

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



ARETE, Part 2

Last month, I provided you with the first half from a blog by Gary Chapman. To jog your memory, the first word Gary focused on in relation to the Greek word *arête* was "excellence." This half contains the second word associated with *arête*. Hope the message challenges you.

And then there is **purpose**, our response to the question, "Why?" Why did God create me to live here and now? And why does my life matter at all in the bigger scheme of things? As a general rule, most of us seek purpose, realizing that simply meandering through life results in meaninglessness. By living purposefully, we're better able to invest finite time and energy.

When I think of purpose, a snapshot in the life of Nehemiah comes to mind. You'll recall God planted a vision in him that Jerusalem's wall must be rebuilt. Armed with that purpose, Nehemiah took all the necessary steps to get the project underway, encouraging the citizens to aid in the construction. Along the way, he had to deal with some who sought to take financial advantage of the situation. As is often true for leaders, he encountered ridicule from those opposed to the project. Finally, his adversaries resorted to physical threats. Even then, Nehemiah insisted, "I'm doing a great work; I can't come down from this wall." That is purpose.

When circumstances conspire to discourage us or tempt us to throw in the towel, purpose offers renewed hope. In short, purpose adds joy to our existence, overcoming even the drudgery that so often accompanies daily life. And, as our life's story begins to draw to a close, we can look back with fewer regrets as we view the legacy we leave for those coming behind us. For more wisdom visit Gary's blog at <https://www.garychapman.wordpress.com>.

Blessings in Christ.
Pastor Larry

Palm Sunday Communion Service

April 14, 2019

11:00 am

*A love offering for the Benevolence Fund will also
be taken on April 14th.*



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, April 20, 2019

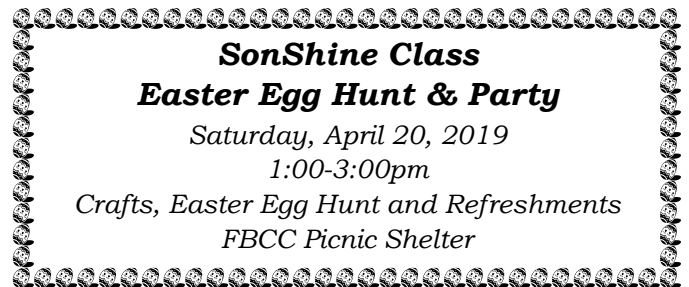
11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The hunt will be in the lower playground at the church. In case of rain, we will move the event into the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The event is open to all children up to the age of twelve.

The children will be hunting for scripture filled eggs, with prizes going to the children for most eggs collected. The children will also be searching for special symbols of Easter! Bring your favorite basket! Light refreshments will be served.

The Children's Choir will be singing songs and sharing the meaning of Easter.

**Please be sure to invite your neighbors, your friends
and your classmates to join us as we celebrate Easter.**



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Sunrise Service

6:30 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am



Prayer Room Ministry

February 2019

Cards Mailed Out: 46

Phone Calls Made: 33

Prayer Requests Received: 57

Prayers Prayed: 251

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 8 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 32

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

In Sympathy:

Kenneth Allman, nephew of Shirley Pagans

Dora Schofield Turner, step-mother of Audrey Johnson

Virginia Hairston, sister of Ruby Amos

Otis Newman, father of Cindy Vernon & Yvonne Harris
grandfather of Belinda Ashworth, Felecia McBride,
Rebecca Vernon, and Michael Vernon

Jerri Minter, aunt of Shirley Craven

Margie Burton, sister-in-law of Sylvia McKinney

A. C. Penney, uncle of Pat Cobb

Ginny Fickling, wife of Charlie Fickling, member of FBCC

Marguerite Thompson, member of FBCC

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY!

Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota mission trip, July 21-26. This trip is through the WMUV. Cost is \$125.00 plus travel and hotel. Anyone interested can contact Greg or Shirley Craven. Deadline for entry is May 1. Orientation is May 11 in Richmond.

FBCC FOOD PANTRY ITEM

FOR APRIL

Saltine Crackers (16 oz. box)

April Grace Network Food Item

Canned Black-eyed Peas

(15 oz. cans)

April Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant



College & Careers 4 Christ

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, April 4th
6:30pm—Dinner, Devotions, & Games!

Henry County Baptist Association

WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church, co-hosted with New Vision Baptist Church on **Tuesday, April 9th**.
Refreshments at 5:15 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Roberta Damon

All Women are invited to attend

FBCC WMU April Mission Action: Each group will choose a missionary family they would like to support.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:45pm

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by April 10 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 April 17.

February Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	160
Worship Service	170
Monthly Offering needed	45,920
(4 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	31,897
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income/Undesignated Memorials	295
Monthly Operating Expenses	32,041
Non Budgeted Expense (Final payment for	
Roof Replacement—Lighthouse)	12,064
Operating Account Balance	222,249
CD's & Savings Balance	59,480
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	8,673
Benevolence Designated Fund	524
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	9,378
Music Fund	195

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.

Book of the Month

When God Doesn't Fix It

By: Laura Story with Jennifer Schuchmann

"Is it possible that good things can come out of our broken dreams?"



Worship leader and recording artist Laura Story's life took an unexpected turn when her husband, Martin, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Their lives would never be the same. Yes, with God all things are possible. But the devastating news was that no cure existed to restore Martin's short-term memory, eyesight, and other complications. The fairy-tale life Laura had dreamed of was no longer possible. And yet in struggling with God about how to live with broken dreams, Laura has found joy and a deeper intimacy with Jesus.

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Now that March winds have come and gone—we look forward to April showers to bring our May flowers. Activities planned for Senior Adults in April include.

Thursday, April 2nd and 16th—B-I-N-G-O at the Collinsville YMCA at 12:00-1:45pm.

Thursday, April 4—April 4th lunch at the Wreath Loft and Café at 12:00 noon. We will meet there.

Tuesday, April 9th—Friendship Club will meet. The program will be presented by Kathy Dillard with the Edwards Adult Daycare. The meal will be provided by the Social Committee at the nominal price of \$3.00. Come join us for a informative meeting and delicious lunch.

Thursday, April 18—We will be shopping and have lunch at the Danville Mall. The van will leave the church at 9:00am and we will have lunch at a chosen place by those shopping. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Charlotte Albert & Doris Walker, Senior Adult Co-coordinators

Senior Adult Day Sunday, May 5 2019

(Covered Dish Lunch)

First Baptist, Collinsville will honor our Senior Adults with a special service and covered dish lunch on Sunday, May 5th. We ask the church family to **please bring one or two of your favorite side dishes or desserts to share!** Meats and beverages will be provided by the church.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Darrell Fletcher who recently retired from forty years in ministry. He pastored Rivermont, Thomas Village and Green Valley Baptist Churches. He also served with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) for twelve years. **Special Music will be provided by the Rakes Family.**

Sunday School Workshop

With Tony Brooks

Saturday, April 27th

9:00-11:00am

Starling Avenue Baptist Church

Sign-up sheet Posted

(Sign-up Deadline is Sunday, April 14th)

APRIL NURSERY WORKERS

- 07 Beverly Inman, Kathy Draper (B)
John, Sherry, & Lacey Flanagan &
Carri Turner P/S)
- 14 Becky Nance, Jummy Olaiya (B)
Jason & Paige Collins (P/S)
- 21 Jen Nance, Angela Hatchett (B)
Brandon & Ashley Martin P/S)
- 28 Joan Collins, Stacy Craven (B)
Frances & Amanda Goad (P/S)
(B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool



VBS 2019 "IN THE WILD"

June 9—14

6:00 pm—8:30 pm Ages Prek—6th grade

Family Night: Friday, June 14

What you can do....

Pray— pray for the volunteers and the children that will attend

Volunteer—Please see Rebecca Vernon if you can help with VBS

Donate—stuffed or blow up animals like giraffes, tigers, bears, zebras, monkeys, polar bears, foxes, penguins, or any other animal found in the wild. (Please let us know if you would like the animals returned to you.) Also needed are milk jugs and small, medium or large cardboard boxes.

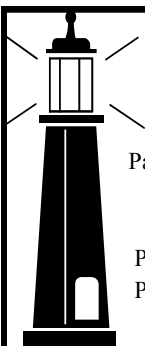


Graduate Sunday: May 19

Graduate Sunday is fast approaching and we need your help with information regarding our FBCC graduates. If you have a high school graduate that will be participating, we need pictures turned in to Kim Beckner or the church office by **April 21st**. If we have college graduates that would like to be a part of graduate Sunday please let Kim know. All info on graduates of church members or family members should be turned in to Kim or the church office by **April 21st** as well.

Calendar Highlights:

- April 09:** Friendship Club Meeting
April 13: Yuth Scavenger Hunt & Escape Room
April 14: Palm Sunday (Communion Sunday)
April 20: Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am
April 20: SonShine Class Easter Egg Hunt & Party 1:00 pm
April 21: Easter Sunday with Sunrise Service @ 6:30am
Sunday School @ 9:45am; Worship Service @ 11:00 am
April 22: Easter Monday—Church Office Closed
April 24: Quarterly Business Meeting 6:45 pm
April 27: Sunday School Workshop/Starling Avenue B. Church
April 28: Youth Lighthouse Clean-up & Movie Day
May 5: Senior Adult Day w/ Covered Dish Lunch
May 12: Mother's Day
May 19: Graduate Sunday



First Baptist Church

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web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

Prayer Time (Prayer Room) 9:30-9:40 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am

Children's Church

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 Phe-nom-e-non/Middle School 6:33 pm

Mission Friends 6:45 pm

Prayer Service 6:45 pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

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Return Service

Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

01 Marietta Gunter

02 Pam Albanese

03 Debbie Hancock

05 Ashleigh Breath

06 Sharon Barrow

08 Essie Janey

08 Jonathan France

08 Chris Kistler

10 Gwen Lewis

10 Tom Prato

10 Tim Gary

11 Betty Jones

11 Paul Setliff

12 Felecia McBride

12 Ella Santoemma

14 Bobby Harter

15 Jim Joyce

15 Alison Hall

16 Evelyn France

17 Pauline Nuzum

17 Laura Whitlow

18 Christopher Hatchett

19 Greg Wagoner

19 Kristen Tilley

19 Nick Lea

22 Ruby Wright

22 Joyce Pace

24 Kellie Norris

24 Josh Acord

25 Diane Turner

25 Whitney Engstrom

29 Hamon Gilley

30 Cindy Tilley

May Birthdays

02 Agnes VanHulzen

02 Carrie Williams

03 Ann Thomason

04 Tim Atwood

04 Sidney Lavinder

04 Wendy Gilbert

04 Tami Olaiya

05 Ginny Fickling

05 Allison Prato

05 Hope Johnson

05 Michael Walker

05 Alan Teal

06 Dee Webb

06 Judson Eggleston

07 Sarah France

07 Shelly Gibson

April Anniversaries

01 John & Sherry Flanagan

02 David & Melanie Catron

03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia

07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger.

08 Jamie & Denise Collins

09 Jason & Paige Collins

18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix

24 Alex & Angie Alley

25 J. D. & Joan Collins

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

Sunday School Breakfast



Sunday, April 7

8:30am

4MforHim Men's Ministry will be cooking and serving Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Gravy and Biscuits from 8:30am—9:15am in the Social Hall for all the Sunday School classes. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and good time of fellowship before Sunday School starts at 9:45am.



April 13: Scavenger Hunt and Escape Room at Valley View Mall

April 21: Graduate pictures due to Kim for Graduate Sunday

April 28: Clean Up/Movie night in the Lighthouse

May 19: Graduate Sunday