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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

# A Heart of Thanks

For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake

before our God," (1 Thess. 3:9)

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. I think my mother must receive the credit for this truth. She made sure it was a special time of focusing on family. We would all (14 of us) annually come together to eat a great meal, watch football, kids play in the yard, and just enjoy spending time with each other.

In the verse I chose, Paul was thanking believers in the church at Thessalonica for those who supported him thru their giving, their prayers, and their efforts. I would like to take this opportunity to speak to all of you as my church family for these last 18 years. I believe from the very beginning of the Christian church God desired there should be a close connection between a pastor and his people. This does not mean there will not be times when there is a disagreement or when the relationship is strained. That's normal for life in this world. However, the tie between pastor and his people is like no other, because it is spiritual.

I can honestly say that I am thankful for my church family. I was blessed to have been called by God to FBCC. I am convinced this was His will for me and Jan. As your pastor, we have worshiped together, served together, laughed together, and cried together. There have been up and downs, but we have weathered those together and I am confident will do so in the future.

But here is what I really want to say. As your pastor, I celebrate your successes. It gives me great pleasure when you advance in your jobs and accomplish your goals. But even more I am humbled to have a role in your relationship with God. It makes my heart glad when one of you or your family comes to faith in Christ. I rejoice as I watch you enter into a deeper walk with Jesus. I give thanks for who you are becoming and I am thankful God chose me to be your pastor. Thank you for all that you do in support of me and Jan. We love our FBCC family. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Pastor Larry



5Alive Coffee and Donuts Sunday, November 30 9:30am FBCC Social Hall

Community Thanksgiving Service



Sunday, November 23 Smith Memorial United Methodist Church 6:00pm

# Happy Thanksgiving



Always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20

> (The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and 28)



### NOTICE

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume Tues., Nov. 11, 2025

## **Loving Hands Minis-**



*try*Thursdays
10:00am



## The Ladies Card Ministry

2nd Tuesday each month
12:00pm
SonShine Classroom
We will be making, Birthday,
Anniversary, and Thinking of You Cards



November 16: Budget Presented

December 03: Budget Discussion Meeting

December 07: Vote on 2026 Budget

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Offering Goal for FBCC \$4,000.00
Received \$3,810.00

#### **AWANA Schedule for November**



Sundays @ 4:00-5:30pm

Nov. 02: Awana/Bring 1 canned

or packaged item

Nov. 09: Awana Nov. 16: Awana

Nov. 23: Awana/Show & Tell Night

Nov. 30: NO AWANA

For children ages 2 Yrs. thru 5th grade

## September Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	44,940
Monthly Budget Offering Received	34,459
Rental Income	1,913
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	30,959
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	264,035
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	11,091
Benevolence Fund	928
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	58,179
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	2,000

## In Sympathy:

Terry Steele, son of the late Earl Lee & Mildred Steele Joshua Moore, son of Sherrie & Paul Setliff

Doris Anthony, friend of many

Monica Shively, daughter of Betsy Whitlow, niece of Phyllis Prillaman Melissa Hundley, sister of Diana Martin, niece of Mike & Gail Minter Albert Turner, brother of Becky Nance & uncle of Tommy Nance



#### New Arrival

Rachel Wood proudly announces the birth of her Great-granddaughter, Delaney Hope English. Little Miss English was born on

October 6, 2025. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz. and was 19" long. Her parents are Hunter and Jillian English. Her grandparents are Dwayne and Donna Rytdahl.

## Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting November 13 @ 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.

## **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 November are:

Beef Stew (20 oz. can) Green Peas (14.5 oz. can) Pinto Beans (15.5 oz. can)

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

## Grace Network NOVEMBER FOOD ITEM

Pancake mix

#### **NOVEMBER FEATURE ITEMS**

Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes



Remember! All Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes need to be returned to FBCC by Nov. 16!

## Capital Campaign Fund Summary

( March 01, 2022—September 30, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund \$36,830.00

Donations to Capital Campaign

March 2022—April 2025 \$175,864.07

 May –August 2025:
 \$ 6,945.00

 September 2025:
 \$ 1,610.00

 Total Receipts
 \$221,249.07

Total Spent for Roof -\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair -\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance: \$ 58,179.07

## Women on Mission—By His Love

#### What we have done:

During the month of October, the WMU had two community projects:

Monday, October 13 - We hosted lunch for the Bassett High School faculty and staff here at the church. We had a little over 20 teachers and staff to come and fellowship with us.

Sunday, October 26 - Several WMU ladies and the youth went to Hairston Home to play Bingo. We took fall gift bags and cupcakes for all of them.

We are in the packing stage of Operation Shoebox and have already begun receiving filled boxes to be delivered on November 16.

#### What we have planned:

Sunday, November 16 - Shoebox collection Sunday, November 23 - Exam goodie bags are due from

each circle to give to our college students



### Just a Note

During the month of November, there are several dates to remember for our music program:

Sunday morning November 30: 5Alive coffee and doughnuts at 9:30am in the Social Hall Sunday evening November 30: Advent Celebration at 6:00pm followed by a time of fellowship in the Social Hall

Everyone is asked to bring a finger food to share.

#### **Attention Ladies!**

Chaplain Joe Collins with Good News Global is looking for a group of ladies to grade Bible lessons completed by local inmates. There are answer key sheets to go by for the grading process. It would be a once a week activity for 2-3 hours at the Adult Detention Center in Martinsville. It will be a morning activity and the actual day of the week will be determined based on response preferences, This is a great opportunity. Anyone interested or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Rorrer at 276-252-3496.

## Senior adults 55+ Mission Opportunity—God's Pit Crew

Thursday, November 20, 2025—We will leave the church at 11am and stop for lunch on the way to Danville. We are scheduled to volunteer in the Blessing Bucket Prep Shop from 1:30-3:30pm. The



volunteer coordinator at God's Pit Crew has set our team limit at 15. If more than 15 seniors have an interest we can schedule another visit in January. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## **Holiday Schedule**

**November 27 and 28:** Thanksgiving (OfficeClosed)

November 30: Advent Celebration Sunday

December 21: Christmas Cantata

"Christmas! We Remember, Rejoice, Worship"

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Communion Service

**December 25:** Christmas Day (Office Closed)

January 01. 2026: New Year's Day (Office Closed)

# Youth of the Month



#### **Daniel Craven**

Daniel Craven is 16 years old and has been a consistent presence at our church since birth. He lives in Bassett with parents, Jeremy and Stacy Craven and brothers, Isaac and Luke. He is in the 11th grade and is homeschooled. In addition to being a familiar face at FBCC, he has a multigenerational family that also attend: grandparents, Greg and Shirley Craven, aunt, Jessica Mason and cousins, Sawyer and Naomi Mason.

Daniel enjoys riding his 4-wheeler and mowing grass. He and Christian Chapman work together in their own land-scaping business, and he also helps his dad with mowing and construction at Adkins Construction. His plans for the future are undecided at this point.

Daniel's favorite food is "meat and taters, anything meat and taters".

His favorite scripture verse is Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

BGAV Annual Meeting Abingdon, VA November 10-12

### **FBCC Book of the Month**



## **SOMEDAY** (Sunrise Series #3)

By Karen Kingsbury

A story about God's unending faithfulness and the promise of tomorrow—in life, love, and the legacy of family



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

18 Nettie Webb

18 Daniel Craven

18 Dottie Turner

21 Susie Baldwin

21 Mark Ivev

21 Keith Oliver

24 Tylar Martin

25 Brenda Carter

25 Linda Newsome

26 Sheree Gillispie

#### November 2025 Birthdays 27 Carol Gentry 01 Greg Craven 30 Kristen Weaver 03 Samantha Martin 05 Susan Wagoner **December 2025 Birthdays** 05 Christian Chapman 01 Joe Johnson 08 Sawyer Mason 02 Melody Oliver 10 Zoie Pace 03 Yvonne Harris 10 Summer Shelton 04 Kevin Shropshire 11 Perry Tilley 06 Paige Collins 12 Sherryl Anderson 08 Taylor Draper 14 Tonia Patterson 09 Kenny Inman 14 Hannah Goad 09 Susan Rodies 15 Ken Wagoner 10 Nathan Roetken 16 Michaela Garrett Foust 11 Tim Ramsey 16 Emily Whitlow 17 Sherrie Setliff Nov. 2025 Anniversaries 17 Parker Pinnix 18 Charlotte Albert 18 Lois Radford

06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter 11 Gunner & Britney Beverly 14 Chris & Sara Roetken 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow 27 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

Dec. 2025 Anniversaries 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman 08 Teddy & Sharon Belcher 12 Kevin & Amanda Harter 13 Jose & Karen Castro

14 Tommy & Yvonne Harris 15 John & Terri Anthony

19 Mark & Betsy Ivey

22 Eddie & Becky Conner 23 Keith & Melody Oliver

23 Jeff & Dee Webb

28 George Collins & Lisa West



**Advent Celebration** Sunday, November 30 6:00pm (Sanctuary)

Everyone is asked to bring a finger food to share.



**Veterans Sunday** November 09 **Veterans Day** November 11

## Dates to Remember.....

Nov. 04: Iva Turner Group/ Agape Class

**Nov. 04:** Phyllis Creasy Group/

Hugos

Nov. 05: WMU Council Meeting

**Nov. 06:** Loving Hands Meeting Nov. 09: Veteran's Sunday

Nov. 10: Ladies Card Ministry

Nov. 11: Larry's Bible Study

Resumes

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Day

Nov. 11: Betty Westover Group

**Nov. 13:** Loving Hands Meeting

**Nov. 13:** Search Committee Mtg

Nov. 16: 2026 Budget Presented

Nov. 18: Larry's Bible Study

Nov. 20: Sr. Adults to God's Pit

Crew

Nov. 20: Loving Hands Meeting

Nov. 20: Joyce Newman Group

Nov. 23: Community Thanks-

giving Service/Smith Mem. UMC

Nov. 24: Finance & Church

Council Meeting

**Nov. 26:** No Wed. evening Meal or Activities

Nov. 27 & 28: Thanksgiving

Office Closed