

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Little Foxes

Most of you know Jan and I got a new puppy last fall. We named him "Chance."

Since bringing him home he has taken every chance available to make our lives interesting (and sometimes frustrating). The other day he got outside the fence. I had taken steps to fill in the lower areas where he might be able to escape the safety of our back yard. But I missed one place. Luckily for Chance, and us, Jan was watching out the kitchen window one day when she saw him leave under a section of the fence. It was covered by some debris from the neighbor's yard and I could not tell it was low enough for the little dog to squeeze through. When I got home Jan showed me the spot and I fixed it so he could no longer use that portion of the fence to get out.

In Song of Solomon 2:15, the writer essentially cautions us that it is "the little foxes" that ruin the vineyard. Now the biblical context was in regards to a romantic relationship between Solomon and the Shulammite woman. But the application can be for any relationship (spouse, friend, coworker, church member) experienced in the course of living our present day lives.

The foxes are the little things that, often overlooked, can ruin relationships. A word of encouragement or affirmation left unsaid; an act of love or forgiveness left undone. We must pay attention to the small things that arise in day to day living. Because they are small we often consider them insignificant or unimportant. However, that assumption can be devastating to a relationship. Especially our relationship with God.

Moses challenged the Hebrew people saying, "Therefore take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors" (Deut. 7:11-12). The word "therefore" [eikev] in Hebrew means "heel," as in the heel of a foot. The verse implores us to pay attention to the small things when it comes to serving God – things we might otherwise unknowingly tread upon with our heel. When we are careful about doing the little things for God, it is an expression of great love, just as when a spouse thinks of the small things that his or her partner likes.

The little ways we can serve God come in many forms. It could be expressing gratitude each day for all He has given us, or it may be going out of our way to spend time with someone lonely. It could be a friendly smile or a moment of contemplation. We aren't required to do any of these things; rather, we do them out of love.

Make sure you take care of the "small things" in your relationship with God. When we dedicate our lives to paying attention to the small things for God, He will take care of all of the big things for us! Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you for our Christmas cards, bonus, gifts and all the Christmas blessings and well wishes you have shared with us and our families. We truly appreciate the many acts of kindness that you so graciously show us both at Christmas and throughout the year. We hope each of you enjoyed a very blessed Christmas and that 2023 will be a year of peace and blessings for you and your families. God Bless!!!

*Pastor Larry and Jan, Pastor Christian and family,
Sandy, Ruby, Kim, Paige, and Sara*

2022 Contribution Statements

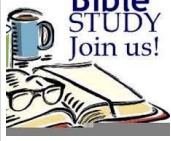
Your 2022 Contribution statements will be mailed to you as quickly as possible before the end of January. If you include your contributions as deductions for tax purposes, it is important **not to file your 2022 tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement from the church of your contributions.** If you are in need of your contribution report before it is mailed, you can contact Sandy Moses in the church office to request a printed copy.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 26—6:45pm

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by Wednesday, January 12 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs published in the bulletin prior to the meeting or included in the meeting agenda. Also please submit your written reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 19.





Tuesday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Larry

10:00am - SonShine Classroom
Everyone is invited to attend

EverBless Foundation

(Formerly Virginia Baptist Foundation
Ministry Partners)
announces their

2023-2024 Scholarships

To assist families with the rising cost of education, EverBless Foundation and its donors are committed to providing scholarships to Virginia Baptist students.

The foundation offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students.

Applicants for foundation scholarships must be full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a BGAV church and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are available on the foundation's website: <http://everbless.org/scholarships/> beginning Dec. 1, 2022. **The deadline for submission is January 31, 2023.**

Contact EverBless @ 1-804-672-8862 if you have any questions.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 Offering envelopes are available for you to pick up. They are located outside the vestibule area as you enter the Sunday School hallway. If you do not see a box with your name and would like envelopes, please call the church office at 276-647-3774 and let us know.

November Report

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	43,072
Monthly Offering Received	36,111
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	44,244
Operating Account Balance	368,723
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	5,025
Benevolence Designated Fund	2,090
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,974
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	30,466

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:

Tim Stegall, brother of Kathy Kitchen
Ron Speakman, brother-in-law of Becky Conner
Eddie Naff, brother of Rachel Wood



New Arrival

Bobbie Frazier proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter, Chase Frazier. Little Miss Chase was born on December 28. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Her proud parents are Joe and Jordan Frazier.

2023 Church Budget Vote

Passed with a Vote of
97 Yes 1 No

Constitution Revision Vote

for Incorporation passed with a vote of:
107 YES 3 NO

Evangelism/Mission Development

Rocky will be leading '70X7', a Bible study on forgiveness, as part of the Sunday afternoon program. The class will run 8 consecutive weeks beginning on January 8. The comments from those who took this study last were very positive - a very transformational look at what the Bible says about forgiveness and the critical role it plays in the life of Christians. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. For more information, please contact Rocky Rockwell at church, call him by phone 276-224-0979, or email him at RockysRamblings@gmail.com

Please put March 5 on your calendar as our next church movie night. We're deciding between 2 excellent movies and will let you know which we will show as we get closer to our March Movie Night. If you have any suggestions for high quality Christian movies with an uplifting message, please share those with Rocky.

January Grace Network Food Item

Potato Products (boxed mashed, scalloped)

January Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—October 31, 2022)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Oct. donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 105,460.31
November donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 1,166.25
Total Received	\$106,626.56
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 10/31//22	30,466.56



Happy New year to all our Ladies in WMU, hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holidays!

Our Mission Action for January is the Warming Center for Martinsville and Henry County. Here are some of the items they are in need of:

Coffee cups, Men's underwear, Paper Plates, Paper bowls, Plastic wear, Gloves for men or women, Clamshell containers, pepper, Cereal, Coffee, Sugar packs, cases of water, and women's socks also.

A container will be placed under the tapestry for your donation.

They are also in need of volunteers to stay overnight and or prepare meals at the Warming Center, if anyone is interested, the number to call is 276-207-9660.

May you feel the blessings as we continue to minister to those in need.

Blessings, *Lana and Hope*

JANUARY WMU MEETINGS

Jan. 03—11:30am: Phyllis Creasy Group/ Hugos

Jan. 10—10:00am: Iva Turner Group/S. Hall

Jan. 10—6:00pm: Betty Westover Group/ S. Hall

Jan. 19—6:00pm: Joyce Newman Group/Najars

NOTICE

Attention all Committee and Ministry Leaders: If you have any outstanding expenses for the year 2022, please turn that information in to the church office as quickly as possible. We need everything by January 10th.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

FBCC 2022 GOAL \$10,000.00

RECEIVED AS OF 12/25/22: \$8,384.00

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Christmas recollections at Grace Chapel Inn

By: Melody Carlson, Beth Adams & Anne Marie Rodgers



Ever since the fun-loving Howard sisters turned their childhood home into one of the finest inns in Acorn Hill, Pennsylvania, they have been blessed with many memorable guests and heartwarming experiences. Now, they share their favorite never-before told recollections about the visitors who made Christmas at the inn especially unforgettable.

Their list — a grumpy old man, a heartbroken newlywed and an ill-behaved child — may surprise you, until you witness how the hope, love and joy, that permeates the inn, especially at Christmas, changes hearts for the better.

YOUTH CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the FBCC Youth team. Our prayer is that you had a very merry Christmas and that you and your family will be stress free in 2023. Our team has been blessed with a great group of youth to minister to. God blessed us in 2022 and I know those blessings will continue if we put our full trust in Him. I wanted to take this time to give all the parents out there a heads up to what the youth group plans to do through the end of February.

Saturday January 28TH

Basketball Game

The youth will travel to Lynchburg Virginia to watch the Liberty Men's basketball team take on Florida Gulf Coast. We will depart the church at 4pm. The game begins at 7pm and that puts us returning to the church around 10:30pm. We ask all teens to sign up in the light house. The cost is \$5.00 plus the cost for dinner on the way there. A permission slip must be filled out in order to attend.

Saturday February 11th

Humble Hands

The youth will begin their monthly service projects in the community. For the month of February the youth will travel to the trash site off Kings Mountain Rd. We will show the love of Christ by assisting residents of Henry County offload their trash and recyclables. Its such a blessing to so many to see our young people represent Jesus in the community. In the future we will help the food pantry and assist the widows and shuts of our church. If you ever get the opportunity pull one of our teens aside and tell them thank you, encourage them, and just show them love.

Sunday February 19th

Parents and Youth Open House

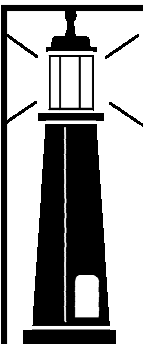
On Behalf of the FBCC Youth leadership team we would love for all the parents of teens to join us on Sunday February 19th at 3pm for youth open house. This will be a great opportunity for any teen not yet attending and parents of any teen to check out the youth ministry of FBCC. This night will give all the chance to experience our group. There will also be a time of question and answer. So come experience a night with FBCC youth.

Saturday February 25th

Winterjam Concert

The youth will travel to the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday February 25th to attend a Christian concert sponsored by jam nation. This years lineup includes Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, We the Kingdom and many others that we all enjoy on KLOVE or Spirit FM. Its life changing music in a youth friendly style and environment. We will depart the church at 1pm. Concert begins at 6. Our projected return time will be 10pm. There will be no cost for the teens to attend. They must sign up in the youth room and a permission slip will be required to attend.

Pastor Christian and the Youth Team



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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

January Birthdays

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| 01 Sharon Anderson | 19 Robert Roetken |
| 01 William Wagoner | 19 Jeremy Craven |
| 02 David Duke | 20 Tina Haskins |
| 02 David Joyce | 20 Allen Ramsey |
| 02 Bill Wagoner | 23 Joan Palmer |
| 02 Megan O. Haak | 23 Sherry Flanagan |
| 06 Jamie Collins | 24 Mike Pennington |
| 06 Carri Turner | 25 Rebecca Beachy |
| 06 Lacey Flanagan | 26 Raymond Prillaman |
| 06 Jackson Crane | 27 Doris Anthony |
| 07 Carolyn Bowles | 28 Dana Pennington |
| 07 Chris Rivera | 28 Michael Craddock |
| 07 Lena Rivera | 30 Kit Conway |
| 10 Carole Webb | 30 Amber Purdy |
| 10 Harold Belcher | 31 Lauren Anderson |
| 12 Carolyn Hatchett | 31 Nancy McGhee |
| 12 Jacob Gilbert | 31 Hannah Patterson |
| 13 Frances Martin | 31 Peggy Moran |

February Birthdays

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| 13 Ethan Collins | 02 Chris Newman |
| 13 Kaylyn Gary | 04 Angie Alley |
| 14 Tommy Harris | 04 Bill Maydian |
| 14 Bobbie Joyce | 04 Lillian Irene Hall |
| 15 Peggy (Legus) Joyce | 04 Deborah Linkous |
| 15 Kevin Harter | 05 Bonnie Shelton |
| 15 Janet Malone | 06 Ruth Brown |
| 17 Steve Emberson | 06 Carrie Pinnix |
| 18 Leslie Cunningham | |

- 06 Sharri Love
07 Kathy Martin
07 Audrey Prillaman
08 Cameron Adkins
08 Wendell Lawrence

January Anniversaries


- 06 Bill & Susan Wagoner

February Anniversaries

- 08 Dale & Nancy McGhee
10 Carl & Gail Smith
20 David & Peggy Joyce

**The Ladies
Card Ministry
January 9
12:00 Noon
SonShine Classroom**
Making Birthday and
Anniversary Cards

Thought for the Day
When a man lives with
God, his voice shall be
as sweet as the mur-
mur of the brook and
the rustle of the corn.
-Emerson



AWANA
Sundays
4:00pm



**Loving Hands
Knitters and
Crocheters**

**1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month
10:00am-12:00 noon
Hospitality Room**

We welcome anyone who would like to join us as we will be knitting and crocheting for missions. Please bring a ball of blue yarn and your knitting needles and/or crochet hooks. Any questions call Bobbi Frazer @ 276-252-8106.

**Prayer Room
Ministry**
**Phone Number
647-3777**