

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

## HOLLOW INSIDE?



Hi folks. We are fast approaching Easter. As with most holidays there are certain secular traditions associated with our observance of this sacred day: new clothes for the kids; hiding and hunting for eggs; Easter baskets and the candy that goes in them. I want to think about one of those candy treats for a moment.

Most of you know how much I enjoy chocolate. One thing I look forward to during the Easter season is the chocolate bunny. However, there is one type of bunny that I can do without. I remember getting an Easter bunny that looked so good, but when I bit into it I discovered it was hollow inside. I was expecting a thick, creamy bite of chocolate, but all I got was air.

Beauty can be like that can't it—only skin deep. There is a great spiritual application here—it what's inside that counts. On one occasion, Jesus told the Pharisees, *"Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness"* (Mt. 23:28). Jesus advised these religious men to cleanse the inside and the outside would take care of itself. In other words, "It's what's inside that counts!"

Honestly ask yourself: Do I truly love others? Do I share what I have with a joy filled heart? Do I pray regularly? Do I seek to live in a way that honors God? Do I try to make decisions that are biblical and godly?

As you ponder these and other questions, remember this, Jesus loved you so much that He died a terrible death so that you would not be separated from God. The very least we can do is to live authentic Christian lives before Him!

There is a song that we often sing at this holiday.

"He Lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives. He lives within my heart."

How about you, does Jesus truly live in your heart? If He does, then your life will reveal it. Thanks, Happy Easter.

Pastor Larry

## Easter Schedule

**April 13:** Palm Sunday/Communion

**April 20:** Easter Sunday

**9:30am** Sunday School

**10:30am** Worship Service



## SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

**MAY 4**

**Covered Dish Lunch**

**Followed by a Quarterly Business Meeting**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend  
this special Sunday



## VBS 2025

***Magnifying God's  
Greatness***

**VBS FOR FBCC**

**June 8—12**

**6:00-8:30pm**

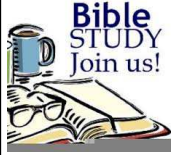
Please mark you calendars and be sure to join us for a week of "Magnifying God's Greatness!" Be in prayer about how God can use you to make a difference this summer in the lives of children in our community.

Please visit the VBS volunteer table to sign up to help with VBS and for your T-shirt.

We will be decorating on Thurs., April 10 around 4:45. Come when you can and help make trees, butterflies, and flowers. If you can't come and want to make decorations at home please see Rebecca Vernon or Melanie Eggleston for details.

We will have a VBS meeting following church service on April 27. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up at the VBS table so we can make sure we have enough food.

Proclaim the Lord's greatness with me: *Let us exalt his  
name together.—Psalm 34:3*



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



**The Ladies Card Ministry**  
2nd Tuesday each month  
12:00pm  
SonShine Classroom  
We will be making, Birthday,  
Anniversary, and Thinking of You Cards



**AWANA  
SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM  
For children 2 years to 5th Grade  
FBCC Social Hall**



**Loving Hands Ministry**  
Meets every Thursday 10:00am—12:00noon  
2nd Floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216



## 2025 Graduates

We will be recognizing our 2025 graduates in the Bulletin on Graduate Sunday, May 18th. If you have an immediate family member or grandchild who is graduating high school or college this year and would like to include them, please call the church office (276-647-3774) by Friday, April 25th to give us their name and information.

## GOOD NEWS

The Sunday morning worship service is now being uploaded to the FBCC Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and type in

**First Baptist Church of Collinsville, VA**  
and you will be able to enjoy the service.

## February Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,824
Monthly Budget Offering Received	35,534
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	39,924
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	236,274
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,990
Love Offering: Hurricane Helen	500
Benevolence Fund	1,014
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	41,694

## In Sympathy:

**Ellin Cabler**, member of FBCC, friend of many  
**Bobbie Joyce**, mother of Taujinia Martin, grandmother of Brandon Martin  
Claude Cassell, step-father of Rick Wright  
Carline Rutter, mother of Sherri Setliff  
Betty Lou Pigg, cousin of Walt Shaw  
Bob Hall, husband of the late Anna Hall

## New Contact Information

Len Turner: 276-226-0302 (no landline)  
Dorothy Hundley: 276-634-7544  
Taylor Jo Gary: 6909 Deacon Lane, Apt. F,  
Wilmington, NC28411  
Bob & Janet Roetken: 276-634-7992 (Bob)  
276-806-0572 (Janet)  
Perry Tilley, Vitality Living West End Richmond,  
1800 Gaskinns Rd., Apt. 206,  
Richmond, VA 23238

## Welcome New Member:

Jean Chitwood, 141 Kimberly Rd., Bassett, VA 24055  
Telephone: 276-647-3001  
Joined on Feb. 2, 2025 by transfer of letter  
Christian Chapman, 259 Shadyview Rd., Fieldale, VA 24089  
Joined by Profession of Faith on Feb. 2, 2025



## New Arrival

Tommy and Lisa Houston proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter, Lainey Houston. Little Miss Lainey was born on March 5, 2025. She weighed 9lb. 4oz. Her parents are Hunter and Rachel Houston. Lainey has a big brother, Rhett and a big sister, Remi.

## VAN MINISTRY DRIVER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

If you would be interested in driving the van just on Wednesdays to pick up students and return them home after the Wednesday night service, please contact the church office to let us know. **276-647-3774**

## Capital Campaign Fund Summary

( March 01, 2022—February, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Dec. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$45,933.16
Jan. —Dec.. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$38,335.00
January 2025 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 4,406.00
February 2025 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 3,135.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$204,764.07</b>
<b>Less Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>-\$ 76,160.00</b>
<b>Total Spent for Parking lot repair</b>	<b>-\$ 86,910.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 41,694.07</b>



## National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 1 Jack Dalton Park

### Vacation Bible School for Youth & Adults



Do you miss your days of participating in VBS as students? Do you remember learning bible verses, singing songs, snacks, doing crafts, and hearing the wonderful stories from the bible. Do you miss the great t-shirts from VBS.

We would like to bring those memories and feelings back to you this year.

On Wednesday nights beginning on April 30 through May 28, 5 Wednesday nights, 5 lessons, we will be offering VBS for Adults and VBS for Youth from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Don't worry, we will still have Wednesday night meals beginning at 5:30 p.m. for those who come to eat and fellowship, just a little earlier.

Pastor Larry will be leading the Adult VBS. Beverly Rakes and Rocky Rockwell will be leading the Youth VBS. They will have helpers assisting them. You will be given your own VBS Student book. Who knows, this may encourage you to volunteer, since you will already know the content, to help out with the VBS for children beginning June 8-12.

Both Youth and Adult will be studying How Big God Is discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

Session 1– Magnify God – God sees me

Session 2 – Magnify God's Care – God cares about me

Session 3 – Magnify God's Love – God Loves me

Session 4- Magnify God's Forgiveness – God forgives me

Session 5- Magnify God's Faithfulness – God keeps His promises  
We encourage you to come and join us. Bring a friend.

*Proclaim the LORD's Greatness with me, let us exalt his name together"* Psalm 34:3

### Staying Informed

If you are a middle school or high school student, or the parent of one, stay informed with events, activities, and announcements by following FBCC Youth on the Band



### Book of the Month



### **Amish Hawaiian Adventures**

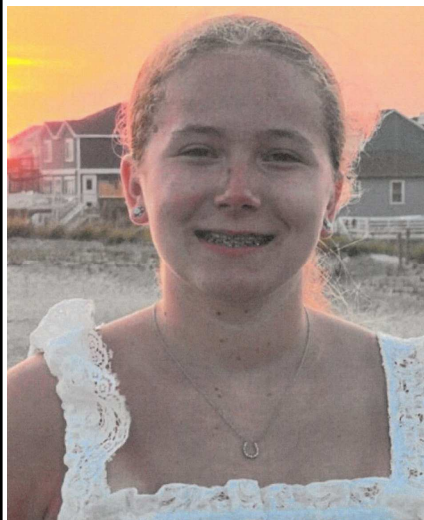
(two Amish Romances)

**By Wanda & Jean Brunstetter**

Join Mandy and Ellen on a trip of a lifetime to Hawaii in this two-novel collection. Will the discoveries these Amish girls make forever change the direction of their lives?



*Wishing each of you a  
Blessed and Happy Easter*



## Youth of the Month

### Gabbie France

Gabbie France is a freshman at Franklin County High School (FCHS). She is a member of the Franklin County Future Farmers of America (FFA).

She plans on attending college after high school and pursuing a career in veterinary medicine specializing in equine science.

She lives in Franklin County with parents, Jonathan and Sarah France. She's already putting her veterinary aspirations to use on their farm with 2 donkeys, 2 cats, 3 dogs, 2 rabbits and a goat. In the spring, she will add chickens to her little farm.

Gabbie has been attending FBCC since birth and joined the church on February 16, 2020. Her favorite scripture verse is Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

She loves working with children and helps with the FBCC baby Sunday school. She also works with VBS and serves on the FBCC Special Needs Committee. She also volunteers at the Virginia Museum of Natural History working summer camps and festivals.

Some of her favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing, riding 4-wheelers, drawing, painting, and blanket making. She enjoys competing in horse barrel racing and pole bending and has won many ribbons. She has done softball, soccer, volleyball, and gymnastics. She loves spending time at the beach with family and friends and joined the FBCC ladies beach retreat group, "Beach Babes" at 3 months with 19 aunties!

When she has spare time to eat, Gabbie's favorite food is an ACP at El Parral – YUM!

Gabbie's Nana and Papa, Charlotte and Bobby Harter, are also members of FBCC and work hard to keep up with their– busy girl!!

### Email Addresses

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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (May - Sept.)	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  
 U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Permit No. 5

*Return Service  
 Requested*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **April 2025 Birthdays**

01 Marietta Gunter	24 Kellie Norris
02 Pam Albanese	5 Diane Ferguson
03 Debbie Hancock	28 Polly Dodson
05 Teddy Belcher	30 Cindy Tilley

### **May 2025 Birthdays**

06 Sharon Barrow	01 Bailee France
07 Karen Castro	02 Carrie Williams
07 Noah Castro	02 Agnes VanHulzen
08 Jonathan France	03 Ann Thomasson
09 Margie Woods	04 Tim Atwood
10 Tim Gary	04 Wendy Gilbert
10 Gwen Lewis	04 Tami Olalya
10 Tom Prato	05 Hope Johnson
11 Betty Jones	05 Allison Prato
11 Paul Setliff	05 Michal Walker
11 Ashton Manns	05 Alan Teal
12 Felecia McBride	06 Keith Eggleston
12 Ella Santoemma	06 Dee Webb
13 Andrea Shoemaker	07 Sarah France
14 Bobby Harter	07 Carolyn Maydian
15 Jim Joyce	07 Shelly Gibson
15 Becky Johnson	07 Savannah Lund
17 Laura Whitlow	11 Pamela Jones
18 Christopher Hatchett	11 Sylvia McKinney
19 Kristen Tilley	14 Everett Lawson
21 Finn Frazier	17 Temple Mays
21 Cathie Carter	18 Wendy Watkins
22 Ruby Wright	18 Katrell Ramsey
22 Joyce Pace	19 Marci Emberson
24 Josh Acord	

### **April 2025 Anniversaries**

01 John & Sherry Flanagan  
 02 David & Melanie Catron  
 08 Jamie & Denise Collins  
 09 Jason & Paige Collins  
 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix  
 24 Alex & Angie Alley

### **May 2025 Anniversaries**

01 Roger & Judy Dodson  
 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 Jason & Andrea Shoemaker  
 20 Jim & Pam Joyce

## **Grace Network**

**APRIL FOOD ITEM**  
**Canned Beefaroni, Chili,**  
**Spaghetti & Meat Balls,**  
**Ravioli**

**APRIL FEATURE ITEMS**  
**Feminine Products,**  
**Paper Towels,**  
**Deodorant**

## **Dates to Remember.....**

**April 01:** iva Turner Group/  
 Agape Class

**April 01:** Phyllis Creasy Group/  
 Hugos

**April 08:** Betty Westover  
 Group/SonShine Class

**April 13:** Palm Sunday/  
 Communion

**April 17:** Joyce Newman Group/  
 Location to be determined

**April 18:** Good Friday

**April 19:** Special Needs Easter  
 Egg Hunt

**April 20:** Easter Sunday

**April 21:** Easter Monday/Office  
 Closed

**April 21-26:** HCBA/BGAV  
 Mission Trip to Damascus

**April 21:** Children to Science  
 Center in Greensboro, NC

**April 27:** VBS Meeting & Lunch

**April 28:** Finance & Church  
 Council Meeting

**April 30:** Magnified Youth &  
 Adult VBS

