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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

FRESH START

atter Last month I drove Jan to the hospital for a procedure. After about an hour a nurse called my phone and told me Jan would be ready to leave soon. She requested that I bring my car to the front of the hospital, so I did. As I sat in the car waiting for Jan, a lady exited the hospital and made her way toward my car. I thought she would pass by as many others had done. But to my surprise the woman opened the door and sat down in the passenger's seat. I was taken back for a moment and did not know what to say. The woman was going on about how glad she was not to have missed me. After I gathered my thoughts I said to the woman, "I am sorry ma'am. You must have me confused with someone else. I am waiting for my wife." The woman became very flustered and apologized. She had mistaken me for the courtesy car that brings people to and from their cars in the parking lot to the hospital. I offered to take the woman to her automobile, but she hurriedly exited my car and walked away.

Have you ever thought you were in the right place or doing the right thing only to find out you were not? I have and it can be embarrassing. Paul was working to ensure Christianity would not undermine Judaism. He did so to the point of arresting and executing Christians. But once he met Christ on the road to Damascus all that changed. God had a plan for Paul's life. Paul thought it was promoting Judaism, but he found out it was preaching the Gospel. The Lord told Ananias, "Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15, NLT). Paul's life did a 180 degree turn and he became one of the greatest leaders of the early church or any age.

As we journey thru life, we may discover that we are in the wrong place (relationally, financially, or spiritually). Or like Paul, we may learn that we have been doing the wrong thing. At first, we might be embarrassed by our position or action, but we must not let that hold us back. This is the perfect time for a fresh start. As we embark on a New Year, review where you are emotionally or spiritually. Ask yourself if what you are doing is in your best interest or the will of God. If you realize that you are religious, but not saved—CHANGE. If you discover that what you are doing is wrong or detrimental to you or others— CHANGE. If you learn that you have missed God's will for your life—CHANGE. God is in the business of transforming lives. Let Him help you change. If you do, I promise you will be glad you did. Blessings in Christ.



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 2022 will be a year of peace and blessings for you and your families. God Bless!!!

Pastor Larry and Jan and Staff of FBCC

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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.

Pastor Larry



Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards

2021 Contribution Statements

Your 2021 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 2021 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.

NOTICE

Attention all Committee and Ministry Leaders: If you have any outstanding expenses for the year 2021, please turn that information in to the church office as quickly as possible. We need everything by January 10th.

Thank You

Secure Online Giving thru Realm

You can now give through our church website at www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

Inclement Weather Policy

When the local schools close early or are closed for the day, due to weather, our Wednesday evening activities will also be cancelled. We will notify you of Sunday cancellations on Channels 7, 10 and 18 TV stations (also when possible BTW 21 TV station) and also thru One Call.. Please be cautious and use your best judgment if services have not been reported cancelled during potential icy conditions.



Everyone is invited to attend

Attention High School Seniors

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

The foundation offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students. During the 2021-2022 academic year, the foundation awarded more than \$265,000 in scholarships to 128 deserving students from across Virginia.

Applications 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 2022-2023 academic year are available on the foundation's website: http://vbfinc.org/ scholarships/ beginning December 1, 2021. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2022.

Evangelism/Mission Development Corner

We have set 4 goals for 2022:

- 1. Run community outreach events throughout the year
- 2. Continue supporting disaster response efforts
- 3. Assist Good News Jail Ministries in our local
- jails
- Hold Christian worship services at Philpott Lake

We need volunteers to join us on our efforts. If you want to be involved in any of these ministry efforts, please contact Rocky Rockwell, Shirley Craven or Kemper Terry. Our goal is to put our church in front of our community, to meet local needs and reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will set another meeting in early January.



Lottie Moon Donations FBCC Goal for 2021: \$10,000.00 Received to Date: \$9.376.05



WMU NEWS

Merry Christmas to all our Special WMU ladies and to our Church family also! My missions for life[®] prayer for all is to experi-

ence the Love of Jesus in this special season. We are doing the Warming center for January,

each group will be assigned certain items to provide for the warming center, your facilitator will have a list of the items for your group.

We also are inviting the church to participate if they would like to...

Hand and toe warmers, gift cards, Coffee, Sugar and creamer and paper plates

Once again I thank you all for your generosity in the name of Jesus.

The Lottie Moon offering continues through the end of December, give as you feel led!

Blessings for a Merry Christmas, Lana Martin

P.S. Thank for sharing special gifts for our shutins, they were delighted!!

Mark Your Calendar.....

January 04: 10:00 am : Bible Study



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January 04: 6:00pm: Phyllis Creasy Group—S.ocial Hall

January 08: 8:45am: Humble Hands @ Henry Co. Waste Site

January 10: 12:00pm: Ladies Card Ministry

January 11: 6:00pm: Betty Westover Group—Social Hall

January 16: 12:00pm: Deacons Meeting

January 20: 5:30pm: Joyce Newman Group @ Elizabeth's Pizza, Collinsville

January 26: 6:45pm: Quarterly Business Meeting

Go to our Church Website to view the full Calendar www.firstbaptistcollinsville..org

Humble Helping Hands Project

Who: Humble Helping Hands (Youth of FBCC) What: Serving Senior Citizens & Widows of Henry Co. Where: Kings Mountain Trash Site

When: Saturday, January 08, 2022

Time: 8:45am—11:00am



The Youth (Humble Helping Hands) of FBCC

will be at Kings Mountain Trash Site on Saturday, to help Senior Citizens and Widows of Henry County unload their trash and recyclables.

Youth News/Lineup

Sunday School: Meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the "Lighthouse" (3rd floor). Leaders are Beverly Rakes, Billy & Carrie Pinnix and Jeremy Craven.

Awana: Middle Schoolers join us to answer the three spiritual questions every teen is seeking answers for: "Who am I?". "Why am I here?" and "Who's with me?' Awana's Trek will help us dive deep into scripture to answer these questions. High Schoolers join us for Awana's Discipleship program: Journey

Awana meets Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm. Classes gather in the Social Hall and then all classes move to the 2nd floor education wing for class.

Wednesday Evening Youth Group: Apolo-what? Apoloaetics. What is it and why? Teacher Stacy Craven, Game Leader/Shenanigan Instigator: Bully Pinnix. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Lighthouse.

Humble Hands: The youth will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:45am-11:00am to help out Seniors in our community.

Book of the Month.....

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Come before Winter



...And Share My Hope... **By: Charles R. Swindoll**

Come before Winter and Share My Hope prepares readers for the next time the winds of hardship beat against them. This bestseller could be God's answer when temptation tries to trap us in the dark, or our excitement for the Lord loses its edge. These writings from Chuck Swindoll—seasoned by experience—can

help readers know God's nearness when the storms blow cold and strong

> January Grace Network Food Item Juice (40-64 oz)

> > **January Featured Items** Toilet paper, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent

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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana	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
	7.50pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January, 2022 Birthdays 01 Sharon Anderson 01 William Wagoner 02 David Joyce 02 Bill Wagoner 02 Megan O. Haak 05 Beth Johnson 06 Jamie Collins 06 Carri Turner 06 Lacey Flanagan 06 Jackson Crane 07 Carolyn Bowles 07 Chris Rivera 07 Lena Rivera 10 Carole Webb 12 Carolyn Hatchett 12 Jacob Gilbert 13 Frances Martin 13 Ethan Collins 14 Tommy Harris 14 Bobbie Joyce 15 Peggy Legus Joyce 15 Kevin Harter 15 Janet Malone 16 Tiffany Hodge 17 Steve Emberson 18 Leslie Cunningham 19 Bob Roetken

19 Jeremy Craven 20 Tina Haskins 20 James Whitlo9w 20 Allen Ramsey 23 Joan Palmer 23 Frances Mabe 23 Sherry Flanagan 24 Mike Pennington 25 Rebecca Beachy 26 Raymond Prillaman 27 Doris Anthony 28 Dana Pennington 28 Michael Craddock 30 Amber Purdy 31 Lauren Anderson 31 Nancy McGhee 31 Hannah Patterson 31 Peggy Moran

<u>February Birthdays</u>

01 Deborah Rakes 02 Chris Newman 03 Ryan Beachy 03 Chelsea Jones 04 Angie Alley 04 Bill Maydian 04 Marge Renz 04 Irene Hall 04 Cade Collins 04 Ruby Amos 04 Deborah Linkous 04 Aleah Meredith 05 Nancy Franklin 05 Dorothy Hundley 05 Robert Scott 05 Bonnie Shelton 06 Ruth Brown 06 Melissa Hopkins 06 Carrie Pinnix 06 Sharri Love 06 Tammy Fultz 07 Kathy Martin 07 Audrey Prillaman 07 Willa Shropshire 07 Betty Via 07 Linda Hagood

January 2022 Anniversaries

06 Bill & Susan Wagoner

<u>February Anniversaries</u>

08 Dale & Nancy McGhee 10 Carl & Gail Smith 20 David & Peggy Joyce Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Permit No. 5

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