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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

From the Pastor

Be Thankful

Scottish minister Alexander Whyte was known for his uplifting prayers in the pulpit. He always found something for which to be grateful. One Sunday morning the weather was so gloomy that a church member thought to himself, "Certainly the preacher won't think of anything for which to thank the Lord on a wretched day like this." Much to his surprise, however, Whyte began by praying, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this" **(Our Daily Bread, August 26, 1989)**.

Whyte was practicing what the Bible encourages us to do, *"in everything give thanks"* **(1 Thess. 5:17)**. But what does that look like in real time? Well, the Bible provides us a great example in the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote 4 letters while he was locked up in prison—Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. In his letter to the believers in Colossae, Paul wrote, *"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful"* **(Col. 3:15)**. Perhaps Paul was asking believers to be thankful they were not in jail for their faith. But based on Paul's other writings, we must conclude that Paul remained thankful regardless of his location or situation.

You might ask, 'What did Paul have to be thankful for in that moment?' Just from our verse we learn several things. He was thankful that God had called him. This call involved several things: redemption, salvation, forgiveness, adoption into God's family. He was also thankful that God was with him. This is guaranteed to every believer by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. His presence confirms we belong to God. Finally, he was thankful that the peace of God was available to him while he was incarcerated. He could have peace even in a cold, dark prison cell.

You see, there is always something for which we can be thankful. Even in the worst situations. So, take time this month to survey your life in Christ. I expect you too will find many things to thank God for as well. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Pastor Larry

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22
6:00pm
Day Star Ministries

Churches joining this special service will be Ft. Trial Christian, Smith Memorial United Methodist, FBCC, and Collinsville Covenant Brethren Church

Watch the Bulletin for more information coming soon.



Thanksgiving Community Table
Wed., Nov. 25
FBCC Social Hall

We are going to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving Meal for our community on Wednesday, November 25. We need volunteers to cook, sign workers in, pack to-go meals, deliver meals to homes, serve those who come in to eat, and clean up as we go. If you are interested, please go to the Harvest Foundation website (theharvestfoundation.org and click on Youth Board), sign up to serve at our church. By volunteering online they will collect your name and your T-shirt size.

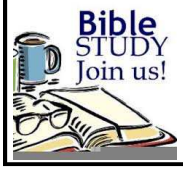
Volunteers should be here at 9:00am to start preparing the food. Delivery will begin at 11:00am Dine-in will be from 11:30-2:00. We will also include our shut-ins with our deliveries.

Please consider volunteering to this worthy cause. It's a wonderful, memorable experience. You don't have to work the whole time unless you want to.



Breakfast With Santa
Saturday
December 5
9:00-11:00am
FBCC Social Hall

Make plans now to attend and bring someone with you



N O T I C E
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, November 09
12:00noon
SonShine Classroom



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:

Spaghetti & Meatballs (15 oz. can)
Saltine Crackers (16 oz. box)
Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 oz. can)

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

Grace Network

NOVEMBER ITEM
Jiffy Cornbread Mix
NOVEMBER FEATURE ITEMS
Toilet Paper, Bath Soap, Toothpaste
Individually wrapped toothbrush
You can leave your donations in the Grace Network Food Bin outside the church office.

September Report

Monthly Budget Offering Needed	48,080
Monthly Budget Offering Received	34,195
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (Undeg. Mem., Use of Bldg,. etc.)	50
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	42,196
Non Budget Expenses	00
Operating Account Balance	275,399
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	14,456
Benevolence Fund	770
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,478
Capital Campaign Fund	75,396
Weekday Ed. Designated Fund (Donation)	1,707
Missions (Special Designated)	9,170

In Sympathy:

Ben Dawson, son of Rick Dawson
Kasey Redfern, grandson of Shirley Frith
Marion Hundley, brother of Gail Minter and uncle of Diana Martin

Congratulations



Gunner and Britney Terry Beverly proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Teagan James Beverly. Little Miss Teagan weighed 7.11ozs. Her grandparents are Scott & Suzanne Terry and her great grandmother is Joan Collins.

Alma Hunt Offering
FBCC Goal: $4,000.00
Received to date: $3,160.00



Samaritan's Purse
Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Samaritan Purse shoeboxes are **due to the church by November 15**. Unfolded boxes are available on the table under the tapestry, and folded boxes are on the other side of the sanctuary entrance from outside. When you complete your boxes, there are several way to pay shipping:

1. Pay online by scanning the QR Code on your shoebox label, then go to Checkout. You will have an option to track your box. You can also go to samaritaspurse.org and choose label options to pay for your boxes and print trackable labels if you need them.
2. Write a check payable to Samaritan's Purse and send it directly to them with the envelop provided with your shoebox label.
3. You can pay at the church office with cash or a check written to FBCC. The church will send one check to Samaritan's Purse.

We are excited about sending the message of Jesus' love—it does make a difference in each child's life.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—September 30, 2026)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	$36,830.00
Donations to Capital Campaign	
March 2022—December 2025	$190,969.07
January—July 2026	$ 9,987.00
August 2026	$ 680.00
Total Receipts	**$238,466.07**
Total Spent for Roof	-$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance:	**$ 75,396.07**

Women on Mission—*By His Love*

- Went to Hairston Home to celebrate fall with them. We took treat bags, cupcakes, and played Bingo;
- We enjoyed a Cookie Swap on October 27 and packed shoeboxs for Operation Christmas Child.

During the month of November, we will

- Pack Christmas bags for our college students;
- Collect the Operation Christmas Child boxes and deliver them to the drop-off site at Stone Memorial Christian Church.

Just a Note:

We have been enjoying the addition of our Praise Band on the 4th Sunday each month. They will be returning November 22.

We will have our 5-Alive fellowship Sunday morning, November 29 at 9:00 prior to Sunday School. Come and enjoy coffee and doughnuts with one another.

Looking Ahead:

The Adult Choir, Handbells, Children's Group, and various soloists will be sharing in worship Sunday morning, Dec. 20 for *More than a Manger.*

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!

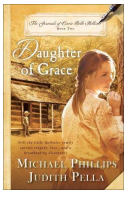


Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office will **open** for your convenience on **Nov. 29.** if you would like to exchange Christmas Cards with other members of FBCC you can bring them by the Post Office. We suggest you give 10cents per card to go toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. **The Post Office will close on Dec. 20.**

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

FBCC Book of the Month



"Daughter of Grace"

(the Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister)

(Book Two)

By: Michael Phillips & Judith Pella

After a shocking discovery on the muddy streets of Miracle Springs, Corrie's world is turned upside down. But as the church is built, a school opened, and their cabin turns into a place to call home, she feels the Hollisters are learning how to be a real family. She also knows, though, that she isn't old enough to be a true mother to her two brothers and two sisters. And when the choice is made for her...can Corrie accept it?

"Youth of the Month"



Aimee Stevenson

Aimee Stevenson is 11 years old and is in the 5th grade at Meadowview Elementary School. She lives in Collinsville with mom and stepdad, Danielle and Justin Eames. She has a dog and her name is Coco.

She has been attending FBCC for 5-6 years. Shirley Craven visited their apartment complex and invited her family to come to church and Aimee, and mom and stepdad have been attending since then. Thank you, Mrs. Shirley!

Aimee's favorite scripture verse is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

Aimee enjoys softball and is a pitcher. She is also a House Leader at school, secretary with 4-H, in the Weekly News Club and tutors/helps other kids with their schoolwork. She recently was baptized and joined FBCC.

Her plans after high school are to attend college; possibly Harvard or Yale.

Aimee's favorite food is spaghetti or sausage balls with extra cheese.

Thank You Note

On behalf of the entire Rockwell family, to our church family at First Baptist Church of Collinsville, I want to share our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers and cards as we go through the grief of losing our daughter, Bethany. And, the memorial Dogwood Tree was so special—thank you to the choir for that. My brother and his wife were so moved that they had a memorial stone made to put at the base. We will be traveling to Oklahoma City for Bethany's memorial service at her church on November 15 and I know your thoughts and prayers will travel with us. We do not have a church family yet (we're working on that...), but FBCC will always be a part of our family. We love you and miss you. *Rocky*



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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:	
Fellowship Meal	6:00pm
Kingdom Kids	6:30pm
Mission Friends	6:30pm
Youth Discipleship (Middle & High School)	6:30pm
Prayer Service & Bible Study	6:45pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

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Return Service Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2026 Birthday

01 Greg Craven
02 Jennifer Witt
03 Stacy Fontaine
03 Samantha Martin
05 Kaitlin Haskins
05 Susan Wgoner
05 Christian Chapman
06 Judy Anthony
08 Sawyer Mason
10 Zoie Pace
11 Perry Tilley
12 Sherryl Anderson
13 Ta'meil Foddrell
14 Tonia Patterson
14 Hannah Goad
15 Ken Wagoner
16 Michaela Garrett Faust
16 Emily Whitlow
17 Sherrie Setliff
17 Parker Pinnix
18 Charlotte Albert
18 Lois Radford
18 Nettie Webb
18 Daniel Craven
18 Dottie Turner
19 Joe Haskins
19 Hannah Piccolo
19 Erick Rodies
21 Susie Baldwin
21 Mark Ivey
21 Catherine Kallam
21 Heather Harr
21 Keith Oliver
24 Tylar Martin
24 Kit Scott
25 Brenda Carter
25 Linda Newsome
25 Emily Rorrer
26 Sheree Gillispie
27 Carol Gentry
28 Sandra Zanfini
30 Daphne Stone
30 C. B. Mullins
30 Kristen Weaver

December 2026 Birthdays

01 Joe Johnson
02 Melody Oliver
04 Kevin Shropshire
05 Sarah Scott
06 Paige Collins
08 Taylor Draper
09 Kenny Inman
09 Susan Rodies
10 Nathan Roetken
11 Tim Ramsey
13 Jenifer Mize
14 Ann Amos

November 2026 Anniversaries

06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
11 Gunner & Britney Beverly
14 Chris & Sara Roetken
19 Mike & Dana Pennington
21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey
22 Brian & Laura Whitlow
25 Danny & Betty Pagans
27 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell
28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

December 2026 Anniversaries

05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
08 Teddy & Sharon Belcher
12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
13 Jose & Karen Castro
15 John & Terri Anthony
19 Mark & Betsy Ivey
22 Eddie & Becky Conner
23 Keith & Melody Oliver
23 Jeff & Dee Webb
28 George Collins & Lisa West



Dates to Remember:

Nov. 03: Iva Turner Group/ Agape Class
Nov. 07: Adult trip to D-Day Memorial
Nov. 09: Ladies Card Ministry
Nov. 10: Phyllis Creasy Group/ Hugos
Nov. 10: Betty Westover Group/ S. Hall
Nov. 11: Veterans Day
Nov. 14: Children's Ministry Event
Nov. 15: Budget Presented
Nov. 16: Joyce Newman Group/Najars
Nov. 22: Community Thanks-giving Service @ Day Star Ministries
Nov. 25: Community Thanks giving Meal/FBCC Social Hall
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26 & 27: Church Office Closed
Nov. 29: 5-Alive Coffee & Donuts
Nov. 30: Finance & Church Mtg.
Dec. 02: Budget Discussion
Dec. 05: Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 06: Vote on 2027 Budget
Dec. 14: Ladies Card Ministry
Dec. 20: Choir Christmas Prog.