

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



FREE INDEED

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

Hi folks. Soon we will celebrate Independence Day. I hope you take time to appreciate the freedom we have as Americans. But may I suggest you ponder another freedom—the freedom you have in Christ. Jesus told us that those who believe in Him are "free indeed".

The Greek word for "indeed" [3689, ontoce] means certainly or really. What is it about Christ that really makes us free? Well, let's look at this passage. Earlier, a woman who had been caught in adultery was brought to Jesus in the temple. The Pharisees wanted to stone her, but Jesus would not agree. Instead, He told those who accused her to go ahead and stone her if they were without sin. The men left and Jesus told the woman, "I do not condemn you, go and sin no more" (v. 11). Then Jesus took on the Pharisees who had no compassion for those who were often caught up in life issues. The only hope for the woman to be free from the sexual sin that beset her was Jesus. And the only hope to eradicate the prideful sin that drove the Pharisees was also trusting Jesus. Abiding in Christ is the only way any of us will be able to be free from the power of sin.

The U.S. Army used to have the slogan, "Be All You Can Be!" This is the ultimate freedom. Christ is the only way we can really be everything God knows we can be. People living in the U.S. may have freedom to do certain things, but they are not truly free to reach their highest potential until they trust Christ. Transforming ourselves from the inside may be impossible for us, but with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). Put your faith in Jesus and let Him help you truly be all you can be. Have a great Fourth of July.

Pastor Larry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



HOMEcoming AUGUST 3

Guest Speaker: Rev. Terry Knighten

FBCC Special Music

**Covered Dish Lunch following
the worship service.**

(More information to follow)

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 30 @ 6:45pm

Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by July 16th 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 July 23.

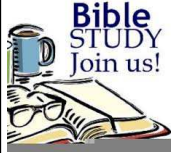
Fall Ladies Bible Study

"Who Do You Say that I Am?"

Sept. 7—Oct. 26

Sunday's @ 4:00pm

Our fall ladies Bible Study "Who do you say that I am?", begins Sun. Sept. 7 from 4:00-5:30pm in the Sunshine Classroom. This is an 8-week study of the I AM statements of Jesus and requires homework 5 days a week in preparation for our group discussion each Sunday afternoon. You MUST register on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the office entrance door no later than July 30 to guarantee delivery of the study guides. The study guides are \$16.00, payable at our first class.



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



Loving Hands Ministry

**Thursdays
10:00am
Room 216**



Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Campaign

If you picked up a Baby Bottle to fill for the Pregnancy Care Center, please return your filled bottles to the church office, Pastor Larry, Noah Inman or the Records Room on Sunday mornings. If you are writing a check please make it payable to Martinsville Pregnancy Care Center. There are still some bottles available for you to pick up. Please return the bottles back to FBCC by July 20th.

Deacon Events

July 14: Deacon & Wives Dinner
July 16: Deacon's Retreat
July 17: Deacon Sunday

FBCC Food Pantry Donation

If you would like to contribute to the FBCC Food Pantry you may do so.
We will be collecting two items each month. The items for July are:

**Ravoli—15 oz. can
Mac and Cheese—7.25 oz. box**

You can leave the items in the FBCC Food Pantry bin outside the church office.

May Report

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| Monthly Budget Offering Needed | 44,824 |
| Monthly Budget Offering Received | 58,962 |
| Rental Income | 1,913 |
| Monthly Budget Operating Expenses | 35,366 |
| Non Budget Expenses | 00 |
| Operating Account Balance | 271,333 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance | 11,228 |
| Benevolence Fund | 1,017 |
| Project Hope | 126 |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry | 1,366 |
| Van Fund | 13,398 |
| Capital Campaign Fund | 51,399 |

In Sympathy:

"Pete" Murphy Smith, father of Carl Smith

New Contact Information

Betty Lavinder: New Telephone No.: 276-340-0473
Eddie & Becky Conner: No Landline
Eddie Cell No.: 276-252-3890
Becky Cell No.: 276-252-3990
Marge Renz: 300 Kings Way Rd., Apt. 312
Martinsville, VA 24112



Senior Adults

Age 55+

Van trip to Lancaster, PA

October 15-16, 2025

Meet NOAH at the Sight and Sound Theatre, tour The Tabernacle, enjoy Amish cuisine and maybe a little shopping. Cost \$200 each for double occupancy. This covers travel, lodging and tickets. Each individual will be responsible for meal cost. Limited accommodation. If interested contact Linda Conner 276-224-0780.

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 App.



Grace Network

JULY FOOD ITEM

JUCE (40-64 oz.)

JULY FEATURE ITEMS

Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Feminine Products

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—May 31, 2025)

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| 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.—April 2025 donation to Capital Campaign | \$15,471.00 |
| april 2025 donation to Capital Campaign | \$ 1,775.00 |
| Total Received | \$214,469.07 |
| Less Total spent for Roof | -\$ 76,160.00 |
| Total Spent for Parking lot repair | -\$ 86,910.00 |
| Capital Fund Balance: | \$ 51,399.07 |

Women on Mission—By His Love



Attention WMU Ladies: please join us on Four Mission journeys. We will hear first Hand about missionary adventures in Mexico, China, Peru and Thailand.

Rebecca Beachy, Lisa Adams and Megan Chilton will share some of their experiences ministering in these four countries. We'll even have a sampling of native foods from each country. So, put July 29th at 6:00pm on your calendars for a fun time in learning what God is doing throughout His World!.

Deacon Election

The following nominees from the list of eligible candidates have agreed to serve as deacon. They each will serve a two year term beginning September 1, 2025. A vote of affirmation will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025.

H. D. Linkous

Joe Johnson

Neil Ramsey

Scott Terry

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**



Children's Day Trip

Friday, July 18

Splash Valley

Children K-5th grade will be going to Splash Valley on Friday, July 18.

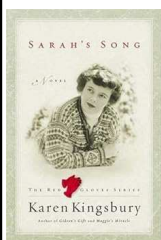
We will leave the church at 10:00am, so please be at the church by 9:45am. We will return to the church at 4:30pm. Please let Felecia know by July 13th if your child is going. There is no charge for the children to attend this fun day!

FBCC Book of the Month

Sarah's Song

By" Karen Kingsbury

(The Red Gloves Collection #3)



The ritual is the same every December, twelve handmade paper ornaments and a small plastic Christmas tree. Twelve days for Sarah to remember her long-ago love. Twelve chances for Sarah to sing her song once more.....

Check this and other books out in the Church Library

Youth of the Month



Bryson Ramsey

Bryson Ramsey is 16 years old and will be a rising Junior at Franklin County High School this fall. He is in Varsity football and indoor and outdoor track. He plans to attend college and possibly run track but has not decided on a major.

Bryson lives in Franklin County with mom and dad, Allen and Katrell, and younger brother, Jase. He has a chocolate lab, Ava. He is the grandson of Neil and Sheila Ramsey. He has been attending FBCC for 15 years.

Bryson's favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

Byson's favorite foods are ACP and chicken.

Youth Service Help at the

Henry County Food Pantry

On July 19th the Youth will be going to the Henry County Food Pantry to assist them in unloading supplies. They will also be working in the closets organizing and sorting through items that they provide for the community. This will take place from 9:00am-12:00pm and the youth will meet at the church at 8:30am to bus over to the pantry.

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKDAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

9:00am—12:00pm Mom.—Thurs.

Now enrolling for 2025-2026

Pick up an application or call the church office

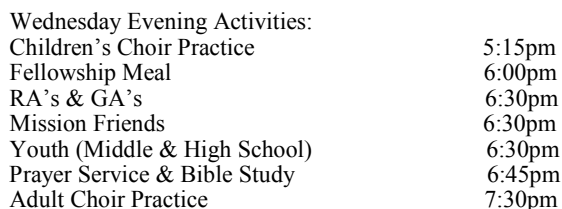
(276-647-3774)

and we will mail you one

For children 3 and 4 years old

(child must be potty trained)



Return Service
Requested

July 01: Iva Turner Group
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July 02: 4th of July Cook-Out
July 04: Independence Day
Office Closed
July 06: Communion Sunday
(Love Offering Collected)
July 08: Betty Westover Group
SonShine Classroom
July 12: Youth Backyard Bible
Club
July 17: Joyce Newman Group
TBD
July 18: Children's Fun Day to
Splash Valley
July 19: Youth to Henry County
Food Pantry
July 20: Deacons Meeting after
Morning worship service
July 28: Finance & Church
Council Meeting
July 29: WMU Mission Meal/
Social Hall Rsvd.
July 30: Quarterly Business Mtg
Aug. 03: Homecoming Sunday &
Covered Dish Luncheon

