

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



The Comfort Zone (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jan and I were fortunate enough to vacation at the beach for a few days. We decided to take our dog Rocky with us. When we first arrived at the house where we would be staying, Rocky would not walk up the stairs to the living quarters. I had to carry him up the steps each time we arrived home and down the steps each time we left the house again. After a few times of lugging his 65 pound body up and down those stairs, I decided to stop. He could make that transition on his own or stay outside, but I was not going to do it anymore. What do you think happened? Once Jan and I climbed the stairs and disappeared into the house, Rocky decided to join us. He came up as pretty as you please and that was the end of his hesitancy to climb the steps. What he wanted at the top of the steps was greater than his fear of going up them.

This reminded me of the time when Peter asked Jesus if he could come to Him. At that exact moment, Jesus was walking on the Sea of Galilee during a storm. Peter, caught up in the moment, was willing to get out of his comfort zone in the ship. Yes, once out of the ship his faith waned and he began to sink, but the fact remains that he did get out—no other apostle attempted to go to Jesus. This is one of the faith moments that endears Peter to us. We can relate to wanting to do something, but being too afraid to take a risk.

Whether or not we want to admit it, we all have a comfort zone. We tend to gravitate toward places, situations, or people that make us feel safe. Personally, I feel safe in my daily routine. When I have to do something outside what I normally do—I am uncomfortable and apprehensive. However, this is not a bad thing. I have learned that when I am willing to step outside my comfort zone, I experience life in a different way. I learn things that could only have been learned by stepping out. And I grow as a person and a child of God.

As Christians, we should desire to have a relationship with Christ where we are striving to grow closer to Him. Sometimes, growing closer to Christ may mean stepping outside of a familiar situation. For example, God may call you to move to a new place, or He may call you to do something different in your career in order to make an impact for Him. When what we want is greater than our fear, we will step out. I pray God will continue to occasionally coerce us out of our comfort zones so that we may grow. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

New Sunday Schedule

Due to the cooler weather, we will no longer be able to have the 9:30am Drive-in Service. Beginning November 1, 2020 there will be **one service at 10:00am in the sanctuary**. The church has purchased a transmitter so that if you prefer not to come inside you can tune your car radio to FM87.9 and be able to hear the service taking place while sitting in the parking lot. If you plan to remain in your car, you can park on the 220 side or the John Redd side for best reception. If you plan to come inside, you will want to continue to enter the parking lot through the John Redd Boulevard entrance. Only the triple doors to the sanctuary on the John Redd side will be open for you to enter and leave.

Just as a general reminder, you are encouraged to wear your mask when entering and exiting the sanctuary.

Help Needed—Sign Up Now

On Saturday evening, December 12 from 7 - 9pm, FBCC will host its first Drive-Through Nativity, complete with stations depicting the Gospel message of Jesus. We need volunteers to be willing to stand in the stations for an hour in costume. We will also need a few people to help with traffic detail and a few runners (people who will deliver items to necessary places). With all of this, we need between 30 - 40 volunteers who are willing to help. Since this holiday season will look a little different from those of years past, doing this will allow us to share the Gospel message to the community in a safe and meaningful way. Please pray about how you can serve.

You will need to sign up by November 8th.

Sign-Up Sheets posted on the Bulletin Board near the church office and on the podium near the sanctuary entrance. You may email Ruby at fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com or Sandy at fbccsandymoses@gmail.com or call the church office at 647-3774. If we do not get the number needed we will not be able to have the Drive-Through Nativity.



Prayer Room Ministry

**Prayer Room
Phone Number
647-3777**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

2020 Goal for FBCC

\$10,000.00

Be sure to pick up your Lottie Moon offering envelope and the 2020 Week of Prayer for International Missions Pamphlet from the tables near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Due to COVID-19 FBCC will not have the Lottie Moon Post Office this year.

If you would like to give to the Lottie Moon Offering in honor or memory of a loved one, you can include that information on your offering envelope or drop it off at the church office by December 21. We will place a list in the January issue of the Lamplighter acknowledging these gifts.

One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to the administration.

Building Improvement Fund

Due to the delay in being able to start the Capital Campaign, the Finance Committee has approved a designated Fund for Building Improvements. This fund can be used for memorial donations or other special offerings to help toward the cost of upcoming building repairs. When we can move forward with the Capital Campaign, any monies in the Building Improvement Fund will be transferred to the Capital Campaign.

Help Needed

The Henry Co. Food Pantry in Bassett is looking for volunteers to help pack food boxes each week at their facility. They need volunteers every Monday and every Wednesday from 9:00-12:00 noon. These boxes are distributed to four sites where they are given to those in need of food. This a program that is funded by the Harvest Foundation and sponsored by Feeding America during these Covid-19 days. If you are interested in helping with this you may contact Sharon Mills at 276-629-1369.

In Sympathy:

Eva Bowling, sister of Lois Dalton
Jean Draper, cousin of Betsy Ivey
Adrian Barrow, brother of Gina Barrow
Jimmy Kidd, brother-in-law of Becky Crotty
Shirley Parcell, wife of Ray Parcell
Eddie Penny, brother of Pat Cobb
Mary Ruth (Mickle) Ward, aunt of Randy Joyce
Carl Hooper, cousin of Marci Emberson



New Arrival

Tyler and Michaela Varney proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Maisie Rynn Varney. Little Maisie was born on October 13, 2020 weighing 9 lbs. and she was 20 inches long. Big sisters to Maisie are: Addy, Penelope and Lexi.

Her grandparents are Lee and Kim Forbes and her proud great-grandmother is Becky Crotty.

Ministry & Committee Leaders

At the last Finance and Church Council meeting it was decided to try to keep the same budget amounts for 2021 as we have for 2020. However, if you know that your budget line item needs to be increased, please submit a request to Sandy Moses or Kathy Draper by **November 9** along with a reason for the adjustment. If we do not hear from you, your budget request will stay the same as 2020. If you would like a copy of the most recent detailed expenses for your line items(s) please contact Sandy and a copy can be mailed or emailed to you. Please contact Kathy or Sandy if you have any questions.

New Church Year

Our new church year began September 1, 2020, but due to the COVID19 restrictions things are having to be done a little differently this year. Because of not being able to hold regular meetings, the Nominating Committee is contacting those who are currently serving as ministry leaders and committee members to ask if they would continue to serve for another year. The deacons have all agreed to continue to serve in their role for the new church year. You will receive a letter soon with your deacon's contact information.

Grace Network

Grace Network is returning to normal hours to help people with services such as rent, utility and food assistance. They will be working by appointments only.

They are also accepting food items from participating churches. **FBCC's food item for November is Potato Products (mashed, scalloped, etc.).** Just bring to the church and the Benevolence Committee will take the items to Grace Network.

They are in dire need of volunteers. If you would like to be involved in this organization, please call 276-638-8500.

Thank You Cards

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls and cards in honor of my son, Stanley Chaney, and also my sister, Elva Bowling.
I especially would like to thank the Church for a gift to the American Lung Association in memory of my son, Stanley Chaney.
Also, I appreciate the financial donation to the Salvation Army in Roanoke, VA in memory of my sister, Elva Bowling.
I Love and appreciate all the kind words of comfort. Thank you Larry for your help in the funeral.
May God Bless each of you.

Sincerely, Lois Dalton

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We find comfort, strength and peace just knowing others care. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The family of Carlos Coleman thanks you for your memorial to Oak Level Baptist Church. It was greatly appreciated. Also I would like to thank you for your many cards and prayers. I could feel your thoughtfulness!

In Christian Love, Becky Wagoner

Church Family,
Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes--on my goodness. It's almost time to ship them off, so would you please **bring the boxes to the church by Nov. 10th**. I hope you have been packing lots of boxes and that they will be a blessing to the children that receive them. Watching some of the videos you can see how excited the children are and to think they also receive the Gospel message. The message is even more of a blessing. Thank you for each box you pack. You are going as a missionary to a part of the world where you may never go in person, but you go by way of a shoebox. May you continue to be richly blessed in your mission works.



Just look at these happy faces

W M U News

WMU Ladies, time once again, as we approach the Christmas season, to share our abundance with those who are not as fortunate. With much prayer and guidance, I have chosen Christmas Cheer for Children ages 2-10, any types of gifts, puzzles, games, trucks, balls, jump ropes, dolls etc... Julie Gillispe is over this organization and has been so helpful! Charity League takes care of the older kids and Infants are given diapers and wipes from the Christmas Cheer Organization, if you want to get a blanket or soft toy for an infant, that would be great! Julie will have a box in our church Monday(11/02), it will be placed in the main entrance on the John Redd side and she is asking us to have it ready by December 11th. She will pick it up with the help of the Martinsville Police Dept.

We have decided to not have the Lottie Moon Post Office this year for obvious reasons, but it would be nice to reach our to our members who are shut ins or just need encouragement at this time of year!

Let us not forget the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, as we continue to support our Missionaries all over the world!

Please keep in touch with each other and Thank you once again for your willingness to reach out to our community and our world to share the Gospel of Christ!

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, May God bless you all as we once again come together with family and friends (with our masks on :).

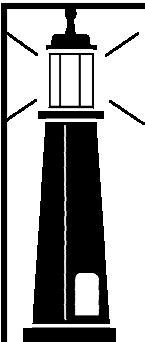
Also, I am encouraged by the amount of shoeboxes already in our foyer.

Happy Thanksgiving and blessings to you all.

Lana Martin



**Honoring our Veterans—Freedom is not Free
Thank You to everyone who has served and is serving
Veterans Day—Wednesday, November 11, 2020**



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Sunday Inside Worship Service 10:00am

(Can listen in the parking lot on FM87.9)

Awana 4:00pm

Sunday Services & Wednesday night

Devotions are available on www.youtube.com

Just search First Baptist Church of Collinsville



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Return Service
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 01 Greg Craven
- 01 Adam Pace
- 02 Matt O'Dell
- 02 Samuel Vernon
- 03 Ray Parcell
- 03 Stacy Fontaine
- 03 Samantha Martin
- 05 Susan Wagoner
- 05 Kaitlin Haskins
- 06 Judy Anthony
- 07 Pat Davidson
- 07 Carter Breath
- 08 Genevieve Stone
- 10 Zoie Pace
- 10 Summer Shelton
- 11 Perry Tilley
- 11 Sandy O'Dell
- 12 Sherryl Anderson
- 13 Ta'meil Foddrell
- 14 Tonia Patterson
- 14 Hannah Goad
- 15 Ken Wagoner
- 16 Michaela Garrett
- 16 Emily Whitlow
- 17 Rosa Foley
- 17 Sherrie Setliff
- 17 Parker Pinnix
- 18 Charlotte Albert
- 18 Bill Boylan

- 18 Lois Radford
- 18 Dottie Turner
- 18 Nettie Webb
- 18 Daniel Craven
- 19 Joe Haskins
- 19 Erick Rodies
- 19 Hannah Piccolo
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 21 Catherine Kallam
- 21 Mark Ivey,
- 21 Susie Baldwin
- 22 Bill Joyce
- 22 Paul Gusler
- 24 Kit Scott
- 24 Tylar Martin
- 25 Brenda Carter
- 25 Linda Newsome
- 25 Ben Dawson
- 26 Sheree Gillispie
- 27 Carol Gentry
- 28 Sandra Zanfini
- 30 Kristen Weaver
- 30 Daphne Stone
- 30 C. B. Mullins, Jr.

December Birthdays

- 01 Joe Johnson
- 02 Melody Oliver
- 03 Yvonne Harris
- 04 Kevin Shropshire

- 05 Sarah Scott
- 06 Paige Collins
- 09 Bill Mays
- 09 Susan Rodies
- 09 Kenny Inman
- 10 Nathan Roetken

November Anniversaries

- 06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
- 14 Chris & Sara Roetken
- 19 Mike & Dana Pennington
- 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey
- 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow
- 25 Danny & Betty Pagans
- 27 Bill & Temple Mays
- 27 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell
- 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

December Anniversaries

- 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
- 12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
- 13 Jose & Karen Castro
- 14 Tommy & Yvonne Harris
- 15 John & Terri Anthony
- 19 Mark & Betsy Ivey
- 22 Eddie & Becky Conner
- 23 Keith & Melody Oliver
- 23 Jeff & Dee Webb
- 23 Sammy & Bonnie Shelton
- 28 George Collins & Lisa West
- 31 Ray & Lisa Rivers

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
10:00 am: Service
Inside and on Radio Station 87.9
4:00 pm: Awana Meeting

Church Literature Available
We have continued to order church literature for you. On Sundays you can pick up the Mature Living, Home Life, Stand Firm and Open Windows from the tables near each entrance to the sanctuary. During the week they are available at the church office entrance.



**FBCC Office will be closed
Thursday and Friday
November 26 and 27
In observance of
Thanksgiving**