

Lighthouse

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

POOR I-SIGHT



I found this the other day and thought it was a wonderful way of seeing ourselves properly. Hopefully, it will encourage you as much as it did me.

"We suffer from poor I-sight. Not eyesight, a matter of distorted vision that lenses can correct, but I-sight. Poor I-sight blurs your view, not of the world, but of yourself. Some see self too highly. Maybe it's the PhD or pedigree. A tattoo can do it; so can a new truck, or the Nobel Peace Prize. Whatever the cause, the result is the same. "I have so many gifts. I can do anything."

Brazenly self-assured and utterly self-sufficient, the I-focused have long strutted beyond the city limits of self-confidence and entered the state of cockiness. You wonder who puts the "air" in arrogance and the "vain" in vainglory? Those who say, "I can do anything." You've said those words. For a short time, at least. A lifetime, perhaps. We all plead guilty to some level of superiority.

And don't we also know the other extreme: "I can't do anything"? Forget the thin air of pomposity; these folks breathe the thick, swampy air of self-defeat. Roaches have higher self-esteem. Earthworms stand taller. "I'm a bum. I am scum. The world would be better off without me." Divorce stirs such crud. So do diseases and job dismissals. Where the first group is arrogant, this group is diffident. Blame them for every mishap; they won't object. They'll just agree and say, "I can't do anything."

Two extremes of poor I-sight: self-loving and self-loathing. We swing from one side to the other. Promotions and demotions bump us back and forth. One day too high on self, the next too hard on self. Neither is correct. Self-elevation and self-deprecation are equally inaccurate. Where is the truth? Smack-dab in the middle. Dead center between "I can do anything" and "I can't do anything" lies "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (**Phil. 4:13**).

Neither omnipotent nor impotent; neither God's MVP nor God's mistake. Not self-secure or insecure, but God-secure--a self-worth based in our identity as children of God. The proper view of self is in the middle. (**Lucado, M. (2012). Life to the full: 3-in-1 featuring.** Nashville: Thomas Nelson.) Life takes on a whole new meaning when we see ourselves as "God-secure". When it comes right down to it, life for a believer is all about Christ. Praise His Name!

Pastor Larry

HOMECOMING SUNDAY



AUGUST 2

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Joe Collins

Special Music Savanna Gwynn & Garrett Sirt

Covered Dish Lunch following the worship service.

*The church will provide the pork, chicken,
tea and lemonade*

*Please bring your favorite side dish and/or
dessert to share.*

Kick-Off for New Church Year

August 09: Sundaes on Sunday

Join us in the Social Hall from 5:00-7:00pm for Sundaes on Sunday! Create your own Ice Cream Sundae with your favorite toppings.

**Hope to see you on Sunday, August 09
Please bring a friend!**

**Committee Night Meetings
Start at 5:30pm**

If you have volunteered to serve on a committee for the new church year, please attend your committee meeting. You will receive a card by mail with more information. Stop by the Social Hall before or after to enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae!

5:30-5:55pm

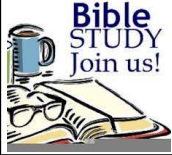
Benevolence:	Room 104 (Agape Class)
Membership:	Room 107 (Hospitality Room)
Properties:	Room 110 (Library)

6:00-6:25pm

Children's Ministry:	Room 104 (Agape Class)
Money Counters:	Room 204 (Conference Room)
Personnel:	Room 110 (Library)
Special Needs:	Room 105 (SonShine Class)

6:30-6:55pm

Music:	Room 110 (Library)
Nominating:	Room 105 (SonShine Class)
Sr. Adults:	Room 107 (Hospitality Room)
Weekday Ed.:	Preschool Dept.



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, July 13
12:00noon
SonShine Classroom



5-Alive Coffee & Donuts
Sun., Aug. 30 @ 9:00am
FBCC Social Hall

Please plan to join us as we fellowship together before Sunday School

OPERATION INASMUCH DAY

September 19

8:30am-12:00noon

Different Locations in the Community managing different Projects to help different people
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF A NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Grace Network

AUGUST ITEM

Canned Peas

AUGUST FEATURE ITEMS

Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrush (Individually Wrapped)

June Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	48,080
Monthly Budget Offering Received	34,081
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (Undeg. Mem., Use of Bldg., etc.)	85
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	37,974
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	297,869
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	13,923
Benevolence Fund	1,962
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,468
Capital Campaign Fund	72,556
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	2,000
Missions (Special Designated)	6,170

In Sympathy:

Cathie Carter, member of FBCC, friend of many

New Contact Information

Jeremy & Stacy Craven, 151 Ashton Rd.
 Martinsville, VA 24112

Marci Emberson, 2634 Fork Mountain Rd.
 Bassett, VA 24055

LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our fall ladies Bible Study is just around the corner. We're going to study the **life of Joshua** on **Sunday afternoons 4:00-5:30pm Aug. 23-Oct. 25**, in the Sunshine Classroom. **Cost of the study book is \$8.00** payable when they are distributed at the first class. The registration sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the side entrance to the church office.

Labor Day, September 7

Church Office Closed



**OPERATION INASMUCH
 FOOD PACKING EVENT**

August 26

6:00-8:00pm

Social Hall of FBCC

Supper will be served at the Picnic Shelter starting at 5:00pm before packing

Bring your children to help pack

We will need at least 50 individuals to be able to pack 15,000 meals. All meals will stay local and given to local food banks.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—June 30, 2026)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—December 2025	\$190,969.07
January—May 2026	\$ 5,802.00
June 2026	\$ 2,025.00
Total Receipts	\$235,626.07
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 72,556.07

Women on Mission—*By His Love*

What We Have Done

In July, we began preparing for Operation Christmas Child by folding boxes on Wednesday nights during dinner

What We Are Doing:

The WMU will be creating Blessing Baskets during the month of August for the new residents of the Martinsville Fostering Champion Home.

Operation Christmas Child August Items

During the month of August, we are asking for donations of school supplies, children's plastic drinking cups, and small water bottles (able to fit in a shoebox). As you are picking up items to pack your OCC shoeboxes, please consider picking up a few extra items for our church-wide campaign. You can place these items in the designated totes underneath the tapestry.

ATTENTION LADIES

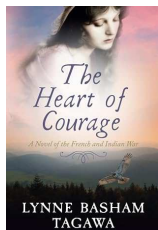
Ladies going to Sight and Sound on August 25-26, please meet in the Social Hall following the Worship Service on **Sunday, August 9** to discuss our plans.



Just a Note

- The Children's Choir will sing during the Homecoming Service on Aug. 2
- We will have special music for Homecoming by Savanna Gwynn and her brother Garrett Sirt. They will sing prior to and during the service.
- August 30th will be our **5Alive** fellowship time at 9:00am in the Social Hall with doughnuts and coffee.
- Let Penny know if you would be willing to help with the songs or drama part of the Christmas program in December.

FBCC Book of the Month



"The Heart of Courage"

(2nd in a Series of 3)

By: Lynne Basham Tagawa

No one would understand But he had to obey his conscience. It's 1753, and troubling news comes to Russell's Ridge. . . Susanna Russell longs to escape her valley home. When war breaks out, she gets her wish to study in fabulous Williamsburg. But she realizes she's lost something important along the way. Something—and someone

"Youth of the Month"



Emily Martin

Emily Martin is 17 years old and is a rising senior at Bassett High School. She lives in Collinsville with mom, Susan and brother, Ethan. She has a pet cat, Freya.

She plans on attending college after high school and becoming a teacher. She loves playing softball and would love to play while in college.

She attends FBCC with her mom, Susan. They have been attending for about 4 years. Emily also attended preschool at FBCC.

Her favorite scripture verse is Matthew 19: 26, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Emily's favorite food is steak.



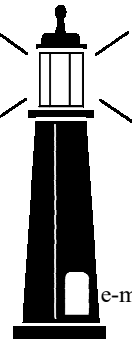
Save the Date

FBCC Cruise In

Saturday, August 29

9:00am—12:00pm

This fun filled day will begin with breakfast served from 9:00-10:30am. Be sure to bring your special car/truck for this Cruise-In and bring a friend with you.



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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	

Wednesday Evening Activities:

Children's Choir Practice	5:15pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00pm
RA's & GA's	6:30pm
Mission Friends	6:30pm
Prayer Service & Bible Study	6:45pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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Return Service
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2026 Birthdays

01 H. D. Linkous	26 Samuel Torian
03 Daryl Emberson	26 Frances Goad
03 Becky Wagoner	27 Brad Pegram
03 Aiden Martin	28 Tommy Nance
05 Peggy Delancey	28 Connie Black
05 Bonnie Huff	30 Sara Roetken
06 Jacob Martin	30 Ronald Gillispie
07 Betty Crotty	31 Allison Love

September 2026 Birthdays

01 Joshua Haskins	01 Milton Pace
09 Beverly Rakes	01 Doris Walker
11 Chase Geramita	02 Leah Johnson
13 Bobbi Frazier	06 Doug Gibson
14 Pete Draper	07 George Gentry
15 Suzanne Terry	07 Kemper Terry
16 Amanda Goad	07 Randy Goad
17 Shirley Horton	08 Sam Torian
18 Linda Conner	08 Tracie Slack
18 Rachel Patterson	09 Wes Martin

August 2026 Anniversaries

19 George Collins	05 Gary & Doris Walker
20 Gabbie France	11 Harold & Shelley Belcher
20 Randy Hiatt	13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
21 Terri Anthony	20 Bob & Janet Roetken
21 Ken Folk	22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
22 Autumn Turner	30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry

September 2026 Anniversaries

25 Bryson Ramsey	10 David & Linda Conner
26 Michael Rivera	10 Gunner & Elizabeth Robertson
26 Savannah McBride	

16 Pete & Kathy Draper
 23 Jerry & Judy Robertson
 26 Tommy & Lisa Houston
 26 Rick & Sharri Love
 28 Roger & Marie Woods

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)
Cereal 14 oz. box
Crackers 16 oz. box

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

Dates to Remember.....

Aug. 02: Homecoming
Aug. 04: Personnel Com. Meeting
Aug. 04: Iva Turner Group
Aug. 04: Phyllis Creasy Group
Aug. 05: WMU Council Meeting
Aug. 09: Committee Night & Sunday School Kick-Off Ice Cream Social
Aug. 10: Ladies Card Ministry
Aug. 11: Betty Westover Group
Aug. 20: Joyce Newman Group
Aug. 24: Finance & Church Council Meeting
Aug. 26: Operation InAsMuch Event
Aug. 26: Wed. Night Meal at the Picnic Shelter
Aug. 29: FBCC Cruise In
Aug. 30: Five 5 Alive/Coffee and Donuts

ATTENTION

Pastor Larry would like to meet with the Ushers and Hostesses on Sunday, August 16 on the piano side of the Sanctuary following the worship service.