24 Jason Collins |
| 04 Angela Brunner | 25 Brenda Hagood |
| 05 Molly Shelton | 27 Judy Dodson |
| 05 Charlie Fickling | 28 Megan Chilton |
| 05 Jose Cedillo | 29 Blayke Collins |
| 05 Eli Martin | 29 Hunter Whitlow |
| 05 LeeAnn Ferguson | 30 Ellen Prato |
| 06 Susan Rorrer | 30 Noah Dotson |

April 2025 Birthdays

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| 06 Jen France | 01 Marietta Gunter |
| 07 Joyce Jacobs | 02 Pam Albanese |
| 70 Catherine Hancock | 03 Debbie Hancock |
| | 05 Teddy Belcher |
| 08 Sharon Belcher | 06 Sharon Barrow |
| 09 Stacy Craven | 07 Karen Castro |
| 12 Neil Ramsey | 07 Noah Castro |
| 12 Rick Wright | 08 Jonathan France |
| 13 John Anthony, IV | 09 Margie Woods |
| 14 James Dodson | 10 Tim Gary |
| 15 Madison Ferguson | 10 Gwen Lewis |
| 15 Carlos Cedillo | 10 Tom Prato |
| 16 Lucas Draper | 10 Tom Prato |
| 17 Timothy Hatchett | 11 Betty Jones |
| 17 Robert Ramsey | 11 Paul Setliff |
| 20 Merleen Beale | 11 Ashton Manns |
| 20 Jose Castro | |

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
 29 Tim & Sandy Gary

April 2025 Anniversaries

- 01 John & sherry Flanagan
 02 David & Melanie Catron
 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
 09 Jason & Paige Collins
 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
 24 Alex & Angie Alley

Easter Schedule

April 17: Maundy Thursday
 Communion Service

April 20: Easter Sunday
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

Dates to Remember.....

- March 04:** iva Turner Group/Agape
March 04: Phyllis Creasy Group/
 Hugo
March 05: WMU to God's Pit Crew
March 06: Loving Hands Ministry
March 07: Men's Conference/Thomas
 Road Baptist Church
March 09: Daylight Savings Time
 Begins
March 10: Ladies Card Ministry
March 11: Betty Westover Group
March 20: Joyce Newman Group
March 30: 5th Sunday—5 Alive

Grace Network

MARCH
FOOD ITEM
 Creamed Corn 15 oz.
 (NOT regular corn)

MARCH FEATURE ITEMS
 Dish Detergent
 Deodorant
 Laundry Detergent

Happy St. Patrick's Day—March 17

