

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Stormy Weather (Acts 27:1-44)

Hi folks. We are entering that time of year when we are prone to experience storms that come in from the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf. While those living closer to the coastlines are more likely to be severely impacted, we still have our share of issues because of those storms.

On one occasion, Paul was travelling to Rome when the ship he was on encountered a typhoon. It was so bad that even the veteran sailors were afraid. They were going to leave the ship, but Paul told them, "God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with me" (Acts 27:24, NLT). So Paul convinced them to remain on the ship. Eventually, the ship ran aground and sank, but everyone on the ship made it safely to a nearby island.

Our spiritual life is no different than what Paul experienced. Like the people on that ship, we may be tempted to give up or give in to fear. However, these are moments to remember God's promises, to express our concerns to Him, and to trust Him in whatever is going on.

No matter what you are going through now or may experience in the future, have faith in God! He will see you thru safely. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



FBCC CRUISE IN SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 10:00AM—2:00PM

Join us at First Baptist Church Collinsville for our Cruise In Car Show! Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day of classic cars, great fellowship, and delicious eats. Enjoy food for purchase from local favorites Bahama Sno-Shack and Malloy Dogz while you stroll through an amazing lineup of vehicles.



FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 27

11:00am-2:00pm

Free Food and Fun for ALL

We will have pizza, chips, and snow cones. Children of all ages can have fun making a craft, dunkin' the preacher and other leaders in the dunkin' booth, ax throwing, and jumping in the bouncy house. We will have our fan favorite cake walk again this year. There will be other fun activities to engage in as well. Please join us.

The Testing of Your Faith

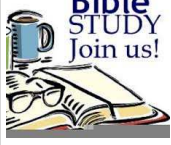
Why does God allow you to go through trials in your life? As we race toward this world's final destiny, we can expect the pace and severity of these trials to increase—testing us—pressing us to stay the course with Jesus Christ at the helm. In fact, that's why this course was Bruce Wilkinson's first 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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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study
with Pastor Larry
10:00am
SonShine Classroom
Everyone is Welcome to Attend**

In Sympathy:

Kevin Joyce, husband of Kellie Joyce and son of Jimmy and Pam Joyce



New Arrival

Tim and Cerra LaRue announce the birth of their daughter, Norah Are LaRue. Little Miss Norah was born on July 29, 2025. Proud grandparents are John and Debbie Craddock. Her great uncle is Michael Craddock and her great aunt is Sara Edens.



Loving Hands Ministry

**Thursdays
10:00am
Room 216**



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPT.



The Adult Choir will begin practicing for the Christmas Cantata Wednesday evening, September 10 from 7:30 - 8:00 in the choir room. Anyone is invited to join us.

Handbells will start back Sunday afternoon, September 7 at 2:45 in the classroom across from the church office. Anyone is invited - you don't need to read music to be able to play.

Seniors 55+ Trip to Hamricks



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 September are:

Beef Stew (20 oz. can)

Fruit (14-15 oz. can)

Canned Potatoes (14-15 oz. can)

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

AWANA Schedule for September

Sundays @ 4:00pm

For children ages 2 years thru 5th grade

September 07th Make a Bank for Missions

September 14th

September 21st Crazy Hair Night

September 28: (No Awana Meeting)

Grace Network

SEPTEMBER FOOD ITEM

JUICE (40-64 oz.)

SEPTEMBER FEATURE ITEMS

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

July Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	44,940
Monthly Budget Offering Received	34,444
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	38,133
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	281,096
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	11,383
Benevolence Fund	1,037
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	55,134

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—July 31, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—April 2025	\$175,864.07
May —June 2025:	4,105.00
July 2025:	\$ 1,405.00
Total Receipts	\$218,204.07
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 55,134.07

Women on Mission—By His Love

What we have done:

During the month of August the WMU ladies teamed with three other churches in the area to collect items for Blessing Baskets for teens who have aged out of the foster system. An organization called Fostering Champions is building homes for these young people and the items we collect will greet them when they enter their new homes. We also distributed Samaritan Purse shoe boxes during committee night so that people can begin filling them for the November collection date.

What we are doing:

September is our kickoff month for a new WMU year, and we are starting our year with a **Ladies' Tea on September 20** from 10 - 12 in the Social Hall. Each member will bring a guest, and we will enjoy a morning of tea, light refreshments, and fellowship. Special music will be Elizabeth Decker Howell, and Hope Johnson will present a Journey to Knowing God. We would like to start our new year not only with a calendar of missions projects, but also with hearts filled with the desire to know God more.

Ladies Fall Bible Study

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Sunday, September 7—October 30

4:00-5:30pm

Our fall Ladies Bible Study, *"Who do you say that I am?"*, begins **Sunday September 7** from 4:00-5:30pm in the Sonshine Classroom. This is a 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.

FBCC Book of the Month



Sunrise (sunrise Series #1)

By Karen Kingsbury

In preparation for their long-awaited wedding day, Dayne and Katy are determined to keep the ceremony a secret from the paparazzi. Their relationship grows closer and stronger as they plan together, but in the end, it takes the help of the Baxter family and many of the CKT kids so that they'll even have a chance at a private wedding.

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.



Youth of the Month



Elyse Headen

Elyse Headen is part of our Wednesday night youth group at FBCC. She attends Crosspointe in Wirtz on Sunday but joins us on Wednesday night for Youth. She lives in Martinsville with her parents, Gavin and Meaghan, and her sister Zuri. She has been attending FBCC for about a year and a half and was told about the youth group by the Cravens (big thank you to them for getting her to join us!)

Elyse is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. She is home-schooled. She is considering going to PHCC but has not decided on a major yet. She is starting her 13th year of dance.

She enjoys Bible journaling, and her favorite scripture verse is Matthew 8:27, "The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Elyse's family has a little farm with goats, rabbits, ducks, chickens, dogs and cats. She stays busy between the animals, school, church and dance and also finds time to babysit. Her favorite food is chicken and French fries.



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Saturday, October 11, 2025

"In as much as you did it (fed the hungry, healed the sick, clothed the naked, visited the imprisoned) you did it for me." Mt. 25:40

We, along with other churches, will become the hands and feet of Jesus. If you know of anyone in our community who needs assistance with anything they cannot do for themselves, please contact Shirley Craven.

We will be doing various projects so we are sure there is something that you will be capable of doing to help someone.

There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the Sonshine class where you can sign up to take part in this ministry.



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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
Handbell Practice	2:45pm
Awana	4:00pm
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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 2025 Birthdays

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| 01 Milton Pace | 21 April Lents |
| 01 Doris Walker | 22 Ruby Meyers |
| 02 Leah Johnson | 22 Ronald Lemons |
| 06 Doug Gibson | 23 Elijah Beachy |
| 07 George Gentry | 23 Mason Ferguson |
| 07 Kemper Terry | 24 Belinda Ashworth |
| 07 Randy Goad | 24 Becky Nance |
| 08 Sam Torian | 24 Heather Perry |
| 08 Tracie Slack | 24 Jummy Olalya |
| 09 Wes Martin | 26 Brandi Lackey |
| 10 Delano Thomasson | 26 Wayne Johnson |
| 12 Mike Womack | 28 Scott Patterson |
| 12 Richard Ramsey | 29 Luke Ashworth |
| 12 Jordan Butchko | 30 Luke Craven |
- October 2025 Birthdays**
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| 01 Eddie Conner |
| 01 Christine McAlexander |
| 02 Scott Terry |
| 02 Mona Turner |
| 03 Betsy Ivey |
| 04 Kathy Draper |
| 04 Jason Shoemaker |
| 06 Alex Alley |
| 06 Katelyn Cobb |
| 07 JoeAnn Belcher |
| 07 Curtis Stone |
| 07 William Blackwell |
| 07 John Flanagan |

September 2025 Anniversaries

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

October 2025 Anniversaries

- 06 Tony & Helen Alley
- 06 Jonathan & Sarah France
- 09 John & Donna Floyd
- 09 Charlie & Diane F. Turner
- 12 Tim & Gail Atwood
- 16 Lucas & Taylor Draper

**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**

Dates to Remember.....

- 01: Labor Day/Office Closed
- 02: Iva Turner Group/Agape Class
- 02: Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos Ministry/2nd Floor
- 04, 11, 18, 25: Loving Hands
- 07, 14, 21, 28: Ladies Bible Study "Who Do You Say That I Am?"/
Sonshine Class
- 07, 14, 21, 28: Bible Study "Testing of Your Faith"/Agape Class
- 07, 14, 21, 28: Handbell Practice/Agape Class
- 08: Ladies Card Ministry
- 09: Betty Westover Group/
Sonshine Class
- 10, 17, 24: Cantata Practice
- 13: FBCC Cruise-In
- 15: Sr. Adults to Hamricks
- 18: Joyce Newman Group/TBD
- 20: WMU Ladies Tea/S. Hall
- 21: Deacons Meeting (8:45am)
- 27: FBCC Fall Festival
- 29: Finance & Church Council/
Sonshine Class

