

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

WHITE AS SNOW



Last month our area dealt with one of the worst snow/ ice events we have seen in several years. I expect most of you would agree that snow is nice while it is falling down, but when we are attempting to get it off our driveways and roads, our view of snow changes completely.

Perhaps this is why the writers of the Bible often used word pictures to get their message across. Since the image is still fresh on our minds, let's consider the idea of snow. When Miriam spoke against Moses for marrying a foreign woman, the Lord got angry and caused her skin to become "*leprous, as white as snow*" (**Numbers 12:10**). God used the image of snow to discourage others from speaking against Moses. When Mark described the transfiguration of Jesus he wrote, "*His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them*" (**Mark 9:3**). In this instance snow symbolized the pure, holy nature of Christ.

But God did not stop there. Snow is used to picture our lives today. Isaiah urges people to trust God by saying, "*Come now, and let us reason together,*" says the LORD, "*Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow*" (**Isaiah 1:18**). As we live in this world, our lives become soiled from the sin we encounter. But God's forgiveness makes us as pure as new fallen snow. The Bible tells us that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sin (**1 John 1:7-8**).

So, the next time it snows, don't immediately fret over how much work that is going to cause you later on. Instead, remember that by God's gracious salvation, your soul is as white and pure as the driven snow. God bless and keep you.

Pastor Larry

Good News Bible Club

Training Session

Saturday, March 07

10:00am-12:00 Noon

We need volunteers trained and ready to kick off next school year at Meadow View Elementary School with a successful Good News Bible Club. Come be a part of something amazing.

Week of Prayer for

North American Missions

And Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 1-8

FBCC Goal \$6,000.00

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Remember to set your clocks

up one hour before going to bed on Sat., March 7



Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday, April 02/6:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 05

S.S. 9:30am Worship 10:30:am

Easter Monday, April 06

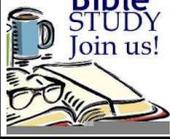
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Just A Note

We will have our next FiveAlive coffee and doughnuts on Sunday morning, March 29 at 9:00 in the Social Hall. We really enjoy this time of fellowship before Sunday School, so put it on your calendars to attend.





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

In Sympathy:

Earl Eaton, uncle of Kathy Draper
 Buck Treherne, brother-in-law of Marietta Gunter
 John C. Vernon, uncle of Rebecca Vernon



Loving Hands Ministry
Thursdays
10:00am
2nd Floor—Room 216



Welcome New Member:

The Church welcomes **Rick Dawson** who joined the church on Sunday, December 28, 2025 by transfer of membership.
 Rick Dawson: 85 Kimberly Rd., Bassett, VA 24055
 Telephone: 276-224-2726

The church welcomes **Susan Martin** who joined the Church on February 8, 2026 by Profession of Faith and Baptism.
 Susan Martin: 48 Richardson Rd., Collinsville, VA 24078
 Telephone: 276-340-9376

The Ladies Card Ministry
Monday, March 09
12:00noon
SonShine Classroom



AWANA Schedule for February



March 01: Paint a Rock Night
March 08: Awana
March 15: Wild West Night
March 22: Awana
March 29: NO Awana

Sundays @ 4:00—5:30pm

For children ages 2 Yrs. thru 5th grade

Associate Pastor
Search Committee Meeting
THURSDAY, MARCH 05
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.

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US

We are having issues with random high water usage. We would like to ask everyone to just be aware and if you notice a problem with a toilet or faucet please let Greg Craven or Neil Ramsey know so it can be checked out.

Grace Network

MARCH ITEM

Dish Detergent

MARCH FEATURE ITEMS

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

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 January are:

- Beef Stew (20 oz. can)**
- Canned Fruit**
- Peanut Butter**

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

January Report

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| Monthly Budget Offering Needed | 48,080 |
| Monthly Budget Offering Received | 33,093 |
| Rental Income | 1,913 |
| Other Income (Undeg. Mem., Use of Bldg., etc.) | 1,050 |
| Monthly Budget Operating Expenses | 27,916 |
| Non Budget Expenses | 00 |
| Operating Account Balance | 278,380 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance | 11,848 |
| Benevolence Fund | 336 |
| Project Hope | 126 |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry | 1,366 |
| Van Fund | 13,418 |
| Capital Campaign Fund | 66,054 |
| Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation) | 2,000 |
| Missions (Special Designated) | 6,170 |

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—January 31, 2026)

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| Received thru Building Improvement Fund | \$36,830.00 |
| Donations to Capital Campaign | |
| March 2022—December 2025 | \$190,969.07 |
| January 2026: | \$ 1,325.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$229,124.07 |
| Total Spent for Roof | -\$ 76,160.00 |
| Total Spent for Parking lot repair | -\$ 86,910.00 |
| Capital Fund Balance: | \$ 66,054.07 |

Women on Mission—By His Love

In February, the WMU visited the Hairston Home, taking Valentine goodie bags and cupcakes and playing Bingo with them. The residents love playing Bingo, and we come away from there being blessed by each one of them.

We also cooked a meal for the Warming Center and delivered it at the end of the month.

As a church, we collected clothes and snacks for the people using the shelter and delivered those items. They were most appreciative of the thoughtfulness.

We will also deliver a meal the last Monday of March.

SENIOR TRIP UPDATE



Due to lack of interest we are cancelling the Billy Graham Library Tour. However, we will go forward with our plans to attend **Narroway Dinner Theatre** and enjoy the Easter play **"FOUR MEN"**. One man is a murderer, two are thieves, and the fourth a carpenter from Nazareth.

We will leave the church **Saturday morning March 28th at 8:00am**. The matinee show begins at 12:00. We are asked to be in our seats prior to the show to give ample time to serve lunch at our seats.

Menu

- Braised Angus beef roast with white pepper sauce
- Fresh roasted vegetables
- Couscous with dried cranberries
- Mediterranean herb bread brushed with olive oil
- Homemade bread pudding with sour cream and Raspberry sauce.
- Ice water w/lemon

The show will last approximately 3 hours with 20 minute intermission after Act 1.

We will leave directly after the show and ETA back to the church is 5:30-6:00pm.

The senior cost for this meal and show is \$53.

**Contact Linda Conner for any further information.
276-224-0780 Sign up sheet on bulletin board.**

FBCC Book of the Month



"Forgiven"

(Firstborn Series #2 of 5)

By: Karen Kingbury

A-list Hollywood actor Dayne Matthews wrestles with the shocking information he learned about his past in Karen Kingbury's best-selling novel *Reunion*. Now Dayne must come to terms with the reality of his situation and find both forgiveness and family along the way.

Youth of the Month"



Emily Whitlow

Emily Whitlow is 18 and a senior at Bassett High School. She lives in Bassett with mom and dad, Laura and Brian Whitlow and older brother, Hunter. Their family also includes two Yorkies, Digger and Dodger.

Emily has been attending FBCC with her family for 16 years. Her favorite verse is Job 22:28, "You will succeed in whatever you choose to do, and light will shine on the road ahead of you."

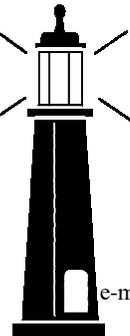
Emily stays busy working at the Elks Club pool as a lifeguard and at Henry County Parks and Recreation at the concession stand. She has played volleyball for 7 years and has been on the swimming team for 10 years. She also plays tennis and her team has been District Champions for 3 years. She also has been taking dance for 16 years.

Her plans after graduation are to attend college and pursue a career in the medical field.

Emily's favorite food is noodles and salmon and mushrooms.

2026 SENIORS

FBCC Seniors: Senior Graduate Sunday will be May 17. We will honor our graduating seniors and any college students that are graduating during the morning worship service. We will be doing a photo presentation of graduates. Please have any pictures and information you would like us to use to the office by May 03. Penny will organize and develop the slide show. We will also be having a Graduate breakfast for graduates and their parents beginning at 8:00 am on Sunday morning. Please let Charlotte or Sarah know if you will be attending.



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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:

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| 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

March 2026 Birthdays

- 01 Pat Cobb
- 01 Deborah Treherne
- 03 Gunnar Robertson
- 03 Jase Ramsey
- 05 Charlie Fickling
- 05 Eli Martin
- 05 LeeAnna Ferguson
- 06 Jen France
- 06 Susan Rorrer
- 07 Joyce Jacobs
- 08 Sharon Belcher
- 09 Stacy Craven
- 12 Neil Ramsey
- 12 Rick Wright
- 13 John Anthony IV
- 14 James Dodson
- 15 Madison Ferguson
- 16 Lucas Draper
- 20 Meleen Beale
- 20 Jose Castro
- 21 Katie Houston
- 22 Jimmy Anderson
- 24 Jason Collins
- 25 Brenda Hagood
- 27 Judy Dodson
- 28 Megan Chilton
- 29 Blayke Collins
- 29 Hunter Whitlow
- 30 Ellen Prato
- 30 Noah Dodson

April 2026 Birthdays

- 01 Marietta Gunter
- 02 Pam Albanese
- 03 Debbie Hancock
- 05 Teddy Belcher
- 06 Sharon Barrow
- 07 Karen Castro
- 07 Noah Castro
- 08 Jonathan France
- 09 Margie Woods

March 2026 Anniversaries

- 01 Arthur & Marcilene Emberson
- 01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
- 04 Tommy & Jen Nance
- 05 Tim & Michelle Pace
- 11 Larry & Jan Cheek
- 15 Tim & Pat Gauldi
- 19 Greg & Shirley Craven
- 29 Tim & Sandy Gary

April 2026 Anniversaries

- 01 John & Sherry Flanagan
- 02 David & Melanie Catron
- 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
- 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
- 24 Alex & Angie Alley

Please Take Note:

If you have not been receiving the email notices the church has been sending out or the One Calls the Pastor has been making and you would like to be included, please call the church office at 647-3774 and we will be glad to add you to the list.

Dates to Remember.....

- March 01-08:** Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- March 03:** Iva Turner Group
- March 03:** Phyllis Creasy Group
- March 07:** Good News Bible Club Training Session
- March 08:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 09:** Ladies Card Ministry
- March 10:** Betty Westover Group
- March 15:** Deacon's Meeting
- March 19:** Joyce Newman Group
- March 23:** Finance & Church Council
- March 28:** Sr. Adults Day Trip
- March 29:** 5Alive Coffee & Donuts
- March 29:** Palm Sunday

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.



**Tuesday
 March 17**

One of the mysteries of life is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry the daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world!



