

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



A Place Called Home

... as long as we live in these bodies
we are not at home with the Lord."

(2 Cor. 5:6)

Every week I pass by a patch of land, about a half-acre, that has no home on it. What it does have on it is a fat ground hog that roams this property as if he has a deed registered with the county. He is all over that piece of land. Perhaps the ground hog considers that his home.

We all need a place we can call home. Home is a place where we feel comfortable and safe. It is where we can make memories that will last a lifetime. Some people refer to an area, like a state or country, as home. Others consider a region, south or north, as home. Still others consider a community in which they live, or was raised as home. But for most of us, home is a specific location, a place where we sleep, rest, eat, and enjoy the fellowship of friends and family. Whatever you call home is a very special place to you.

Paul encouraged believers in his day to not get too attached to living on earth. For the Christian, home is eternity with God (Phil. 3:20). If you think about it, those who are born-again are missionaries on earth. We are here to tell others about the love and grace of God. We are here to point others to Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The challenge for believers is to enjoy all that God has provided for us here and still remain focused on the path home.

Everyone who names Jesus as their Lord is on a journey home. Earth is a rest stop on the highway to heaven. Enjoy the trip but don't get too caught up down here. As good as this place might be, it is nothing compared to our home in heaven. When it comes to heaven, there really is no place like home.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



Sunday

August 6

10:00am

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Special Mini Music Concert starting at 10:00

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Chandler

Covered Dish Lunch

(The church will provide the meats and beverages)

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend

Ladies Fall Bible Study The Wilderness Tabernacle



Sept. 17 - Oct. 22
Sundays 4:00-5:30pm
Sunshine classroom

Register by August 13 by
signing up on the bulletin
board outside Christian's office.

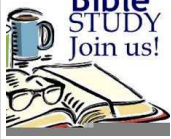
DEACON CORNER

DEACON RETREAT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

DEACON & WIVES DINNER,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

DEACON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20



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

Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 06: Homecoming Sunday
Aug. 11: Senior Citizens Day at Henry
County Recreation Center (next to church)
August 12: Deacon Retreat
August 13: Promotion Sunday
August 18: Deacon & Wives Dinner



In Sympathy:

Rosa Foley, member of FBCC and friend of many
Aubrey Moses, husband of Sandy Moses and friend of many

REPLACING AIR CONDITIONERS AND DOUBLE DOORS

The Properties Committee has requested that the church replace two air conditioning units with 2 heat pumps at a cost of \$33,610.00. Also, the glass double doors on the side of the church where the insurance business is located needs to be replaced at a cost of \$7,000. A business meeting to discuss these proposals is scheduled for August 23 at 6:45pm. The vote on these proposals will be held on Sun., Aug. 27th.



**The Ladies Card Ministry
Monday, August 14**

12:00 Noon
SonShine Classroom
Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will be collecting needed school supplies again this year for Meadow View Elementary School. There will be collection boxes in the vestibule. Following is a list of the items they have requested. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve our community and the education of our children.

- Hand Sanitizer, Tissues,
- Lysol Wipes, Pencils,
- Ziploc Bags (any size)

Let's Celebrate Seniors 55 and Up!

Friday, August 11
10:00am-1:00pm



Henry County Recreation Center

Senior Citizen Day is celebrated throughout the world on August 21. **Henry Co. Parks and Recreation** is celebrating it on **August 11th**. There will be screenings, entertainment, demonstrations, raffles, and light refreshments. You must sign-up by **August 1st**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. This is free. Hope to have a good group going. (Located next door to the church).

Weekday Education Program

Taking Applications



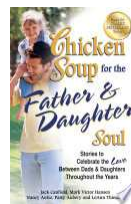
Our Weekday Early Education Program is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Those interested may look on the church website for additional information and forms to be completed or you may call the Church

Office at 276-647-3774 for more information. This is for children ages 3-4 years of age (must be potty trained). The classes meet Monday—Thursday, from 9:00am—12:00 noon. The School Year will begin on September 5, 2023 and will end on May 23, 2024.

Applications are available on the church website or you may pick one up in the church office or call and we would be glad to send one to you.

FBCC LIBRARY BOOK OF THE MONTH

"Chicken Soup for the Father & Daughter Soul"



Stories to celebrate **Love** between dads and Daughters throughout the years

By: Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen,
Nancy Autio, Patty Aubrey and
LeAnn Thieman

Every story in this special volume is sure to evoke the fondest of memories and rekindle the bond between dads and their little girls

(Located on a book stand on the table by the double doors going into the Social Hall)

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—May 31, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—April. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 17,750.16
May 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,111.25
Total Received	\$132,816.32
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 05/31/23	\$56,656.32

Updates to the Capital Campaign will be in the September Lamplighter

June Report

The June Report is not available at this time. You will have the June and July Report in the September Lamplighter



WMU NEWS

Women on Mission, this hot weather is making me long for fall, and then before you know it, Christmas will be upon us!

Let us enjoy the summer anyway. The Hairston Home was such fun, thank you all for helping out with the goodies and quarters, and of course Bingo! They were so excited with the gift bags that were full of soap bags made by the our crocheting ladies, candy, cookies and a bag of 4 quarters for the drink machine and of course we gave them some when they won Bingo!. We gave a blanket our ladies made for someone with a July birthday, it was only one and he was so excited to get it! We shared watermelon, cupcakes and chips and drink with them also. What a blessing to be a part of this ministry, also many thanks to Shelley Belcher, and Shirley Cravens for being such a big help!

Speaking of Christmas, our mission Action for August is Christmas in August, each facilitator has your missionary and a list of things needed for where they serve. Each year the North American Mission Board partner to select missionaries who will be featured for Christmas in August, these missionaries have provided a list of items needed for their ministry and outreach. They also request prayers for each ministry. Each group is responsible for mailing there packages, the addresses are on the form.

Once again, I thank you for always ready to serve where the Lord is leading.

Blessings, Lana and Hope

p.s. a special thanks to Hope for always coming up with the best Bulletin boards for WMU...check it out!

Evangelism/Mission Development

Two things for this month. The deadline is August 10 to register for the Onesimus Project Workshop on Saturday, August 19. If you would like be a part of the discussion on how to assimilate former prisoners into our church life by representing our church at this workshop, please contact Rocky Rockwell, 276-224-0979.

The upcoming quarterly movie on Sunday, September 10, at 4:30 p.m. Our movie will be 'Left Behind', about the Rapture of the Church. This will be followed by a workshop 'Communicating Beyond the Rapture'. We all know people who are not born-again Christians. If they are left behind, how can we share the Gospel with them? There are ways.

We will be providing a Prayer Tent for all special activities starting with the Fall Festival. If you would like to be considered as a prayer warrior for this effort, or if you have suggestions on what resources, tracts, booklets, etc. should be provided, please contact any of the Church Leadership team.

God Bless You!
Rocky

Music Notes

The hymn "This Is Our Father's World" says that "all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." Zephaniah tells us that God is a singing God. Imagine that - God singing to us through the sounds of nature - birds chirping in the trees, breezes rustling the leaves, rain tapping the roof, rivers rippling over pebbles, oceans roaring with each wave - all songs from Him, reminding us of His presence. Each is different in delivery and style - but all are His gift to us. As often as we desire to hear these sweet songs from Him, He longs to hear from us the songs of our heart. Our deliveries are different, but to Him they are a sweet, sweet sound of His children worshipping Him. In all that you do, don't forget to offer Him your song. Here are some upcoming music events to add to your calendar:

1. Sunday morning, August 6 is Homecoming Sunday. Starting at 10:00 a.m., we will have different people from our congregation sharing their gifts prior to the service. Please plan on being there to enjoy this special time.
2. Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., we will have the Christmas cantata reveal in the social hall. We have been praying for just the right cantata for this year, and we would love to have anyone who is interested in possibly singing with us in December to come on the 26th to hear what we will be presenting. We will listen, sing, and mostly enjoy each other's fellowship (with a little spirit of Christmas in the background). You don't have to be able to read music but just have a desire to serve the Lord. Lunch will follow along with a few Christmas games (snowball fight, anyone?). Please be in prayer to see if this is something God is leading you to do. Membership to the choir is not required.
3. Put Saturday, September 16 on your calendars to come and hear Mercy's Well at 6:30. They came and ministered to us through song last summer, and we are very excited to have them back again this year. We will have a time of fellowship after in the Social Hall.

If you would be interested in joining the choir or the Praise Team, we would love to have you. Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room behind the sanctuary. Praise Team practices every Sunday for 30 minutes immediately after the worship service in the choir room.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth

Humble Hands
August 12, 2023
8:45-11:00am



Grace Network

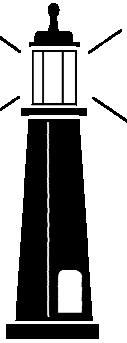
As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

August Grace Network Food Item

Canned Fruit

August Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant



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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
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Permit No. 5

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2023 Birthdays

- 01 H. D. Linkous
- 01 Bonnie Slaughter
- 02 Ty Forbes
- 03 Daryl Emberson
- 03 Becky Wagoner
- 03 Aiden Martin
- 05 Peggy Delancey
- 05 Bonnie Huff
- 05 Jordyn Gibson
- 06 Jacob Martin
- 07 Betty Crotty
- 08 Joshua Haskins
- 09 Jennifer Powell
- 09 Beverly Rakes
- 11 Chas Geramita
- 13 Bobbi Frazier
- 14 Pete Draper
- 15 Suzanne Terry
- 16 Louise Mabry
- 16 Amanda Goad
- 17 Shirley Horton
- 17 C. D. McGuire
- 18 Linda Conner
- 18 Rachel Patterson
- 19 Larry Cheek
- 19 George Collins
- 20 Gabbie France
- 20 Randy Hiatt
- 21 Terri Anthony

22 Autumn Turner

- 23 Al Powell
- 24 Tony Gilbert
- 25 Bryson Ramsey
- 26 Michael Rivera
- 26 Savannah McBride
- 26 Samuel Torian
- 26 Frances Goad
- 27 Brad Pegram
- 28 Tommy Nance
- 28 Connie Black
- 30 Sara Roetken
- 31 Ronald Gillispie
- 31 Allison Love

September 2023 Birthdays

- 01 Milton Pace
- 01 Doris Walker
- 02 Leah Johnson
- 06 Doug Gibson
- 07 George Gentry
- 07 Kemper Terry
- 07 Randy Goad
- 08 Sam Torian
- 08 Tracie Slack
- 09 Wes Martin
- 10 Raymond Rivera
- 10 Delano Thomasson
- 10 Suzanne Turner

August 2023 Anniversaries

- 05 Gary & Doris Walker
- 13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
- 20 Bob & Janet Roetken
- 22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
- 27 Dickey & Pat Cobb
- 30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry

September 2023 Anniversaries

- 09 Scott & Robin Spencer
- 14 Doug & Bonnie Huff
- 16 Pete & Kathy Draper
- 19 Jay & Whitney Engstrom
- 23 Jerry & Judy Robertson
- 26 Tommy & Lisa Houston
- 26 Rick & Sharri Love
- 28 Roger & Margie Woods

August WMU Meetings

- Aug. 01:** Iva Turner Group
10:00am/S. Hall
- Aug. 01:** Phyllis Creasy
Group: 11:30am/Hugo's
- Aug. 08:** Betty Westover
Group: 6:00pm/S. Hall
- Aug 17:** Joyce Newman
Group/Manny's



**Loving Hands
Ministry Meet
Every Thursday
of each month**

**10:00am-12:00 noon
2nd Floor**

Loving Hands Ministry Rm.

We welcome anyone who
would like to join us.
Any questions call
Bobbi Frazer @
276-252-8106.

LED Sign Vote

The vote for an additional
\$7,000.00 toward a LED
Sign was approved by a
vote of:
102—Yes
17—No

*Glory and honor are in his presence;
strength and gladness are in his place.*
1 Chronicles 16:27