

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



OUR WITS END

From the Pastor Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at
the posts of my doors." (Prov. 8:34)

At one time or another, I expect most adults have said to someone else, "I'm at my wits end". The phrase originated in fourteenth-century England, first appearing in William Langland's, *Piers Plowman* (c.1377), where it described reaching the limits of one's understanding (Source: theidioms.com). It refers to someone who is completely puzzled, worried, or out of ideas about what to do next.

Recently, I have found myself in that very place. What should we do when we find ourselves at our wits end? The answer is simple, but not easy—pray. Pray like never before; pray like there is no tomorrow. Someone has said that while faith is the key to heaven, it is prayer that unlocks the door. Paul told Philippian believers to not be anxious about anything. Rather, they were to take it to God in prayer. When they did Paul ensured them *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 4:7). That, my friends, is how we deal with being at our wits end!

Actually, being at your wits end is not a bad place to be. Why? Because it could be the catalyst that forces us to seek the Lord's help and wisdom. If that is the case, then not knowing what to do is beneficial. In our verse from Solomon not knowing what to do demands we wait, watch, and listen for instructions from the LORD. When we don't know what to do, God will be there for us. He will not fail us—He promised.

Blessings in Christ.
Pastor Larry

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Larry will begin a Study on Spiritual Gifts on Sunday, September 13 @ 4:00pm. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Books are \$7.00 each.

BULLETIN/MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any information you would like included in the Bulletin or media announcements on Sunday morning, you must get the information to Ruby or Sandy no later than Wednesday at 1:00pm. Any information received after that will be included in the following Sunday morning announcements.



SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

6:30PM

Meet with Liberty University
about an Affiliate School at FBCC



OPERATION INASMUCH DAY

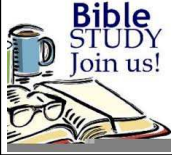
September 19

8:30am-12:00noon

Different Locations in the Community managing
different Projects to help different people

Labor Day, September 7

Church Office Closed



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For our new children's program,



God's Kids
Sunday Evenings,
beginning September 13
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact our leader,

Heather Harr, @ 443-803-9904

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.

Grace Network

SEPTEMBER ITEM

Canned Peas

SEPTEMBER FEATURE ITEMS

Dish Detergent, Deodorant,
Laundry Detergent

July Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	48,080
Monthly Budget Offering Received	34,682
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (Undeg. Mem., Use of Bldg., etc.)	150
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	35,179
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	300,898
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	13,772
Benevolence Fund	1,562
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,478
Capital Campaign Fund	74,191
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	2,000
Missions (Special Designated)	12,820

In Sympathy:

Steve Draper, Sheriff of the city of Martinsville, friend of many



Samaritan's Purse

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Age appropriate ideas for the month of September—school supplies: Please place in marked boxes in the vestibule

2-4 yrs. Old: T-shirts, shorts, lightweight dresses, underwear (size 4T/5T), soft socks, flip flops.

5-9 yrs. Old: T-shirts, shorts, undergarments (size 8, 10, 12), sunglasses, youth medium-large socks, flip flops.

10-14 yrs. Old: Bright T-shirts, athletic shorts, underwear (size Youth XL, Adult XS, Adult S), bracelets, hair clips and accessories, socks, flip flops.

Save the Date!

Mark Your Calendar

VBS 2027

June 13—June 17

2 Years -6th Grade

First Baptist Church
of Collinsville

6:00pm

Go ahead and mark your calendar NOW so you
won't schedule your vacation
during the week of VBS!



Alma Hunt Offering

FBCC Goal: \$4,000.00

Received to date: \$300.00

Collecting thru September

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—July 31, 2026)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—December 2025	\$190,969.07
January—June 2026	\$ 7,827.00
July 2026	\$ 1,635.00
Total Receipts	\$237,261.07
Total Spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	\$ 74,191.07

Women on Mission—*By His Love*

What we have done: During the month of August, the WMU was involved in the following:

- WMU council welcomed new council members and discussed upcoming projects and programs
- We made Blessing Baskets for Fostering Champions to give to new residents of the homes
- We started collecting the August item (School Supplies) for Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

What we are doing:

- The September item for the Shoeboxes will be clothing items (age appropriate suggestions will be in the bulletin each Sunday)
- WMU Kickoff covered dish will be Monday, September 14 at 6:00. WMU will supply the meat and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite side dish and/or dessert. All women are invited.



Just a Note

Starting in August, we will have guest guitarists to accompany us during our Worship Services the 4th Sunday of each month.

We will start practicing our Christmas music Wednesday, September 9 from 7:30-8:00pm. Please come and join us.

Handbells will start back on Sunday afternoon, September 13 at 2:45pm.

Items needed for our Operation InAsMuch Project for September 19th

Foster Care Bookbags—These items are for children entering the Foster Care system through Social Services of Martinsville & Henry Co.

Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Wash Cloths, Soap, Coloring Books, Small Blankets, Socks, Stuffed Animals

Homeless Bookbags—We will be creating hygiene kits to go into a bookbag.

Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Socks, Comb, Chap Sticks, Wash Clothes, Body Wash (Travel size), Shampoo (travel size), Deodorant (travel size)

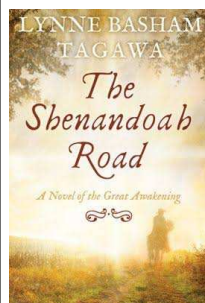
There are totes labeled for each group located under the tapestry for your contribution.

FBCC Book of the Month

"The Shenandoah Road"

(3rd in a Series of 3)

By: Lynne Basham Tagawa



A Novel of the Great Awakening

John Russell is a widower in need of a wife to mother his four-year-old daughter. Leaving his daughter in his sister's care, John travels back to Boston, where his father lives, to do some trading and hopefully find a wife as well.

"Youth of the Month"



Elizabeth Shively

Elizabeth Shively is 16 years old and is a senior at Bassett High School. She lives in Collinsville with stepdad and mom, Steve and Kelli Austin and brother Josh. She also has a toy poodle, Peanut.

Elizabeth works as a daycare worker at Pocahontas Baptist Church. She describes herself as a "good listener" and enjoys talking to kids her age and helping others. Her favorite activities include swimming, softball and dance.

Her plan after high school is to attend college to be a speech therapist.

She, her mom and stepdad have been attending FBCC for about 4 years. They visited the church and really liked Pastor Larry and the people – we're glad you've joined us!

Elizabeth's favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 13: 4 "Love is patient and kind, love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant."

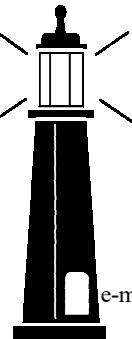
Her favorite food is chicken alfredo.

Youth News

Sept. 04—Bassett High School Football game

Sept. 19—Operation InAsMuch

(Individual assignments are posted to sign up for on the bulletin board)



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Sunday School	9:30am
Worship Service	10:30am
Children's Church	
God's Kids	4:00pm
Adult Bible Studies	4:00pm
Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice	5:15pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00pm
Kingdom Kids	6:30pm
Mission Friends	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

September 2026 Birthdays

01 Milton Pace	22 Ruby Meyers
01 Doris Walker	22 Ronald Lemons
02 Leah Johnson	23 Elijah Beachy
06 Doug Gibson	23 Mason Ferguson
07 George Gentry	24 Belinda Ashworth
07 Kemper Terry	24 Becky Nance
07 Randy Goad	24 Heather Perry
08 Sam Torian	24 Jummy Olaiya
08 Tracie Slack	26 Brandi Lackey
09 Wes Martin	26 Wayne Johnson
10 Delano Thomasson	28 Elizabeth Shively
12 Mike Womack	28 Scott Patterson
12 Richard Ramsey	29 Luke Ashworth
12 Jordan Butchko	30 Luke Craven

October 2026 Birthday

12 Amanda Harter	01 Eddie Conner
14 Danny Pagans	01 Christine McAlexander
15 Gail Atwood	02 Scott Terry
15 Joe Frazier	02 Mona Turner
16 Roslynn Foddrell	03 Betsy Ivey
17 Barbara Prillaman	04 Kathy Draper
17 Sally Folk	04 Jason Shoemaker
18 Jennifer Nance	06 Alex Alley
19 Shirley Ramsey	06 Katelyn Cobb
20 Tim Gauldin	07 JoeAnn Belcher
20 Dickie Martin	07 Curtis Stone
20 Rilee Harter	07 William Blackwell
21 Lana Martin	07 John Flanagan
21 April Chilton	08 Phyllis Prillaman

September 2026 Anniversaries

10 David & Linda Conner
 10 Gunner & Elizabeth Robertson
 16 Pete & Kathy Draper
 23 Jerry & Judy Robertson
 26 Tommy & Lisa Houston
 26 Rick & Sharri Love
 28 Roger & Marie Woods

October 2026 Anniversaries

06 Tony & Helen Alley Crane
 06 Jonathan & Sarah France

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)
Pinto Beans (14/15 oz. can)
Corn (14/15 oz. can)

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

Heart Saver CPR, AED and First Aid Training FBCC Saturday, September 12 9:00 am—1:00 pm

The training is for certification and recertification. Your cost is \$35 (The total cost is \$65, but the church is paying \$30 of that cost for members and volunteers.) The fee will be collected on the day of training. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the church office. If you are interested, please sign up by **Sun., Sept. 6th.**

Dates to Remember