



# 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:

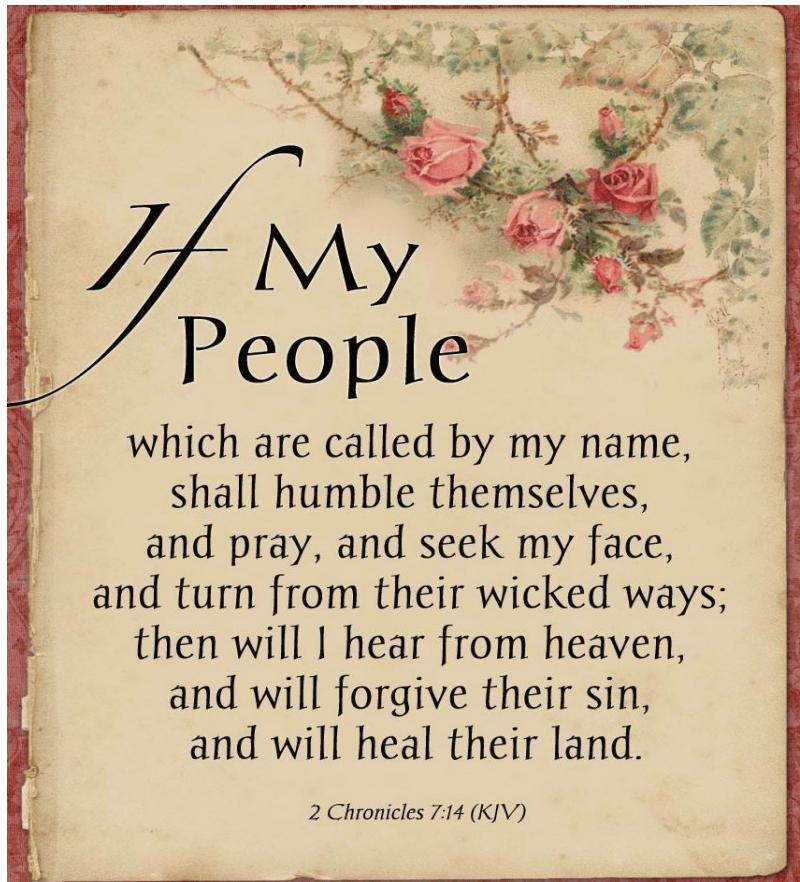
Rheba Shelor, mother of Kathy Tinsley, friend of many  
Edwin "Ed" Pace, Jr., brother of Milton Pace  
Steven Johnson, brother of Wayne Johnson

### 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.



which are called by my name,  
shall humble themselves,  
and pray, and seek my face,  
and turn from their wicked ways;  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin,  
and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

## *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 Higgin 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

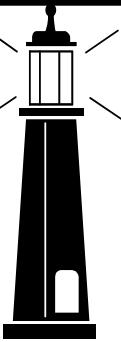
Take care and be safe.

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

Youth 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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Organization  
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*Return Service*

*Requested*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**May Birthdays**

02 Agnes VanHulzen	21 Edith Sharpe
02 Carrie Williams	21 Hank Joyce
03 Ann Thomason	21 Jessica Shelton
04 Tim Atwood	22 Tina Maxey
04 Sidney Lavinder	24 Phyllis Geramita
04 Wendy Gilbert	25 Michael Vernon (son)
04 Tami Olaiya	26 Joan Collins
05 Allison Prato	25 Sammy Shelton
05 Hope Johnson	26 Scott Spencer
05 Michael Walker	26 Daniel Perry
05 Alan Teal	28 Hazel Joyce
06 Dee Webb	28 Anna Hall
06 Judson Eggleston	29 Douglas Huff
07 Sarah France	29 Rick Love
07 Shelly Gibson	29 Blake Minter
10 Ann Rose	30 Sammy Eanes
11 Sylvia McKinney	31 Danny Robertson
14 Everett Lawson	31 Norman Jacobs
15 Terrie Robertson	31 Judah Beachy
17 Temple Mays	
18 Katrell Ramsey	<b><u>June Birthdays</u></b>
18 Wendy Watkins	01 Gideon Huddle
19 Marci Emberson	01 Mike Kennett
20 Shirley Hodges	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*