

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

## Harvest Time



We are fast approaching my favorite time of the year—fall or autumn. Those words are used interchangeably, but have you ever wondered from where they were derived. Most of us can guess why the word fall is used (the dropping of leaves from their trees). It is, for the most part, an Americanized term for autumn. To this day, those living in England prefer the word autumn to our word fall.

However, long before the words fall or autumn were used, people in England referred to that period of the year as “harvest”. It comes from the Old Norse word [haust] which means to gather or pluck. An appropriate application since it was the time of year when farmers would gather their crops and prepare them for winter storage.

I like the word harvest. Mostly because it is a word that is important to the Lord Jesus Christ. One time Jesus and His disciples were on a preaching, healing tour when Jesus said to them, *“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields”* (Matt. 9:37-38). In God’s economy of thinking, the spiritual harvest never goes out of season. He is always working to bring people into His family and we should be as well.

Jesus encouraged the Apostles to pray that more believers would commit to taking part in the harvest. However, we are not to pray to the exclusion of taking part in the harvest ourselves. There is a great feeling of accomplishment when God uses you to lead a lost person to Jesus. In that moment you have plucked someone from hell and place them in the safety of God’s heaven. If you miss taking part in the harvest, you will regret it one day! Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



## OPERATION<sup>®</sup> INASMUCH

A Compassion Revolution

### OPERATION INASMUCH

**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*

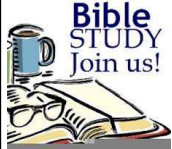
On this day we, along with other churches, will become the hands and feet of Jesus.

#### Our Projects Are

1. Working at a home in Collinsville and a home in Bassett to repair/build handicap ramps and repair porch & entry way.
2. Assisting Homebound individuals with cleaning ceiling fans, replacing HAVAC filters, light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, clean gutters, etc.
3. Preparing Hygiene Kits for homeless adults & Rainbow House. (Southside Survivors Response Center) Items needed are: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, chapstick, small deodorants and shampoos. Cold weather items: Gloves and stocking hats.
4. Collecting items for SPCA and making cat beds from PVC pipes. Items needed: paper towels, bleach, Fabuloso, Pine Sol, Dawn dish detergent, liquid laundry detergent and window cleaner.
5. Preparing bags for Foster Children. Items needed: Small stuffed animals, socks for children and teenagers, small blankets, coloring books and crayons, clothing such as pajamas or T-shirts with pants or shorts.
6. Lunch Committee will be providing lunch for those working at lunch time.

**Please sign up for the project you would like to help with on the Bulletin Board outside the SonShine Classroom.**

**Please bring your collected items and place them in the bins located under the tapestry. Thank You!**



**NOTICE**  
There will be **NO Tuesday Morning Bible Study** until **November 11, 2025.**



### Loving Hands Ministry

**Thursdays**  
**10:00am**  
**Room 216**



### The Ladies Card Ministry

2nd Tuesday each month

**12:00pm**

SonShine Classroom

We will be making, Birthday, Anniversary, and Thinking of You Cards



### Henry Co. Baptist Association

**Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 14**

**6:00pm**

**McCabe Memorial Baptist Church**

(107 Clearview Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112)

All members of the church are invited to attend the annual meeting. Go to [hcbav.org](http://hcbav.org) for information about the items to be voted on by the elected church messengers.

### AWANA Schedule for October



**Sundays @ 4:00—5:30pm**

Oct. 05: Awana/Bring 1 item for Shoeboxes

Oct. 12: Awana

Oct. 19: Awana/Wacky Tacky Night

Oct. 26: NO AWANA MEETING

**For children ages 2 Yrs. thru 5th grade**

### August Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	56,175
Monthly Budget Offering Received	39,124
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	62,150
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	257,362
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	12,277
Benevolence Fund	973
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	56,569

### THANK YOU

First Baptist Church of Collinsville,  
Thank you so much for your hard work during your recent **baby bottle drive!** Your church was able to raise **\$2,220.38** for our center! This will go towards our mission of giving hope, saving lives, and empowering families in our community! Your support is greatly appreciated and vital to our ministry.

*MARTINSVILLE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER*



### Youth Pastor Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 16**

**5:00pm**

**Agape Classroom**

Please keep these Committee members in prayer as they diligently strive to seek out the person God has chosen for FBCC.

### Alma Hunt Offering

**for Virginia Missions**

**Offering Goal for FBCC \$4,000.00**

**Received to Date \$2,900.00**



### FBCC Food Pantry Donation

If you would like to contribute to the FBCC Food Pantry you may do so.

We will be collecting items each month. The items for Oct. are

**Beef Stew (20 oz. can)**

**Corn (14-15 oz. can)**

**Green Beans (14-15 oz. can)**

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

### Grace Network

**OCTOBER FOOD ITEM**

**Pancake Mix**

**OCTOBER FEATURE ITEMS**

**Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant**

### Capital Campaign Fund Summary

( March 01, 2022—August 31, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—April 2025	\$175,864.07
May —July 2025:	5,510.00
August 2025:	\$ 1,435.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$219,639.07</b>
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
<b>Capital Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 56,569.07</b>

## Women on Mission—*By His Love*

### What we have done:

During the month of September, the WMU sponsored a Ladies' Tea on Saturday, September 20 in the Social Hall. We had a wonderful time fellowshiping with one another. Elizabeth Howell provided the special music, and Hope Johnson presented our program on drawing closer to God through Scripture.

### What we are going to do:

On Monday, October 13, the WMU groups will be hosting Bassett High School faculty and staff for lunch in the Social Hall during their workday. We have adopted Bassett as our school for the year, and this activity is the first of several that we will be doing for them.

We will also be going to Hairston Home for Adults for a Fall Bingo Party, complete with gifts, cupcakes, and, of course, Bingo, their favorite activity. It is always such a blessing to go and spend time with the residents.

## Church Council 2025-2026

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Larry Cheek
Associate Pastor of Education & Youth:	
Choir Director:	Penny Decker
Deacon Chairman:	H. D. Linkous
Board of Directors President:	Greg Craven
WMU Director:	Susan Rorrer
Brotherhood Director	Mark Martin
Audio Services Coordinator:	Sherry Flanagan
Children's Ministry Coordinator:	Felecia McBride
Church Hostess:	Lisa Houston
Discipleship Coordinator:	Hope Johnson
Discipleship Helpers:	Mona Turner
Nursery Coordinator:	Melanie Eggleston
Sunday School Director:	Susan Rorrer
Treasurer:	Charlotte Harter
Senior Adult Coordinator:	Linda Conner
Chairpersons of the Standing Committees:	
Benevolence:	Eddie Conner
Evangelism/Missions Dev.:	Rocky Rockwell
Insurance:	Greg Craven
Membership:	Wayne Johnson
Money Counters:	Ken Wagoner
Co-Chairman	Bobby Harter
Music:	Bobbi Frazier
Nominating:	Peggy Delancey
Personnel:	Sheila Ramsey
Properties:	Neil Ramsey
Co-Chairman	Greg Craven
Public Relations:	Suzanne Terry
Special Needs:	Charlotte Harter
Weekday Early Education:	Melanie Eggleston

**BGAV Annual Meeting**  
**Abingdon, VA**  
**November 10-12**

## Youth of the Month



**Joshua Collins**

Joshua Collins has been attending our Wednesday night Youth Group since spring, 2023 and was originally invited by Daniel Craven. He attends New Day Church in Martinsville with his parents. He lives in Axton with his parents, Jeffrey and Tiffany Collins, and his two sisters, Caroline and Adaleigh. They also have three dogs, Romeo, Bruno, and Zoey, and a cat, Cuddles in their family.

Josh is 14 years old. He is home-schooled and is in the 9th grade. In his spare time, he enjoys riding his 4-wheeler and mowing grass. He enjoys mowing so much that he has his own successful landscaping business and plans to continue full-time after graduation.

Josh's favorite food is Mexican.

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

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wednesday, October 29**

**6:45pm— SonShine Classroom**

Chairmen & Ministry Leader: Please notify the church office by Oct.15 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs published in the bulletin prior to the meeting or included on the meeting agenda. Also please submit your written reports to the church office by Oct. 24.

### FBCC Book of the Month



**Summer** (Sunrise Series #2)

**By Karen Kingsbury**

This 2nd book of the Sunrise series is a story of God's unending faithfulness and the trials and triumphs of the Baxter family in this one unforgettable summer.



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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**

### **October 2025 Birthdays**

01 Eddie Conner	21 Kirk Beale
01 Christine McAlexander	21 Nelda Billings
02 Scott Terry	21 John Floyd, Jr.
02 Mona Turner	21 Kelly Jones
03 Betsy Ivey	22 Chris Hatchett
04 Kathy Draper	23 Anna (Connie) Hodges
04 Jason Shoemaker	24 Robert Duke
06 Alex Alley	25 Colton Collins
06 Katelyn Cobb	27 Denise Collins
07 JoeAnn Belcher	27 Mackenzie Eggleston
07 Curtis Stone	30 Arthur Emberson
07 William Blackwell	31 Dan Kisner

07 John Flanagan  
 08 Phyllis Prillaman  
 09 Kim Beckner  
 09 Austin Haskins  
 09 Judy Robertson  
 09 Roger Woods  
 10 Will Nance  
 10 Carley Mayberry  
 12 Zane Forbes  
 12 Justin Morris  
 14 Paige Holcomb  
 15 Brand Ferguson  
 15 Rhett Houston  
 16 Abby Quinnan  
 18 Cindy Adkins  
 20 Alan Brummett  
 20 Woody Mize

### **November 2025 Birthdays**

01 Greg Craven  
 02 Jennifer Witt  
 03 Stacy Fontaine  
 03 Samantha Martin  
 05 Kaitlin Haskins  
 05 Susan Wagoner  
 05 Christian Chapman  
 06 Judy Anthony  
 06 Christian Chapman  
 08 Sawyer Mason

### **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  
 17 George & Carol Gentry  
 18 Paul & Shereeie Setliff  
 21 Ken & Sally Folk  
 29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins

### **November 2025 Anniversaries**

06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter  
 11 Gunner & Britney Beverly  
 14 Chris & Sara Roetken  
 19 Mike & Dana Pennington  
 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey  
 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow  
 25 Danny & Betty Pagans  
 27 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell  
 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

### **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.....**

**Oct. 07:** Iva Turner Group/  
 Agape Class  
**Oct. 07:** Phyllis Creasy Group/  
 Hugo's  
**Oct. 11:** Opertion InAsMuch  
**Oct. 13:** Ladies Card Ministry  
**Oct. 13:** WMU Meal for BHS  
 Faculty & Staff  
**Oct, 14:** HCBA Annual Meeting/  
 McCabe Baptist Church  
**Oct. 14:** Betty Westover Group/  
 SonShine Class  
**Oct. 15-Oct. 17:** Sr. Adult Trip to  
 Lancaster, PA  
**Oct. 16:** Joyce Newman Group/  
 Location TBD  
**Oct. 27:** 2026 Finance & Church  
 Council Budget Prep Meeting  
**Oct. 29:** Quarterly Business Mtg  
**Nov. 01:** Youth Spaghetti  
 Dinner for Samaritan's Purse  
**Nov. 02:** Daylight Savings  
 Time Ends  
**Nov. 04:** Iva Turner Group/  
 Agape Class  
**Nov. 04:** Phyllis Creasy Group/  
 Hugos