

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Don't Forget the Baby

*There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Lk. 2:11-12)*

A family was going home for Christmas. It was a journey they had been anticipating for some time. They had talked about little else at dinner for weeks. As they were ready to back out of the drive, they did a verbal inventory to be sure they had everything. They had stopped the delivery of their newspaper for a week. They had arranged for a neighbor to feed the dog and take in the mail. They had packed their clothes and their gifts for family members. The thermostat had been turned down low enough to keep the pipes from freezing. They had motel reservations and credit cards. Everything was in order. As the husband eased the car out of the driveway, his wife let out an agonized wail, "Oh, Jim, we forgot the baby!"

Strange, isn't it? God's way of coming into this world . . . coming not as a towering intellect, to dazzle us with his brilliance; coming not as some triumphant general returning from a successful military campaign; coming not as a suave statesman leaving us speechless with his great oratory skill. But He came as a baby, helpless and dependent . . . a warm, cuddly baby.

Christmas means that God has come into our commonplace world. He has invaded the ordinary. He is here with us in the person of the Christ. You see, God is in the little matters of life, as well as in the great cosmic concerns. He works daily in common and ordinary events.

Christmas is a busy time. A time of cards, and cooking and candy . . . a time of parties and gift giving. In all the hustle and bustle of the season, don't forget the baby. That's what Christmas is all about! Have a wonderful Christmas season.

Pastor Larry



**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Saturday, December 13**  
**9:00-11:00am**  
**FBCC Social Hall**



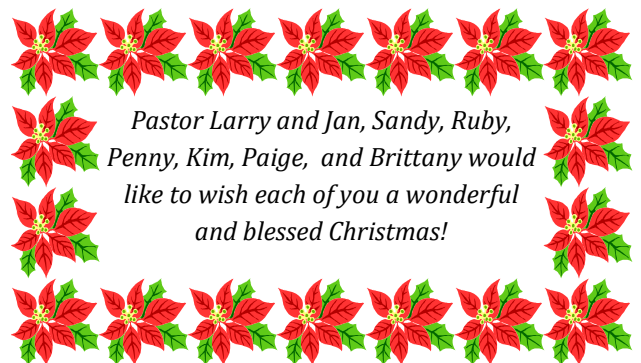
FBCC Adult Choir presents a  
Christmas Cantata  
*Christmas!*  
*We Remember,*  
*Rejoice, Worship*  
Sunday, December 21  
10:30am  
FBCC Sanctuary



*Christmas Eve Communion*  
Wednesday, December 24  
6:00pm  
(Office Closed)



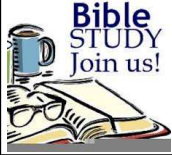
*Christmas Day*  
Thursday, December 25  
(Office Closed)



*Pastor Larry and Jan, Sandy, Ruby,  
Penny, Kim, Paige, and Brittany would  
like to wish each of you a wonderful  
and blessed Christmas!*

**HAPPY**  
*New Year*

Thursday, January 1, 2026  
(Office Closed)



**NOTICE**  
**Tuesday Morning**  
**Bible Study with Pastor Larry**  
**10:00AM SonShine Classroom**



**Loving Hands Ministry**  
**Will resume meeting on**  
**Thursdays**  
**January 8, 2026**



**The Ladies Card Ministry**  
**Will not meet in December**  
**Their next meeting will be on**  
**Monday, January 12 at 12:00noon**



**2026 Church Budget Schedule**  
**December 03: Budget Discussion Meeting**  
**December 07: Vote on 2026 Budget**

**LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE IS OPEN**

The Lottie Moon Post Office is now open for your convenience. The Post Office is open until December 24. Please bring all of your cards that you would like to exchange with other church member and leave then on the table. We ask that you give 10cents a card as a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Please use the U.S. Post Office to mail cards to our shut-ins.

**AWANA Schedule for December**



**Sundays @ 4:00—5:30pm**  
**Dec. 07: Awana (Making cards for**  
**Nursing Home)**

**Dec. 14: Awana (Ugly Sweater Night)**

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

**October Report**

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	44,940
Monthly Budget Offering Received	33,152
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	400
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	39,282
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	261,477
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,586
Benevolence Fund	828
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	61,429
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	2,000

**In Sympathy:**

Sheila Rohrbaugh, mother of Jen Nance and grandmother of Will and Katie Nance.

**Nancy Franklin**, cousin of Ken & Becky Wagoner & friend of many

**Christmas Morning Breakfast for**  
**On-Duty Law Enforcement & First**  
**Responders of Martinsville & Henry Co.**  
**DECEMBER 25—8:00AM—10:00AM**

FBCC is preparing breakfast for All Law Enforcement and First Responders of Martinsville and Henry County working on Christmas Day. We will be serving the ones who can come by to eat and taking breakfast out to the ones who can not leave their job.

Our volunteers need to be at the church by 7:30 to set up and start serving at 8:00am and fill to go boxes to be ready to be delivered by 8:30am. We also need some volunteers to help deliver meals to some of our own homebound members. We expect to be finished around 10:30am

If you can help with either need, please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office indicating what you would like to do.

Any questions contact Mark Martin @ 276-930-9209

**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 December are:

**Beef Stew (20 oz. can)**  
**Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75oz. can)**  
**Tomato Soup (10.75 oz. can)**

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

**Associate Pastor Search Committee**  
**Special Meeting: Dec. 8 @ 5:00pm**  
**Regular Meeting: Dec.18 @ 5:pppm**  
**Agape Classro00**

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

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—October 31, 2025)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—April 2025	\$175,864.07
May –September 2025:	\$ 8,555.00
October 2025:	\$ 3,250.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$224,499.07</b>
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
<b>Capital Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 61,429.07</b>

## Women on Mission—*By His Love*

### What We Have Done:

During the month of November, the WMU groups collected items for the college student exam bags to be given to each student as a treat and a reminder that First Baptist is praying for them during this time. We also completed our Shoebox collections and delivered 530 boxes to the drop off center at Stone Memorial Christian Church. We would like to thank everyone for helping to bless children and spread the gospel all across our world this Christmas season.

### What We Are Doing:

#### For December

Each group will be having their Christmas meetings at various locations. We are also collecting items for Christmas bags that we will deliver to the shut-ins during the month. We look forward to being able to visit each one and share some time with them.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office begins Sunday, November 30 and will be open through December 21.

The Lottie Moon offering collection will begin and run through the month of December. Our goal for this year is \$8000.

We will deliver Blessing Bags filled with Christmas cookies and blessings on Dec. 19 to the Bassett High School faculty and staff.

## Youth of the Month



### Parker Pinnix

Parker Pinnix is 16 years old and is in the 11th grade at Bassett High School. He plans to attend college after high school and pursue a business degree. He plays football at Bassett and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He also enjoys playing golf and weightlifting.

Parker lives at home in Collinsville with parents, Billy and Carrie Pinnix and older sister, Caroline. Completing their family are two dogs, Greyson and Ruby.

Parker has been attending FBCC with his family his entire life. His favorite scripture verse is Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."

Parker's favorite food is steak, medium rare with mashed potatoes and mac and cheese. Yum!

### Just a Note



Thank you all for coming to our first Advent Celebration and for bringing finger foods to the fellowship after. This is such a beautiful way to start our Christmas Advent season.

Just a reminder that the Adult Choir Christmas Cantata will be December 21 during the morning worship service. The Children's Choir will be participating, as well, and we pray that your hearts will be lifted in praise and adoration of our Savior's birth through the music. Please plan on joining us that morning.

### Week of Prayer

Nov. 30—Dec. 7

### For International Missions

### FBCC's Goal for 2025—\$8,000.00

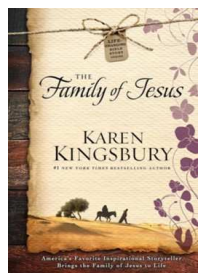
Southern Baptist observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

### FBCC Library Book of the Month

### *The Family of Jesus*

By Karen Kingsbury

Meet the people who nurtured and encouraged Jesus as he grew from boy to man! Anchored in Scripture and illuminated by historical and theological insights, Kingsbury's six short stories vividly imagine the ways Mary, Joseph, Jesus' brother James, John the Baptist, Zechariah, and Elizabeth interacted with and influenced their beloved relative.



## YOUTH NEWS

### Summer Camp 2026:

The Summer Camp date for Camp Jubilee has been set for 2026. The date will be June 22-27. This is the week we are attending. We have some youth that are interested in going but wanted to make sure all the youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. We will need to make a deposit in December to register our church. Sign up early, our registration count will be due to the Camp on February 1. We will have a sign-up sheet on the Youth bulletin board. They are also hoping to offer two other weeks if they have enough campers. They will be June 15-20 or June 29-July 4. Chaperones will be accompanying youth.

### Christmas Shopping for Foster Children:

The Youth are planning to support several foster children during the month of December. We will be working with a social worker to acquire their needs and their Christmas wishes. We will shop for them as a group, wrap their presents, and work through the Social Worker to get them delivered.

Once we receive the information, we will set a date in December to go shopping.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE!



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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

**Non-Profit  
 Organization**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**Paid**  
**Permit No. 5**

*Return Service  
 Requested*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **December 2025 Birthdays**

01 Joe Johnson  
 02 Melody Oliver  
 03 Yvonne Harris  
 04 Kevin Shropshire  
 06 Paige Collins  
 08 Taylor Draper  
 09 Kenny Inman  
 09 Susan Rodies  
 10 Nathan Roetken  
 11 Tim Ramsey  
 14 Ann Amos  
 15 Beverly Inman  
 15 Taujinia Martin  
 17 Kelly Kisner  
 18 Talyn Andrews  
 18 Jerry Robertson  
 18 Leslie Houston  
 20 Sue Ella Ferguson  
 20 Martha Newman  
 23 John Mayberry  
 23 Rebecca Vernon  
 27 Michelle Pace  
 28 Gary Walker  
 28 Walt Shaw  
 28 Nic Houston  
 28 Chase Frazier  
 28 Ava May  
 29 Kera Music  
 30 Chad Cobb

30 Melissa Ivey Alaoui  
 30 Lisa Houston

### **January 2026 Birthdays**

01 David Conner  
 01 William Wagoner  
 02 David Joyce  
 02 Bill Wagoner  
 06 Jamie Collins  
 06 Carri Turner  
 06 Lacey Flanagan  
 07 Carolyn Bowles  
 08 Brock Robertson  
 10 Carole Webb  
 10 Harold Belcher  
 10 Jean Chitwood

### **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 Collis & Lisa West

### **January 2026 Anniversaries**

06 Bill & Susan Wagoner

## **LOTTIE MOON HONORARIUM & MEMORIALS**

If you would like to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor or memory of a loved one, you can include that information on your offering envelope or drop it off at the church office by Sunday, December 14th. We will place a list in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21st acknowledging these gifts.

## **Grace Network DECEMBER FOOD ITEM**

Pancake mix

## **DECEMBER FEATURE ITEMS**

Dish & Laundry Detergent,  
 Deodorant

## **Dates to Remember.....**

**Dec. 02:** Iva Turner Group/Agape Cl.  
**Dec. 02:** Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos  
**Dec. 03:** Budget Discussion  
**Dec. 05, 12, 19** Good News Test  
Graders  
**Dec. 07:** Vote on 2026 Budget  
**Dec. 09:** Betty Westover Group/  
SonShine Class  
**Dec. 13:** Breakfast with Santa  
**Dec. 13:** SonShine Class Party  
**Dec. 13:** Sr. Adults to Thomas Roads  
Christmas Spectacular  
**Dec. 18:** Joyce Newman Group/TBD  
**Dec. 21:** Christmas Cantata/  
*Christmas! We Remember, Rejoice,  
 Worship!*  
**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Communion  
Service  
**Dec. 25:** Christmas Day/Office Closed  
**2026**  
**Jan. 01:** New Year's Day/Office Closed  
**Jan. 05:** Board of Directors Meeting  
**Jan. 06:** Iva Turner Group/Agape Cl.  
**Jan. 06:** Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos  
**Jan. 12:** Ladies Card Ministry