

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



NEVER DISCARDED

*"... whoever comes to me I will never
cast out." (John 6:37)*

Hi friends. The other Saturday Jan and I were going to lunch when we passed by a home in our neighborhood where the people were moving. They had a U-Haul truck backed up to the front and were loading their belongings. Jan saw a small table at the mailbox that had been placed there for whom-ever wanted it. I guess if no one else picked it up, the garbage collectors would eventually take it to the dump. In the estimation of the family, it was not good enough to be taken to their new home. However, it looked perfectly fine to Jan, and she immediately had a place in mind where she could use it. So I stopped and loaded it into the car. It is now serving as a table for reading and study material beside Jan's recliner. What those people had rejected, Jan was willing to accept.

That is a familiar scenario in God's spiritual world. Every time a person comes to faith in Christ, God welcomes him or her into His family. What others may deem as worthy only of a garbage dump, God values and reclaims for Himself. In His opinion, no person is too old or too young to know Him; to follow Him; to serve Him. No person is so bad that he cannot be forgiven and no one is so good that they do not need to be forgiven. In Christ everyone has worth, value, purpose, and hope. What's more, God will never see us as unworthy of His love and attention. In our verse, Jesus tells us that he will never cast out or throw away those who come to Him. There is never going to be a moment when God decides He no longer has a use for us. We are His for all eternity. Don't let anyone, even yourself, convince you that you're worthless. You were so valuable that God was willing to let His Son die so you could become part of His family. For all time and eternity you have worth!

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



HOMECOMING SUNDAY AUGUST 3

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Terry Knighten

FBCC Special Music

Covered Dish Lunch following the worship service.

*Please bring your favorite side dish and/or
dessert to share.*

*The church will provide the meal and beverages.
Bring someone with you!*

Kick-Off for New Church Year Sundaes on Sunday August 24th

Let's kick off our new church year on **August 24**.
Join us in the Social Hall from **5:00- 7:00pm** for
Sundaes on Sunday!

Create your own Sundae with ice
cream and your favorite toppings.



Samaritan Purse shoeboxes and relat-
ed information will also be available for pickup.
Christmas season is just around the corner.

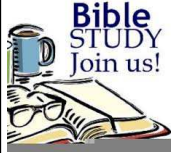
Hope to see you on the 24th and bring a friend!

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Committee Night: August 24 Committee Meetings Starting at 5:30pm

If you have agreed to serve on a committee for the new church year, please plan to attend your committee meeting on August 24th. You will be receiving a card by mail with your meeting time and room location. You will also get to enjoy an ice-cream Sundae and a great time of Fellowship in the Social hall between 5:00-7:00pm.

*(Committee members can stop by for ice cream sun-
daes before or after your committee meetings.)*



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



Loving Hands Ministry

**Thursdays
10:00am
Room 216**



Seniors 55+ Trip to Hammricks

September 15



Mark your calendar for Monday, September 15th it's

Senior's Day at HAMMRICKS. We leave the church at 9:00am and visit the Greensboro, NC store. Enjoy 10% off your entire purchase, no exclusions and use on all WOWS. As additional bonus, all van riders can register to win a \$25 coupon to be used for your purchases.

For those of you who have missed craft shopping, HOBBY LOBBY is in the same strip mall, this is your opportunity to replenish your stash.

After shopping we will enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel. Join us for a fun filled day....

A sign-up is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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 August are:

**Stew Beef (20oz. Can)
Peanut Butter (16-18 oz. jar)**

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

June Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	56,125
Monthly Budget Offering Received	46,529
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	39,522
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	281,512
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	11,286
Benevolence Fund	715
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	53,729

In Sympathy:

Edith Harris, mother of Elizabeth Harris & Sharon

Anderson

D. Keith Meredith, son of Ruth Brown

Ronnie Lewis, uncle of Rebecca Vernon

Ronnie Oliver, father of Keith Oliver

New Arrival

Lucas and Taylor Draper and big sister, Laurel, announce the birth of their son and brother, Dawson James Draper. He was born on July 18. and weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs..and was 20 3/4" long. His proud grandparents are Pete and Kathy Draper.

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 Sonshine 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 August 06 to guarantee delivery of the study guides. The study guides are \$16.00, payable at our first class.

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 AUGUST FOOD ITEM

JUICE (40-64 oz.)

AUGUST FEATURE ITEMS

**Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, &
Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes**

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—June 30, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—April 2025	\$175,864.07
May 2025:	\$ 1,775.00
June 2025:	\$ 2,330.00
Total Receipts	\$216,799.07
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 53,729.07

Women on Mission—By His Love

What we have done:

During the month of July, the WMU held a missions sharing night, featuring Lisa Adams who has done missions work in Thailand and Peru; Megan Chilton who has been to China; Samantha Harris who has been to Ecuador; and Rebecca Beachy who is our missionary in Mexico. Each country was represented with a decorated table and food popular to its culture. We had approximately 40 people to attend. We would like to thank all who contributed and came to this wonderful evening of hearing how God is working beyond our borders.

What we are doing:

During the month of August, the WMU will be collecting items for Fostering Champions, a ministry that provides housing for teenagers who have aged out of the foster care system. The items we collect will be going into Blessing Baskets that will be given to them as they enter their new homes. Several other churches in the community are also joining us with this. We are asking the WMU ladies to bring items the entire month of August and place in the containers in the vestibule marked WMU

The Testing of Your Faith

Why does God allow you to go through trials in your life? As we race toward this world's final destiny, we can expect the pace and severity of these trials to increase—testing us—pressing us to stay the course with Jesus Christ at the helm. In fact, that's why this course was Bruce Wilkinson's first priority after his life-changing stroke—for which he praises God. In the course, he tells the very personal story of his greatest "Test of Faith" as God's way of lighting the fire under him to get his course to His people now.

The course will run Sunday afternoons, 4:00-5:30pm, Sept. 7 through Oct. 26. Sign up on the bulletin board along the church office entrance hall.

In this video driven course Bruce Wilkinson will answer the question we've all asked at some point: **Why does God allow me to go through trials in my life?**

James tells us to "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials." Bruce will lead us through Scripture, revealing life applications, power tools and what he calls God's secret weapon to pass the Testing of Your Faith.

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Youth of the Month

Cade Collins

Cade Collins is the son of Jamie and Denise Collins. He lives in Collinsville with them, his older brother, Colton and pet dog, Champ. Cade's birthday is July 4th and he just turned 15. He has been attending FBCC his entire life; his grandparents, JD and Joan Collins joined and brought the whole family with them! (Uncle and aunt, Scott and Suzanne Terry; cousins, Kemper Terry and Britney Terry Beverley; uncle and aunt, Jason and Paige Collins; cousins, Ethan and Blayke Collins).

Cade mows lawns during the summer and also stays busy with a travel baseball team, "The Dirty South". He will be in the 10th grade at Bassett High School where he played Varsity baseball last year and plans to continue this coming season. He was selected as the Freshman male representative on the Homecoming Court last year. He is still considering options for his years after high school.

Cade's favorite scripture verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Cade enjoys riding his four-wheeler and dirt bike with his brother, cousins and friends. His favorite food is cheese steak hoagie.



5-Alive Coffee & Donuts

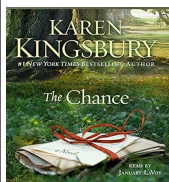
Sunday, August 31

9:00am

FBCC Social Hall

Please plan to join us as we fellowship together before Sunday School

FBCC Book of the Month



The Chance

By Karen Kingsbury

The day before a teenage Ellie moved from Georgia to California, she and her best friend Nolan sat beneath the Spanish moss of an ancient oak tree where they wrote letters to each other and buried them in a rusty old metal box. The plan was to return eleven years later, dig the box up, and read the letters. But now, as that date approaches, much has changed. Ellie has abandoned the faith she grew up with, her days consumed with loving her little girl and trying to make ends meet. Sometimes she watches TV to catch a glimpse of her old friend Nolan, now an NBA star, whose faith is known by the entire nation

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKDAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

9:00am—12:00pm Mon.—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)





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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Awana (on break until September)	

Wednesday Evening Activities:

Children's Choir Practice	5:15pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00pm
RA's & GA's	6:30pm
Mission Friends	6:30pm
Youth (Middle & High School)	6:30pm
Prayer Service & Bible Study	6:45pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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 Organization
 U.S. Postage
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*Return Service
 Requested*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2025 Birthdays

01 H. D. Linkous
 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 Beverly Rakes
 11 Chas Geramita
 13 Bobbi Frazier
 14 Pete Draper
 15 Suzanne Terry
 16 Louise Mabry
 16 Amanda Goad
 17 Shirley Horton
 18 Linda Conner
 18 Rachel Patterson
 19 Larry Cheek
 29 George Collins
 20 Gabbie France
 20 Randy Hiatt
 21 Terri Anthony
 21 Ken Folk
 22 Autumn Turner
 24 Tony Gilbert
 25 Bryson Ramsey

26 Michael Rivera
 26 Savannah McBride
 26 Samuel Torian
 26 Frances Goad
 27 Brad Pegram
 28 Tommy Nance
 28 Connie Black
 30 Sara Roetken
 31 Ronald Gillispie
 31 Allison Love

September 2025 Birthdays

01 Milton Pace
 01 Doris Walker
 02 Leah Johnson
 06 Doug Gibson
 07 George Gentry
 07 Kemper Terry
 07 Randy Goad
 08 Sam Torian
 08 Tracie Slack

August 2025 Anniversaries

05 Gary & Doris Walker
 11 Harold & Shelley Belcher
 13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
 20 Bob & Janet Roetken
 22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
 24 Sam & Jummy Olaiya
 27 Dickey & Pat Cobb
 30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry

September 2025 Anniversaries

09 Scott & Robin Spencer
 10 David & Linda Conner
 14 Doug & Bonnie Huff
 16 Pete & Kathy Draper
 23 Jerry & Judy Robertson
 26 Tommy & Lisa Houston
 26 Rick & Sharri Love
 28 Roger & Margie Woods

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**

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 1
Church Office
Closed

Dates to Remember.....

Aug. 03: Homecoming Sunday & Covered Dish Luncheon
Aug. 05: Iva Turner Group/Agape Class
Aug. 05: Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos
Aug. 06: WMU Council Meeting
Aug. 07: Loving Hands Ministry
Aug. 11: Ladies Card Ministry
Aug. 12: Betty Westover Group SonShine Class
Aug. 14: Deacons & Wives Dinner/FBCC S. Hall
Aug. 16: Deacons Retreat/FBCC Social Hall
Aug. 17: Deacon Sunday
Aug. 21: Joyce Newman Group/To Be Determined
Aug. 24: New Church Year & Samaritan's Purse Kick-Off Sundaes on Sunday/Social Hall
Aug. 24: Committee Night
Aug. 25: Finance & Church Council Mtg./SonShine Class
Aug. 31: Five 5 Alive/S. Hall

