

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Real Freedom

*"If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)*

This month we citizens of the United States of America celebrate freedom. The Fourth of July is the day which marks the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Freedom is a blessing we hold dear and defend boldly. Our nation's armed forces are of one mind, that protecting our freedom is worth dying for. We are what our national anthem proudly proclaims: "the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

But are we free from what really matters? On our own we are not free; all people are very much slaves. We find ourselves to be slaves to sin, and on our own we cannot break the hold it has on us. We are slaves to our sinful nature and can hardly live a day without it rearing its ugly head. Thoughts that pass through our heads, words that come flowing from our mouths, self-serving deeds that we scheme to carry out—they all show our true nature. They all show just how much we are slaves to sin.

Thankfully, Jesus broke the chains of sin and Satan. He has forgiven those sinful thoughts of our minds, the devious actions from our hearts, the careless and hate-filled words that we speak. Jesus came to earth to provide the perfect example of a sinless human. He set the standard for us. Then Jesus willingly allowed the punishment we deserved to be placed on him. On the cross, Jesus endured our death and hell. When he arose from the grave, he shattered the chains of sin and death.

In Jesus, we have eternal life with God. That's something that no power on earth or scheme of man can ever take away. That's real freedom!

Blessings in Christ.

*Pastor Larry*



**Tuesday, July 4th**

**Church Office Closed**

*Be safe and enjoy your*

*Independence Day Holiday!*



**Sunday**

**August 6**

**10:30am**

**Guest Speaker**

**Special Music**

**Covered Dish Lunch**

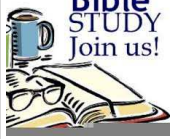
(Mark your calendar and make plans to attend)

## Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wednesday, July 26 @ 6:45pm**

**SonShine Classroom**

**Chairmen and Ministry Leaders:** Please notify the church office by July 12 if you plan to present information that needs to be 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 July 19.




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

**In Sympathy:**

Peggy Foster, sister of Temple Mays  
 Gene and Jean Philpotts, (husband & wife), Jean is a cousin of  
 Betsy Ivey

**Mark Your Calendar**

July 02: Communion Sunday   
 July 9, 16, 23, 30: Bible Study based on the  
 Movie "Courageous"  
 July 09, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 13, 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24,  
 Oct. 01 Bible Study "o Reason To Hide"  
 July 17-21 Youth to Fuge Camp  
 July 26: Quarterly Business Meeting  
 July 28: Children's Summer Fun Day/trip to Splash Valley  
 Aug. 06: Homecoming Sunday  
 Aug. 11: Senior Adults attending "Senior Citizen Day" at  
 Henry Co. Recreation Center (next to church)  
 August 12: Deacon Retreat  
 August 13: Promotion Sunday  
 August 18: Deacon & Wives Dinner

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**Weekday Education Program**  
**Taking Applications**



Our Weekday Early Education Program is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Those interested may look on the church website for additional information and forms to be completed or you may call the Church Office at 276-647-3774 for more information.

This is for children ages 3-4 years of age (must be potty trained). The classes meet Monday—Thursday, from 9:00am—12:00 noon. The School Year will began on September 5, 2023 and will end on May 23, 2024.

Applications are available on the church website or you may pick one up in the church office or call and we would be glad to send one to you.

**Grace Network**

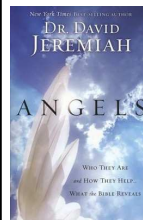
As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

**July Grace Network Food Item**  
***Canned Fruit***

**July Featured Items**  
***Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant***

**FBCC LIBRARY BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**"Angels"**



*Who they Are and How They Help....  
 What the Bible Reveals*

**By Dr. David Jeremiah**

For centuries, men, women, and children have been fascinated by stories of angel sightings. Responding to this interest in heavenly beings and their role in our world, Dr. Jeremiah provides an in-depth, biblical look at God's messengers---incorporating the thoughts of Billy Graham, Corrie ten Boom, C.S. Lewis, and others.

**May Report**

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| Monthly Offering needed<br>(4 Sundays)                   | 44,456  |
| Monthly Offering Received                                | 36,366  |
| Rental Income  | 1,913   |
| Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.) |         |
| Monthly Operating Expenses                               | 37,541  |
| Operating Account Balance                                | 352,829 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance                          | 5,366   |
| Benevolence Designated Fund                              | 1,490   |
| Project Hope   | 1,461   |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry                                | 2,974   |
| Van Fund   | 13,398  |
| Capital Campaign Fund                                    | 56,565  |

*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.*

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—May 31, 2023)

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| Received thru Building Improvement Fund        | \$36,830.00         |
| March-Dec. donations to Capital Campaign       | \$76,124.91         |
| Jan.—April. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign | \$ 17,750.16        |
| May 2023 donations to Capital Campaign         | \$ 2,111.25         |
| <b>Total Received</b>                          | <b>\$132,816.32</b> |
| Less Total spent on Roof                       | \$76,160.00         |
| Capital Campaign Fund Balance 05/31/23         | <b>\$56,656.32</b>  |



Happy July 4th ladies! As we celebrate may we remember the price so many paid for this country and take a Stand for our Lord and Savior who is the creator of this world!

We had a wonderful time visiting with Rebecca Beachy at our meeting this month, thanks to you all for sharing your delicious desserts, they were yummy! May we all continue to lift Ryan and Rebecca and their children in prayer as they minister to so many people in Mexico and for the children as they learn the language.

Our Mission action for July is the Hariston Home, we are planning a picnic, weather permitting. We will also collect quarters for Bingo and will make some goodie bags also. I will be in touch with each facilitator for what each group can provide. I will let you know the date we will be going later in the month.

Thank you again for your willingness to minister to our community as Women on Mission, may God bless each one of you for all your efforts!

Blessings, Lana and Hope



**Let's Celebrate Seniors 55 and Up!**  
**Friday, August 11**  
**10:00am-1:00pm**

**Henry County Recreation Center**

**Senior Citizen Day** is celebrated throughout the world on August 21. **Henry Co. Parks and Recreation** is celebrating it on **August 11th**. There will be screenings, entertainment, demonstrations, raffles, and light refreshments. You must sign-up by **August 1st**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. This is free. Hope to have a good group going. (Located next door to the church).

**Evangelism/Mission Development**

As part of our Sunday afternoon programs, this month, we will have two Bible studies going. One is Pastor Larry's class called 'No Reason to Hide', which he has previewed in his own column. The other will be the 'Courageous Living Bible Study', based on the movie 'Courageous' and the follow-up documentary, 'Show Me the Father', and will be facilitated by Rocky Rockwell. This class will look at the role of men in our Christian homes. Fathers, Men thinking ahead to being fathers, and anyone who would like to learn more about standing for Biblical values in our homes is welcome. The class begins Sunday, July 9 at 4 pm and will run 4 consecutive weeks. Rocky was only able to find 11 workbooks for this study, so the first 11 to sign up will get workbooks, the rest will get photocopies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board between the two church offices. Please sign up early so we will know how many extra work books to print.

Good News Jail Ministries is inviting churches to take part in an 'The Onesimus Workshop', named after Philemon's run-away slave who came to faith in Jesus Christ under Paul's teaching in prison. Paul admonished Onesimus to return to Philemon and Philemon to receive him as a useful brother. This workshop is designed to help churches see our role in welcoming, receiving and mentoring men and women upon re-entry to our community after paying their debt to society, mindful that if God's people will not welcome them, they're old friends surely will - with dubious consequences. This will be an all-day workshop on August 5. If you are interested in learning more, please talk with Rocky Rockwell or leave a text or voice message at 276-224-0979.

**YOUTH CORNER**

Here we are, the month of July. Its hard to believe that we have already made it through 2 months of what I would consider summer. Schools out, Graduations occurred, VBS is complete, and before you know it the school year will be back up in full swing. I know my teens and teachers don't want to hear that but maybe some of you parents are ready.

We are off to Camp July 17-21<sup>st</sup>. I ask for your prayer for safety of our teens, that rocks would be moved, memories would be made, and lives would be changed. I know our God is big and can do mighty things.

I wanted to use this month to share a prayer that I read that is so powerful. It fully encompasses me as a parent and how I must pray for my daughter and how I must pray for youth across this nation including right here in Henry County. My prayer is that you would pray this prayer for our the teens in your life and all over the world. They need lots of things to live but above everything else, they need Jesus.

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*Most welcoming Lord Jesus, there's no more important or necessary gift we can give our children than to keep on bringing them to you. Whether they're babies, teenagers or adults, themselves... it makes no difference. At every stage of life, our kids need you, Jesus.*

*For our children who've yet to find life in you... have mercy on them, and bring them to a saving knowledge of yourself, Jesus. They don't just need to "grow up." They don't need religion. They don't need moral reform. They need the gospel of your grace. Show them how much they need you, and show them how much you love them. Keep them restless until they rest in your complete forgiveness and perfect righteousness. More than we want Harvard for our children, we want heaven.*

*Jesus, some of us grieve the ways we've made the gospel less than beautiful and believable to our children. Forgive us, and show yourself to be the God who's limited by nothing, including parental self-righteousness. Transcend the ways we've "blown it." But also grant us humility and grace to repent... first before you and then to them. Free us to give our children the gift of our repentance.*

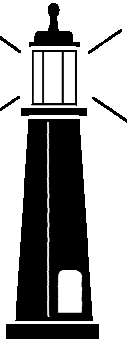
*For our children who know you, but currently seem to have waning or zero interest in you... or even ambivalence or antipathy towards you... hear our cry. Restore to them the joy of your salvation. Our confidence is in our Father's promise to bring to completion the good work he's begun in each of us, but Jesus, we cannot afford to be either presumptuous or passive. Work powerfully. Work presently. Work persistently, Jesus, we ask for your name's sake. Give us patience with their doubts. Give us forbearance in their struggles. Give us grace to welcome prodigals home.*

*Lastly, Jesus, we ask you to restore us... restore me, to the childlikeness of our early days of knowing you. Free us from childishness, indeed, but renew our hearts in childlike joy, playfulness, gratefulness and simplicity. Our bodies and minds are getting older, but cause our hearts to dance again in the utter and matchless delights of being loved by you. So very Amen, I pray, in your glorious name.*

Scotty Smith Everyday Prayers.

Until the whole world Hears

Pastor Christian



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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  |

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Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit No. 5

Return Service  
Requested

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**July 2023 Birthdays**

- 01 Deborah Rakes
- 03 Ryan Beachy
- 03 Herman Hale
- 03 Chelsea Jones
- 04 Marg Renz
- 04 Cade Collins'
- 04 Ruby Amos
- 05 Nancy Franklin
- 05 Dorothy Hundley
- 05 Robert Scott
- 06 Melissa Hopkins
- 07 Willa Shropshire
- 07 Betty Via
- 08 Charlotte Harter
- 10 Jonathan Hatchett
- 10 Rachel Pillsbury
- 12 Sandy Gary
- 13 Katie Nance
- 13 Christy Rakes
- 14 Becky Crotty
- 14 Doris Draper
- 15 Shirley Craven
- 16 Robin Spencer
- 19 Ellin Cobler
- 19 Caroline Pinnix
- 19 Len Turner
- 19 Brian Whitlow
- 19 Ashley Martin
- 19 Charlie Turner

20 Angie Hatchett

- 22 Pat Gauldin
- 23 Donna Floyd
- 24 Mary Jane Mayberry
- 24 Landon Castro
- 25 Pam Joyce
- 26 Sarah Torian
- 26 Helen Alley Crane
- 26 Elliott Gibson
- 28 Matthew Scott
- 29 Joan Pace
- 29 Hunter Houston
- 31 Martha Johnso

**August 2023 Birthdays**

- 01 H. D. Linkous
- 01 Bonnie Slaughter
- 02 Ty Forbes
- 03 Daryl Emberson
- 03 Becky Wagoner
- 03 Aiden Martin
- 05 Peggy Delancey
- 05 Bonnie Huff
- 05 Jordyn Gibson
- 06 Jacob Martin
- 07 Betty Crotty
- 08 Joshua Haskins
- 09 Jennifer Powell
- 09 Beverly Rakes
- 11 Chas Geramita

**July 2023 Anniversaries**

- 01 Ron & Brenda Lemons
- 01 Curtis & Daphne Stone
- 07 Ryan & Rebecca Beachy
- 11 Mark & Diana Martin
- 14 Dickie & Taujinia Martin
- 15 Randy & Frances Goad
- 19 Joe & Hope Johnson
- 24 Milton & Joyce Pace
- 25 Aubrey & Sandy Moses

**August 2023 Anniversaries**

- 05 Gary & Doris Walker
- 13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
- 20 Bob & Janet Roetken
- 22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
- 27 Dickey & Pat Cobb
- 30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry

**July WMU Meetings**

- July 11:** Iva Turner Group  
10:00am/S. Hall
- July 11:** Betty Westover  
Group: 6:00pm/S. Hall
- July 11:** Phyllis Creasy  
Group: 11:30am/Hugo's  
Joyce Newman Group will  
not meet in July



**Loving Hands  
Ministry Meet  
Every Thursday  
of each month**

**10:00am-12:00 noon  
2nd Floor**

**Loving Hands Ministry Rm.**

We welcome anyone who  
would like to join us.  
Any questions call  
Bobbi Frazer @  
276-252-8106.



**Deacon Vote  
Sunday, June 25**

There were 86 votes cast to  
affirm three candidates for  
Deacon.

ALL were affirmed  
*Eddie Conner, Brandon  
Martin, Mark Martin*