

Lighthouse

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints


From the Pastor As I drove to work today, I saw a building that is being remodeled as a future restaurant. While this was not the original purpose of the building, I look forward to what is coming next. However, as I drove past the building I saw that the back wall had been removed completely. From the front the building looked perfectly fine, but when I saw the entire picture, I realized that much work was still left to be done before it could be used for its new purpose.

This back side view reminded me that God is not finished with any believer either. Our moment of salvation is only the beginning of what God is going to do in our lives. The Apostle John said, *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 Jn. 3:2)*. If you are saved, you are a child of God right now, but you are not the child of God you will be when you arrive in eternity. In other words, saved people are a work in progress. Every problem and solution; struggle and accomplishment; failure and success; loss and victory is being woven together by God to create the person God wants us to be.

So the next time life seems to be deconstructing the building, remember that, for a believer, God causes all things to work together for our good (**Ro. 8:28**). As Sir John Newton aptly said, "I am not what I might be. I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be. I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

You are a work in progress, but hang on God will finish what he started and it will be amazing! Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

 **FBCC 2026 Graduates**

We will honor our 2026 High School and College graduates during the morning worship Service on Sunday, May 17th. If you are graduating high school and attend FBCC, please provide a senior picture plus 5-6 other pictures of your growing up years. If you are a 2026 college graduate, please provide a *current picture and your information*. **All pictures and information are needed in the church office by May 3rd.** You can drop the pictures and information off at the church or email everything to fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com.

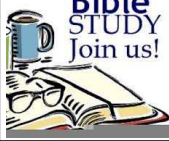
Grandparents: If you have a grandchild graduating high school or college but they do not attend FBCC, you can include them as well. Please provide a senior picture and their graduation information to the church office by May 3rd.

Our high school graduates and their families are invited to attend a Graduate Breakfast on Sunday, May 17th at 8:00am in the social hall. Please let Charlotte Harter or Sarah France know that your are planning to attend.



Sunday, May 10

Be sure to visit, call, test or whatever means you choose to let your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister or Friend know that she was an influence in your life and you thank her and wish her a Happy Mother's Day!




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

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





The Ladies Card Ministry
Monday, May 11
12:00noon
SonShine Classroom



AWANA Schedule for May

May 3
End of year party and awards

Sundays @ 4:00—5:30pm
For children ages 2 Yrs. thru 5th grade



CHILD/BABY DEDICATION

A Child/Baby Dedication is scheduled for Mother's Day Service. If you would like to dedicate your son or daughter to the Lord, please contact Pastor Larry by May 3rd.

Grace Network
MAY ITEM

Canned Beans: Pintos, Great Northern, Kidney 15 oz.

MAY FEATURE ITEMS

Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste,
Individually wrapped Toothbrush


March Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	60,100
Monthly Budget Offering Received	50,480
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (Undeg. Mem., Use of Bldg., etc.)	
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	53,012
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	282,236
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	12,783
Benevolence Fund	52
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,438
Capital Campaign Fund	67,956
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	2,000
Missions (Special Designated)	6,170

In Sympathy:
Steve Edwards, husband of Nancy Edwards
Betty Hall, friend of many

New Contact Information

Greg and Shirley Craven no longer have a landline. If you need to contact either of them please call their cell number.
 Greg=276-634-7704 Shirley=276-340-6136

 **Just a Note**

Please plan to be with us on Sunday, May 31 for our 5Alive with coffee and dough nuts at 9:00 prior to Sunday School.

We are looking for musicians (drummer, guitar) to add to our worship experience occasionally on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Penny.

Come celebrate with us.....

HCBA 69 Years of Ministry—May 12, 1957-May 12, 2026
May 12, 2026 @6:30pm
FBCC

Special Speakers, Brief History, Memorabilia Display, Opening Time Capsule "Passing the Mantle" from 1997-2007, Special Music, etc.

Please notify Sharon Smith by May 5 by calling the HCBA office (276-638-2951) or call on her cell phone (276-618-8591) or email (hcbaptists@gmail.com) that you plan to attend so they will be sure to have enough desserts and seating.

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 Potatoes, Corn (14-15 oz. cans)

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

Capital Campaign Fund Summary
 (March 01, 2022—March 31, 2026)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—December 2025	\$190,969.07
January—February 2026	\$ 2,400.00
March 2026	\$ 827.00
Total Receipts	\$231,026.07
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 67,956.07

Women on Mission—By His Love

What we have done

- **Tuesday, April 14** - Samantha Harris (Lana Martin's granddaughter) spoke to all of the WMU about her upcoming summer mission's ministry where she will be in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, ministering to the foreign students who are there working for the summer as well as evangelizing to the summer tourists. The WMU is going to be her prayer partner for this, and we are helping to sponsor her.
- **Wednesday, April 29**, we went to God's Pit Crew to help with the Blessing Buckets they use for natural disaster emergencies.

What we will be doing:

- **May**—We will be helping Sherry Flanagan with expenses for a Bassett High School Teacher Appreciation meal.

Martinsville Henry County National Day of Prayer "Show Us Your Glory"



May 7, 2026 @ 6:00pm

HJDB Event Center

3289 Riverside Dr., Bassett, VA

(formerly JD Bassett High and Bassett Middle School)

Music By

Waterway Revival

From Southport, NC

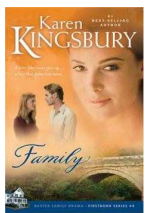
Adult/Youth VBS

Adult/Youth VBS will begin on May 6 beginning at 6:30-7:30pm in the SonShine Classroom. The schedule is to run through June 3. The theme for this year is "Illumination Station".

We will be studying how "Jesus is the Light of the World" and how we can become better "lights" within our walk with him.

Come have dinner (6:00pm) and join us!

FBCC Book of the Month



"Family"

(Firstborn Series #4 of 5)

By: **Karen Kingsbury**

Katy Hart travels to Los Angeles to testify against the knife-wielding fan who tried to kill her, she is hunted by paparazzi who quickly realize she is the mystery woman photographed with movie star Dayne Matthews. Tension and pressure build to a dangerous level as Katy and Dayne seek private moments amidst the frenzy. In the end, Dayne's celebrity life makes Katy certain that a future with him is all but impossible. A Life-Changing Decision As the trial comes to a close, Dayne searches for answers.

"Youth of the Month"



Colton Collins

Colton Collins is 18 years old and is a senior at Bassett High School who is looking forward to graduating! He has enrolled in the Power-Line Training program at Patrick and Henry Community College.

Colton lives in Collinsville with dad and mom, Jamie and Denise Collins and younger brother, Cade. He also has a dog, Champ. He has attended FBCC his entire life—his grandparents, JD and Joan Collins attended FBCC and brought the entire family with them! Beside his parents, brother and grandmother already mentioned, his uncle and aunt, Scott and Suzanne Terry, cousin, Kemper Terry, uncle and aunt, Jason and Paige Collins and cousins Ethan and Blayke Collins also attend.

Colton enjoys working on cars and played JV and Varsity baseball and JV football. His summers are busy at the Elks pool where he has been a lifeguard for the past two years.

His favorite food is Chick-fil-A spicy chicken sandwich.

Colton's favorite scripture is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." He wears a leather bracelet with this verse inscribed on it.

Youth News

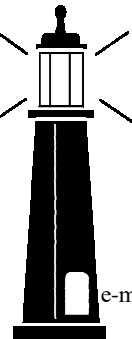
- **May 06**—6:30pm Vacation Bible School Youth
- **May 13**—6:30pm Vacation Bible School Youth
- **May 20**—6:30pm Vacation Bible School Youth
- **May 27**—6:30pm Vacation Bible School Youth
- **June 3**—6:30pm Vacation Bible School Youth

Saturday, May 16: Paintball—Greensboro, NC—8:30am
(depart from FBCC)

Sunday, May 17: Youth & Family Graduation
Breakfast— 8:00am/Social Hall FBCC
Graduate Processional—10:30am

All Graduating Seniors have their pictures to the church office by May 03 to be included in the sideshow for the Sunday Worship Service

- Bassett High School Graduation—May 21 @7:00pm
- Children's Vacation Bible School—June 14-18—
Youth Volunteers needed
- Youth Summer Camp—Camp Jubilee—June 22-27



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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 & Adult VBS - May 6-June 3	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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*Return Service
 Requested*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 2026 Birthdays**
- 01 Bailee France
 - 02 Agnes VanHulzen
 - 04 Tim Atwood
 - 05 Hope Johnson
 - 05 Michael Walker
 - 05 Alan Teal
 - 06 Keith Eggleston
 - 06 Dee Webb
 - 07 Sarah France
 - 07 Carolyn Maydian
 - 07 Shelly Gibson
 - 11 Sylvia McKinney
 - 17 Temple Mays
 - 18 Katrell Ramsey
 - 19 Marci Emberson
 - 20 Shirley Hodges
 - 21 Hank Joyce
 - 24 Phyllis Geramita
 - 26 Joan Collins
 - 26 Daniel Perry
 - 29 Rick Love
 - 31 Judah Beachy
- 10 Melanie Eggleston
 10 Corey Martin
 10 Parker Robertson
- May 2026 Anniversaries**
- 01 Roger & Judy Dodson
 - 07 Steve & Leslie Houston
 - 16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson
 - 20 Jason & Andrea Shoemaker
 - 20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce
 - 23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal
 - 29 Scott & Suzanne Terry
 - 30 Wayne & Becky Johnson
- June 2026 Anniversaries**
- 02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita
 - 05 Scott & Tonia Patterson
 - 09 Chris & Martha Newman
 - 12 Keith & Paige Scott
 - 13 H. D. & Debbie Linkous
 - 21 Mackenzie & Melanie Eggleston

VBS NEWS AND SCHEDULE
VBS week June 14-17
Family Night is June 18
 The VBS table is set up. If you are volunteering be sure to sign up for a shirt by May 17. We are making decorations on Mondays. We will arrive around 4:45pm but others can arrive when they get off. We will work a couple of hours. *Let's work together to make this the best VBS yet!*



Dates to Remember.....

- May 03:** Awana End of Year Party
- May 05:** Iva Turner Group/Agape Class
- May 05:** Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugo's
- May 06:** WMU Council Meeting
- May 07:** National Day of Prayer
- May 10:** Mother's Day
- May 11:** Ladies Card Ministry
- May 12:** Betty Westover Group
- May 12:** HCBA Memories Event
- May 13:** End of Year Weekday Ed. Program
- May 17:** Graduate Sunday
- May 21:** Joyce Newman Group
- May 24:** Memorial Sunday

June 2026 Birthdays

- 01 Mike Kennett
- 01 Lisa West
- 03 Rocky Rockwell
- 05 Tommy Houston
- 08 Jan Cheek
- 10 Nancy Edwards

GOOD NEWS

The Sunday morning worship service is now being uploaded to the FBCC Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and type in **First Baptist Church of Collinsville, VA** and you will be able to enjoy the service.

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.

