

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Tomorrow

I was walking on the Dick & Willie Trail near the house last week. At different intervals along the path, someone had taken a piece of chalk and written something on the asphalt. The messages said, things like “Someone loves you,” “There is hope,” “Together we are strong,” each message aimed at encouraging travelers along the path. Then as I made my way to the end of the trail, at Smith River Complex, I looked to my left and saw a piece of granite with this message engraved in the stone, “Do not fear tomorrow, God is already there.”

God said something similar to Joshua, when an alliance of enemies came against the Hebrew people (Josh. 11:6). He assured Joshua that “*tomorrow at this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel.*” God is “I AM.” He is not just active in the present. He is not constrained by time. If He were, then time would be more powerful. God exists in all moments of time. This is why Jesus could encourage people to not worry about tomorrow. Read Luke 12:22-34 to hear what Jesus said about tomorrow. Basically, God is saying, “I got this—trust Me.” And He does!

In closing let me point this out. The messages that were written in chalk are probably gone today. The rain washed them away. But the message engraved on that slab of granite is still there. We can trust God to be there tomorrow—and the next day, and the next, and forever. God has promised to be with us thru the end of time and beyond. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we do know Who holds tomorrow.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

Everyone



Welcome

Please join us for
Drive-in Sunday Services

May 10th, May 24th & June 7th

10:30 am Members with last name A-L

11:30 am Members with last name M-Z

Please enter the parking lot from John Redd Blvd. Please remain in your vehicle. These events will be cancelled for inclement weather. No offering will be collected.

(This will change if church closures are lifted)



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER INITIATIVE

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

(See insert)

Church Literature Available

We have the May issues of *Mature Living*, *Home Life and Stand Firm*, along with the *May Read the Bible Thru* sheet and Prayer List sheet available for you to pick up. They are located on the information stand just inside the church at the office entrance. When you come in, there is a Hand Sanitizer stand for your use after you pick up your copy before you leave. These will be available from (9:00am-5:00pm Mon. thru Fri. until they are all picked up.

There are also some April issues that were not picked up if you would like one of them.



Prayer Room Ministry

MARCH AND APRIL 2020

Cards Mailed Out:	72
Phone Calls Made:	6
Prayer Requests Received:	19
Prayers Prayed:	256
Total # of Volunteers Serving:	6

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

Getting the Word Out There

We are trying to make sure each and every one gets the opportunity to hear Pastor Larry's message each week. We are going to put his message on a CD so if you do not have internet you can still be included. We need you to contact the church office by calling 647-3774 to let us know you want a copy of the CD and we will try to have extra copies available for you. (You will have to have a CD player to hear this).

We will continue to try to keep the Prayer List updated as things change. We will be sending the prayer list as an email each week on Wednesday. **If you do not have email and would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office and let us know.** So, as you review the prayer list if you see someone on it that has improved and can be removed please let us know. Also if you know of someone who needs to be added to the list, please let us know (647-3774).

Financial Report for March and April

Budget Offering Received:

March 2020: \$29,373.00

April 2020: \$32,920.00

Annie Armstrong offering received through April 27, 2020: **\$4,932.00 of the FBCC goal of \$5,000.00**

Complete Reports will be available when the Finance Committee is able to resume meeting.

In Sympathy:

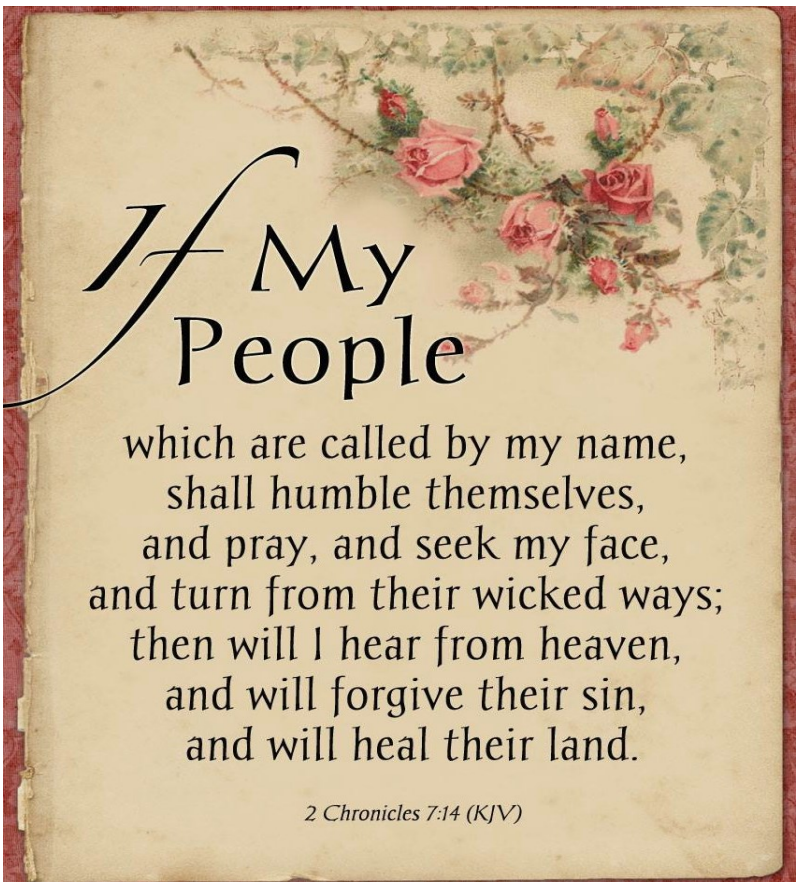
Rheba Shelor, mother of Kathy Tinsley, friend of many Edwin "Ed" Pace, Jr., brother of Milton Pace Steven Johnson, brother of Wayne Johnson

Online Christian Discipleship Course

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commissioned us to baptize and disciple the nations. Our job is to demonstrate and share God's love and God's ways. How do we share what we do not fully understand, ourselves? To that end, we will be entering into a Christian Discipleship Course this month – *doing so online so as not to violate social distancing guidelines.* This will be a basic but thorough study of our Christian beliefs, designed to prepare you to join in the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38) and have victory over spiritual battles in your own life (Ephesians 6:12).

Whether this might be your first systematic discipleship class or a welcome refresher, we want to encourage everyone in the church, especially our church leadership, to take advantage of this course.

Our facilitator will be Rocky Rockwell. To take this course, which is written in a daily devotion style, go to Rocky's ministry website: <https://RockysRamblings.com> and follow the directions to download a copy of the course and sign up for one of the 3 sections of weekly discussion sessions: one Sunday evenings at 7 pm, one Tuesday mornings at 10 am, and one Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.



Thank You Card

I want to express the sincere thankfulness that I feel for your Pastor Larry, deacons and congregation for the kindness that has been shown for my mother, Essie Janey, over the years. You are always in our thoughts and prayers and are greatly appreciated.

Love in Christ, *Nancy Janey Cloeter*

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Tim and I would like to thank the First Baptist Church of Collinsville for making a donation to American Red Cross in my mom's name (Rheba Shelor). She volunteered at the blood drives for a number of years with Mary Higgings and Bea Gusler. She spoke often of the church. I am thankful for the memories and years I had with her.

God Bless, *Kathy Tinsley*

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Dear Church Family:

Thank you for the many prayers, phone calls and cards sent my way. I feel so grateful to be a part of such a loving and thoughtful church family.

Sheila Ramsey

VBS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the COVID-19 and Governor Northam's mandate, plans for VBS may need to be changed.

Please pray for our VBS Leadership as they consider the best options.

Please pray for the children also as they always look forward to VBS and will be disappointed if it has to be cancelled.

Isn't Technology Great?

During these uncertain times, we must have FAITH. FBCC is taking precautions to protect our church family and our community. Please join us on our You Tube page for weekly Sunday Sermons and Wednesday Devotions.



Open Letter from Charlotte Harter to FBCC Children and their families

As we begin the month of May, I hope you have had a chance to look at your lessons that have been posted for you on FBCC Facebook each week. Your Sunday school teachers have worked hard to place your lessons on there, along with us from Children's Church to make sure you stay connected. Mission Friends have an activity each week along with the GA's. Parents, what a wonderful way for you to help disciple your children. Some of you have attended drive-in church. Who would have ever thought you could sit in your car, come dressed as you like, and even eat your breakfast while listening to a sermon and having music. God is pleased!

I also hope you have been able to share yourselves with other members of our church by doing some of the activities we have asked you to do such as selecting 5 church members and sending cards and sending cards to the people in the hospital. Normally, the first Sunday of May has always been set aside to honor our Senior Adults. I hope that when we resume services, we will still be able to do this at church. However, in the meantime, here is your chance to do something for them. You can send a card, write a letter or even give them a phone call. They would love to hear from you.

Now the other important day in May is of course on May 10th, which is Mother's Day. Think of all your Mom has done for you, especially being your "school teacher" during this period. She really needs something special. Oh, by the way, we are not forgetting Dad's help with homework. He will be celebrated in June. Some suggestions would be breakfast made by you, a free day to do whatever she wants, or a special card for a date with you sometime in the future. Let's not forget Moms. We will be studying Biblical mothers on this day in Children's Church.

We will be mailing you a package in May with some activities and crafts for you to do. Don't forget to hold on to your completed activities and turn them in when we meet in person. I hope that that will not be too far off.

Don't forget to continue to read your bible and to say your prayers. Remember, God is always with you, waiting and listening to hear from you.

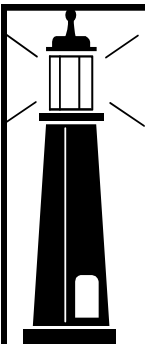
Take care and be safe.

God loves you and so do WE!

Smile!

Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at each other—it doesn't matter who it is—and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other.

Mother Teresa



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Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30-9:40 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Awana	5:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice K thru 6th grade	5:30 pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
RA's & GA's	6:30 pm
Yuth IMPACT (Middle & High School)	6:33 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

02 Agnes VanHulzen
02 Carrie Williams
03 Ann Thomason
04 Tim Atwood
04 Sidney Lavinder
04 Wendy Gilbert
04 Tami Olaiya
05 Allison Prato
05 Hope Johnson
05 Michael Walker
05 Alan Teal
06 Dee Webb
06 Judson Eggleston
07 Sarah France
07 Shelly Gibson
10 Ann Rose
11 Sylvia McKinney
14 Everett Lawson
15 Terrie Robertson
17 Temple Mays
18 Katrell Ramsey
18 Wendy Watkins
19 Marci Emberson
20 Shirley Hodges

21 Edith Sharpe
21 Hank Joyce
21 Jessica Shelton
22 Tina Maxey
24 Phyllis Geramita
25 Michael Vernon (son)
26 Joan Collins
25 Sammy Shelton
26 Scott Spencer
26 Daniel Perry
28 Hazel Joyce
28 Anna Hall
29 Douglas Huff
29 Rick Love
29 Blake Minter
30 Sammy Eanes
31 Danny Robertson
31 Norman Jacobs
31 Judah Beachy

June Birthdays

01 Gideon Huddle
01 Mike Kennett
01 Lisa West
01 Tim Knight

01 Styles Geramita
02 Nicholas Alley
02 David Kinney, Jr.
03 Chris Roetken
03 Rocky Rockwell
04 Bob Hall
04 Ricky Anderson
05 Bruce Adkins
05 Tommy Houston
05 Dustin Beckner
06 Steve Edwards
06 Becky Fontaine
07 Elizabeth Decker Howell

May Anniversaries

01 Roger & Judy Dodson
05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder
06 Ricky & Sharon Anderson
07 Steve & Leslie Houston
09 Jeff & Wendy Watkins
16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson
16 Tom & Ellen Prato
17 Robert & Kit Scott
20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce
23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal
29 Scott & Suzanne Terry
30 Wayne & Becky Johnson

June Anniversaries

02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita
02 Bill & Bobbie Joyce
05 Joe & Tina Haskins
05 Scott & Tonia Patterson
08 Dale & Debbie Hancock
09 Chris & Martha Newman
12 Keith & Paige Scott
13 H.D. & Debbie Linkous
21 Mackenzie & Melanie Eggleston
23 Jeremy & Stacy Craven
24 Allen & Katrell Ramsey
27 Steve & Nancy Edwards
28 Hugh & Brenda Hagood
29 Ralph & Willa Shropshire
30 Al & Jennifer Powell

WMU Mission Announcement

We are putting all our WMU Mission Action Projects on HOLD for now. Due to the COVID 19 we are honoring the "Stay Home" suggestion by our Governor. Just stay in touch with one another until we can meet again.

I miss all of you so much.

Blessings...Lana Martin