

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



THE REPENTANCE BUTTON

This week has been challenging due to a computer problem at church. My computer is running slow as molasses thru a straw. And when you are in a hurry (as I often am) that is frustrating. An advertisement appeared on the screen offering to clean my hard drive. However, I thought that might be an attempt to hack my computer, so I declined the offer. Therefore, as I write this article I am still dealing with a sluggish computer.

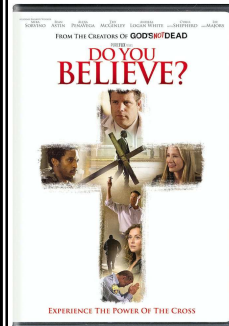
Wouldn't it be nice if we had the option on a regular basis to hit a button and clean up things that are slowing us down in our spiritual lives? Wait a minute, we do have such a thing. It is called repentance. John the Baptist, Jesus, and all the Apostles preached repentance.

In writing to the Corinthian believers, who were at times very worldly, Paul asked a series of questions, "How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?" ¹⁵ What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God" (2 Cor. 6:14-16, NLT). In the first verse of chapter seven Paul exhorted believers to cleanse themselves from anything that defiled their body and spirit (7:1). The rest of chapter seven is Paul's celebration of the church's willingness to repent of their sins.

In his first sermon after being recommissioned by Jesus, Peter preached, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Confessing our sins and turning (repentance) away from them and toward God will make us feel fresh and clean as a shower at the end of a long, dirty job.

We don't have to feel dirty and exhausted from our battle with sin and worldliness. The Apostle John reassures us that if we confess our sins God will forgive us and cleanse us from any sinful act (1 Jn. 1:9). We find rest, relief, and refreshment when we turn from sin and turn to Jesus. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY, March 5 4:00pm FBCC Sanctuary

A dozen different souls—all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ...even if they don't yet believe it. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: Do You Believe?

Make plans to attend and bring someone with you.



Ladies Winter Bible Study "The Names of God"

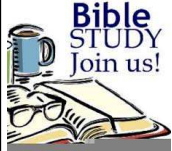
Studying the many names of God and what they mean, such as ... Adonai, Elohim, Yahweh, El Shaddai, El Roi, El Elyon? This will be a 6 weeks study revealing about 25 of His names and what they reveal about his character in order to trust him better.

February 5—March 12
4:00—5:30pm—Sonshine Class
(\$11.00 for each study book)

New Marquis Sign Vote

Upon recommendation of the Finance and Church Council, there will be a church vote on Sunday, February 12 on whether to replace the present marquis sign with a double sided full color Polaris outdoor LED sign or not. This will allow us to simultaneously share multiple messages.

The cost will be approximately \$27,000.00 (sign, computer program and installation.) If voted to go forward with this new sign, it would be paid for from the General Fund as it is a non-budgeted item.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry 10:00am - SonShine Classroom Everyone is invited to attend

Thank You Card

Dear First Baptist Church,
Happy New Year! We just wanted to write & let you know how much we miss being with you all & how thankful we are to have you all standing behind us in support of God's work down here in Mexico. Thank you for your prayers. It was truthfully a harder return. We so enjoyed our time in the states. But we are finally back in the groove! :)

Please continue praying for us at the Bible Institute down here as we are extremely under-staffed & need Bible teachers to help carry the load. We are thankful for a few new missionaries who are currently in Spanish study but who eventually hope to teach/help at the Bible Institute! Yeah!

Much Love, *The Beachys*



The Ladies Card Ministry February 13 12:00 Noon SonShine Classroom Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards



Tuesday
February 14

December Report

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	43,072
Monthly Offering Received	42,064
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	39,109
Operating Account Balance	373,591
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	4,642
Benevolence Designated Fund	2,030
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,974
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	36,795

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.

In Sympathy:

Ben Robertson, brother-in-law of Dottie Turner
Hugh Kemp, brother-in-law of Milton & Joyce Pace
Ronnie Gilmer Freeman, father of Faye Haynes
Marcia Rogers, mother of Sara Deans
Tracy Cocklin, mother of Taylor Draper (Lucas)



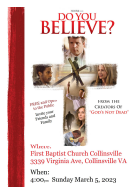
New Arrival

Lucas and Taylor Draper proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Laurel Mae Draper. Little Laurel Mae was born on Saturday, January 14. She weighed 7 lbs. and 15 ozs. and was 20 1/2" long. Her very proud grandparents are Pete and Kathy Draper. Her loving great grandmother is Doris Draper.

New Contact Information

Shirley Pagans, 1001 1/2 Chalmers St.,
Martinsville, VA 24112

Evangelism/Mission Development



Please put **March 5** on your calendar as our next church movie night. Our movie will be 'Do You Believe', by the same producers as the 'God's Not Dead' series.

In the movie, the lives of 12 people from different walks of life intersect in ways that can only be orchestrated by God. They will all be confronted by the cross and have to make a decision on how to respond.

Please invite your friends and family. A major objective of these quarterly movies is to invite people to come and experience our church family in a low-risk setting, watching movies that are as enjoyable to watch as they are spiritually uplifting. We will have bulletin inserts to use as invitations as we get closer.

Good News Jail and Prison Ministries has moved their annual banquet to get it away from the holiday season. This year's banquet will be on Monday, May 1. Prayerfully consider attendance and giving to this important ministry. We also need a host for the 8-top table that our church is sponsoring. See Rocky Rockwell for details.

February Grace Network Food Item

Potato Products (boxed mashed, scalloped)

February Featured Items

Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—October 31, 2022)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Nov. donations to Capital Campaign	\$69,796.56
December donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 6,328.35
Total Received	\$112,954.91
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 10/31/22	36,794.91



Mission Action for February

As I write this, Hope, Bobbie and I are On our way to the Warming Center to deliver all the things you so generously donated, 5 totes full! God Bless you all!

Also, a special thanks to Felecia for gathering all the Pop Tarts from the Children's Church!

For February we are doing the Hope Tree Foster Care for children ages 2 to 17. We are collecting games, coloring books, crayons, card games, books, clothing (especially underwear, socks, gloves), toys, personal items and anything you might buy for your child. Also duffle bags, or small suitcases.

WMU Ladies, do not forget Focus Week—February 12-18.

Blessings to you all, *Hope and Lana*

FEBRUARY WMU MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 07—11:30am Phyllis Creasy Group meeting @ Hugos

Tuesday, February 07—2:00pm Iva Turner Group meeting in FBCC Social Hall

Tuesday, February 14—6:00pm Betty Westover Group meeting in FBCC Social Hall

Joyce Newman Group date, time, and place to be announced

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 07: Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos

Feb. 07: Iva Tuner Group/S. Hall

Feb. 11: Youth Humble Hands/Henry Co. Waste Site

Feb. 13: Ladies Card Ministry

Feb. 14: Betty Westover Group/ S. Hall

Feb. 16: Loving Hands Ministry/Church Parlor

Feb. 19: Youth Open House

Feb. 25: Youth to Winterjam Concert

Feb. 27: Finance & Church Council

Feb. 28: Social Hall Rsvd./Weekday Ed

March 02: Loving Hands Ministry/Church Parlor

March 05: Movie "Do You Believe?"

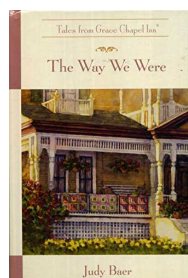
March 07: Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos

March 07: Iva Turner Group/S. Hall

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Way We Were

By: Judy Baer



Alice is caring for a patient suffering from amnesia, and the only clue to her identity is the dog that was watching over her after her car went off the road. As Alice tries to help this woman recover her life, Louise counsels a guest whose marriage is on the rocks. Can she help the young woman give it one more try? Meanwhile, three of Jane's art school friends come to Grace Chapel Inn for a reunion and a reminder of the blessing of old friends.

YOUTH CORNER

Greetings from all of us up in the Lighthouse. It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of February. It seems like just yesterday it was Christmas time. I wanted to personally take this time to encourage all parents from babies to college age. Being a parent is far from an easy task. As a father I look back and think why in the world did I make all those bone-headed decisions. I then must think to myself if I never made those decisions I would never learn. We are all far from perfect and constantly need to remember that God loves us regardless of the decisions we make. We are not defined by our past or our future, we are defined by Christ. Going forward I pray that in all decisions necessary to be great parents, we look to God, the best Father out there. He will give us wisdom all we need to do is ask.

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deut. 6:6-7

Until the whole world hears

Pastor Christian Lund

Saturday February 11th

Humble Hands

The youth will begin their monthly service projects in the community. For the month of February the youth will travel to the trash site off Kings Mountain Rd. We will show the love of Christ by assisting residents of Henry County offload their trash and recyclables. It's such a blessing to so many to see our young people represent Jesus in the community. In the future we will help the food pantry and assist the widows and shut-ins of our church. If you ever get the opportunity, pull one of our teens aside and tell them thank you, encourage them, and just show them love.

Sunday February 19th

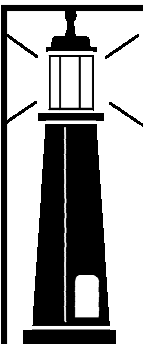
Parents and Youth Open House

On Behalf of the FBCC Youth leadership team we would love for all the parents of teens to join us on Sunday February 19th at 3pm for youth open house. This will be a great opportunity for any teen not yet attending and parents of any teen to check out the youth ministry of FBCC. This night will give all the chance to experience our group. There will also be a time of question and answer. So come experience a night with FBCC youth.

Saturday, February 25th

Winterjam Concert

The youth will travel to the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday February 25th to attend a Christian concert sponsored by jam nation. This year's lineup includes Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, We the Kingdom and many others that we all enjoy on KLOVE or Spirit FM. Its life changing music in a youth friendly style and environment. We will depart the church at 1pm. Concert begins at 6. Our projected return time will be 10pm. There will be no cost for the teens to attend. They must sign up in the youth room and a permission slip will be required to attend.

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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (May - Sept.)	4:00pm
Youth	4:00pm
Adult Bible Studies	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

Non-Profit
Organization
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Permit No. 5

Return Service

Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries**February 2023 Birthdays**

02 Chris Newman	16 Janet Roetken
04 Angie Alley	16 Vera Dodson
04 Lillian Irene Hall	17 John Anthony (V)
04 Deborah Linkous	17 Dickey Cobb
05 Bonnie Shelton	18 Becky Conner
06 Ruth Brown	18 T K Garrett
06 Carrie Pinnix	18 Kathy Kitchen
06 Sharri Love	19 Caleb Beachy
07 Kathy Martin	20 Michael Mayberry
07 Audrey Prillaman	22 John Floyd
08 Cameron Adkins	22 Lacey Mize
08 Wendell Lawrence	22 Izaak Flanagan
09 Hugh Hagood	23 Jordan Tilley
09 Steve Houston	23 Mark Martin
10 Shirley Frith	23 Nicholas Pillsbury
10 Cindy Vernon	24 Dale Hancock
10 Robert Black	24 Brooke Blaylock
10 Brandon Martin	24 Ava Tuck
11 Elizabeth Teal	25 Penny Decker
11 Evie Jo Alley	26 Taylor Jo Gary
12 Austin Powell	26 Carolyn Rockwell
13 Betty Pagans	27 Lee Gregory
13 Sheila Ramsey	27 Gail Smith
14 Cory Ashworth	27 Mary Ann Doss
14 Miranda Ferguson	27 Gina Barrow
14 Emily Cowher	28 Brenda Lemons
14 Hunter Hiatt	
15 Mary Ann Wall	

March 2023 Birthdays


01 Pat Cobb
01 Deborah Treherne
02 Jay Knighton
03 Gunnar Robertson
03 Jase Ramsey
04 Angela Brunner
05 Milly Shelton
05 Charlie Fickling
05 Jose Cedillo
05 Eli Martin
05 Lee Anna Ferguson
06 Susan Rorrer
07 Joyce Jacobs

February 2023 Anniversaries

08 Dale & Nancy McGhee
10 Carl & Gail Smith
20 David & Peggy Joyce

March 2023 Anniversaries

01 Arthur & Marcilene Emberson
01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
05 Tim & Michelle Pace
11 Larry & Jan Cheek
15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
19 Greg & Shirley Craven
29 Tim & Sandy Gary



AWANA
Sundays
4:00pm
2 Years to 12th Grade



**Loving Hands
Ministry Meets**
1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month
10:00am-12:00 noon
Church Parlor
We welcome anyone who would
like to join us.
Any questions call
Bobbi Frazer @
276-252-8106.

**Prayer Room
Ministry**
Phone Number
647-3777



Daylight
Savings Time
Begins
Sunday
March 12