

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

SEEKING GOD



I love how God uses seemingly small and insignificant things to teach us great spiritual truths. The other day I had to take my older dog "Rocky" to the vet. Jan remained at home with our younger dog "Chance". She told me that the moment Rocky and I left, Chance began to go throughout the house and yard looking for Rocky. He was upset that he could not find him. Eventually, Chance climbed in her lap and waited to see if, and when, we would return. From the moment we brought Chance home he has not been away from Rocky. They eat, sleep, play, and even stayed in the same cubicle when we boarded them during vacation.

This reminds me of something David said when exclaiming His trust in God: "When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek" (1 Sam. 27:8). This is my favorite Old Testament verse. It is a pure, unadulterated, proclamation from someone who loved God with all his heart, soul, mind, strength and realized how desperately he needed God. I imagine David frantically seeking to discover the will of God; wanting to hear a word from the Father. Like Chance, he was looking high and low to find God. He was determined to be with the one he loved and looked to for friendship and support.

When was the last time you looked for God in that manner? You will not long for that type of relationship with God until your heart is totally surrendered to Him as your LORD. Don't wait until a disaster hits to seek the LORD. If you longingly look for Him, He will be found. Thanks folks. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

**May 25
Memorial
Sunday
May 26
Memorial
Day
(Office Closed)**



SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

MAY 4

Covered Dish "Potluck" Lunch Followed by a Quarterly Business Meeting

We will enjoy an old fashioned covered dish "potluck" lunch following the service. So be looking through those treasured recipes for your favorite things to bring....meats, casseroles, side dishes, desserts, etc. The church will provide the beverages—tea, lemonade and water.



Sunday, May 11

Be sure to visit, call, text or whatever means you choose to let your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt or Friend know that she was an influence in your life and wish her a *Happy Mother's Day!*

VBS 2025

Magnifying God's Greatness

VBS FOR FBCC



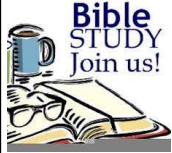
June 8—12 6:00-8:30pm

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.

Be sure to pick up some of the Vacation Bible School flyers on the VBS table to hand out to your neighbors, family and friends. You may even be able to pass some of them in your favorite restaurants or stores.

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**

**Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, May 4th**

(in the SonShine Classroom after the covered dish lunch)

Following are items to be discussed and voted on at the meeting:

1. The recommendation by the Properties Committee and approved by the Board of Directors to sell the 2002 Ford Lift Van.
2. The Covenant of Expectations (job description) for the Associate Pastor of Youth. *Copies are available at the bulletin stands.*
3. The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for the Search Committee for the Associate Pastor of Youth position: *Charlotte Harter, Jeremy Craven, Beverly Rakes, Eddie Conner, Becky Johnson, Joe Johnson, Samantha Martin, and Kemper Terry.*
4. The Nominating Committee will also present nominees for officer positions for the 2025-2026 church year.
5. The Finance Committee recommendation to add \$1,000 to the Search Committee line item in the 2025 church budget.

Additional items of business may be presented as needed.

Capital Campaign

The three-year time frame for the Capital Campaign ended as of April 30, 2025. The goal was to raise \$245,000. As of April 28, 2025, \$212,594.07 has been given! The balance remaining in the Capital Campaign Fund is now \$49,524.07. This amount is not enough to complete the parking lot repairs still needed on the John Redd side of the church. **Therefore, it was decided in the March Finance & Church Council meeting to continue raising funds.** You can continue to give toward the campaign, by designating "Capital Campaign" on your envelope, check memo line, or through your online giving. Any excess or unused funds from the Capital Campaign Fund will go toward other facility and property needs.



**MILITARY MEMORIAL TRIBUTE
SUNDAY, MAY 25**

We would like to remember those who died while serving in the Military, or those who served and have since died. If you have a family member who was a Veteran that you would like remembered, we would like to have their name, branch/venue of service and their picture. We need this information given to the church office by May 19. If you have provided this information before, we should still have it on file, just call the church office at 276-647-3774 to make sure.

March Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	56,030
Monthly Budget Offering Received	40,118
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	35,258
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	244,629
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,687
Benevolence Fund	727
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	47,104

In Sympathy:

Patti Crotty, aunt of Becky and Betty Crotty

New Contact Information

Shirley Frith only cell telephone No. 276-340-8212

Marge Renz 350 Kings Way Rd, AL 15

Martinsville, VA 24112

Betty Hall Landline back in service 276-629-6032



2025 GRADUATES

We will be recognizing High School and College graduates on Sunday, May 18th.

We have two high school graduates in our Youth Program:

Breanna Boyd and Cassie Foley

From Sunday, May 4 until Sunday May 18, we will have a gift box for each girl in the vestibule underneath our tapestry quilt for you to share your congratulations with them.



**5-Alive
Sunday, June 29
Coffee and Donuts
9:00am**

FBCC Social Hall

Come join us for fellowship and a cup of coffee before Sunday School at 9:30am

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



**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—March 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
Jan.—Feb. 2025 donation to Capital Campaign	7,541.00
March 2025 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 5,410.00
Total Received	\$210,174.07
Less Total spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance March 31, 2025	\$ 47,104.07

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.

We are having Adult and Youth VBS on Wednesday night until May 28 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.

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VBS DECORATING

Mondays, 5:00pm

If you can't be here at 5:00pm come when you can.

All help is appreciated

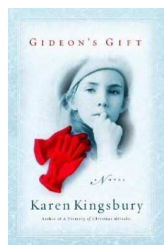
Women on Mission—By His Love



During the month of May, the WMU will be visiting God's Pit Crew Monday morning, May 5 to help them refill Blessing Buckets for their disaster relief missions.

On Friday, May 9, we will be delivering and handing out dessert bags to the teachers and staff for Teacher's Appreciation Week. We look forward to being able to serve God in our community during these two projects.

Book of the Month



Gideon's Gift

By Karen Kingsbury

The long-ago Christmas, Earl Gibson lost the two things most precious to him: his wife and daughter. Angry and heartbroken, he ended up living on the streets and abandoned any belief he'd once had in God until he received a special gift from a little girl named Gideon.

Youth of the Month



Breanna (Bre) Boyd

Breanna Boyd (Bre) lives in Martinsville with her mom and dad (and cat, Ronan). She is a senior at Bassett High School. She is a member of the band and plays the clarinet. She is in the BETA Club, Scholastic Bowl, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Theta Kappa and the Freshmen Mentor Program. She plans to attend James Madison University this fall with a major in Music Education. She has an awesome opportunity this summer: She will travel to France as a member of the All-American band! They will go to Normandy to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the D-Day invasion by visiting memorials and historical sites; as well as marching in the parade, performing for world leaders. The group will tour Normandy, Paris, and Washington DC. She is very excited for this adventure and opportunity to make wonderful memories!

Bre was first introduced to FBCC in elementary school when she started going to the Good News Clubs and started attending the Youth Group regularly in 2019.

Her favorite scripture verses are Luke 12: 22-26, "Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens, They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?'"

Bre works at Taco Bell and enjoys listening to music, learning new things, and hanging out with friends in her spare time. Her favorite food is green beans.



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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (on break until September)	
Adult Bible Studies	4:00pm

Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice	5:15pm
Fellowship Meal	5:30pm
Adult and Youth VBS	6:00pm
RA's & GA's	6:30pm
Mission Friends	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2025 Birthdays

01 Bailee France	24 Phyllis Geramita
01 Carrie Williams	26 Joan Collins
02 Agnes VanHulzen	26 Scott Spencer
03 Ann Thomasson	26 Daniel Perry
04 Tim Atwood	26 Sammy Shelton
04 Wendy Gilbert	29 Douglas Huff
04 Tami Olalya	29 Rick Love
05 Hope Johnson	29 Evie Privette
05 Allison Prato	30 Sammy Eanes
05 Michael Walker	31 Judah Beachy
05 Alan Teal	
06 Keith Eggleston	
06 Dee Webb	
07 Sarah France	
07 Carolyn Maydian	
07 Shelly Gibson	
07 Savannah Lund	
11 Pamela Jones	
11 Sylvia McKinney	
14 Everett Lawson	
17 Temple Mays	
18 Wendy Watkins	
18 Katrell Ramsey	
19 Marci Emberson	
20 Shirley Hodges	
21 Jessica Shelton	
21 Hank Joyce	
22 Tina Maxey	

June 2025 Birthdays

01 Styles Geramita
01 Mike Kennett
01 Tim Knight
01 Gideon Huddle
01 Lisa West
02 David Kinney
02 Nicholas Alley
03 Chris Roetken
03 Rocky Rockwell
01 Rick Anderson
05 Bruce Adkins
05 Tommy Houston
05 Faye Haynes
05 Dustin Beckner
06 Steve Edwards
06 Sarah Lester
08 Jan Cheek

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
23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal
29 Scott & Suzanne Terry
30 Wayne & Becky Johnson

June 2025 Anniversaries

02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita
05 Joe & Tina Haskins
05 Scott & Tonia Patterson
08 Dale & Debbie Hancock
09 Chris & Martha Newman

Grace Network

MAY FOOD ITEM

Canned Beefaroni, Chili,
 Spaghetti & Meat Balls,
 Ravioli

MAY FEATURE ITEMS

Bath Soap, Toilet Paper
 Toothpaste and Individually
 Wrapped Toothbrushes

Dates to Remember.....

May 04: Sr. Adult Day (Covered
 Dish Luncheon)

May 04: Quarterly Business
 Meeting after Luncheon

May 05: WMU to God's Pit Crew

May 06: Iva Turner Group/
 Agape Class

May 06: Phyllis Creasy Group/
 Hugos

May 07: WMU Council Meeting

May 07: Youth & Adult VBS

May 08: Loving Hands Ministry

May 11: Mother's Day

May 12: Ladies Card Ministry

May 13: Betty Westover Group/
 Sonshine Class

May 14: Weekday Early Edu.
 end of Year Program

May 14: Youth & Adult VBS

May 15: Joyce Newman Group/
 TBD

May 18: Graduate Sunday

May 24: Special Needs VBS

May 25: Memorial Sunday

May 26: Memorial Day (office closed)

May 27: Finance & Church Mtg.

May 28: Youth & Adult VBS