



The Vision

Louisa FBC Newsletter

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Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. - Romans 13:8

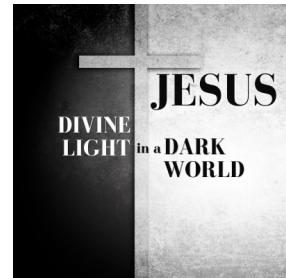
From Pastor Chuck's Desk



We'll Leave The Light On

"We'll leave the light on for you" is probably one of the most iconic slogans of our time, as Motel 6 wanted to sound warm and inviting to weary travelers. In the 19th century, we had lamplighters. They would go around the streets at dusk and light the streetlamps and then come back at dawn and put the lights out. They left the light on during the night and lit up the darkness.

We are called to leave our light on. The apostle Paul told the Philippians to shine brightly for Christ. Philippians 2:12-15 "Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people." We live in a dark world. Isaiah 60:2 "Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you." Darkness is for lying down to sleep; light is for rising. When the light comes, we must respond and arise and shine. Jesus Christ is the true Light, who gives light to everyone.



Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that we are to be the light of the world. Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Hiding our light or only shining our light occasionally won't help this dark world. Our desire is that we leave our light on for all: our friends, our relatives, our associates, our neighbors... It might be easier to remember that we need to leave our light on for everyone. Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." I am thankful that I get to partner with my church family as we go into Louisa, Fort Gay, and into this whole world with the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Light of this world.

Leave your light on!
Pastor Chuck Price



Missions Committee



A meeting was held to talk about the possible mission trips this year to Lasi, Romania and Quebec, Canada. The date for the trip to Romania is tentatively set for April 22 and would be a 10 day trip. The cost of a plane ticket, not including the passport, would be approximately around \$700 plus tax. This is a very good price for these tickets.

The trip to Quebec is a 16 hr. drive and would probably take place in June. If you are considering going on either of these trips, please pray about it and let Bro. Chuck know your decision as soon as possible. You will also need to apply for a passport for both trips.

Rody Maynard

Treasurer's Note

by Debbie Ward

faith and
finance

As of 1/25/2026

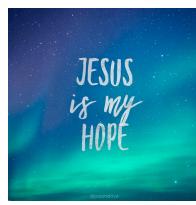
YTD Gen Fund Giving: \$30,077
YTD Total Giving: \$34,066

The yearly giving statements went out Friday January 23rd before the snow/ice storm hit. Please look over your statement when you get it, if you find any errors, please notify me as soon as possible. This is the first year with our new financial software.

I am big into acronyms and my latest is for HOPE (H-holding O-onto P-peace E-eternal). I am about to finish my word study of the word hope in the Bible. There are 15

different Hebrew words and 2 Greek words that we translate as hope. Two of my favorite Old Testament

scriptures are: Psalm 31:24 "Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD." Psalm 33:18 "Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness." From the New Testament Romans 8:24-25 "For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for



why does one also hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."

The following verses remind me of your faithfulness church, in paying off our loan. **2 Corinthians 8:3-5** "For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected (hoped), but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." As we move through 2026, may we all strive to be like those Corinthians who gave beyond their ability to further the kingdom of Christ.

Tim Time

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." - 1 Peter 3:15

As we gather together and learn together, our aim is to be strengthened in the Word of the Lord. This is our goal for the year—to grow in our understanding of Christ so that we are prepared to faithfully and graciously share the hope we have in Him.

This month in youth ministry, we have a full schedule of teaching

and activities. On Sunday nights, we are finishing our verse-by-verse study through the Gospel of Matthew. We've also recently concluded a study of the Five Solas of the Reformation, grounding our students in the core truths of the Christian faith.

Beginning in February, in light of the culture we live in today—including the growing presence of Islam in our country—we will spend time examining the worldviews of the world's major religions. Our goal is not only to understand what others believe, but to help our students think biblically and respond faithfully.

At the same time, we will continue learning how to share our faith effectively by engaging in gospel conversations with gentleness and respect. On Sunday nights, we will also begin a new book of the Bible, studying it verse by verse.

We will have treats available on Valentine's Day, February 14, with all donations going toward youth missions.

Please pray for our students and leaders as we come alongside our church family to proclaim the good news of Christ to a lost and dying world—both here and wherever the Lord would have us go.

In Christ's Care, Tim Ellis

Dinner Church - Thursday 2/26 @ 6pm in the cafe' - Volunteer help appreciated

CHILDREN IN ACTION

Sunday evening at 6pm

Grades 1-5

Leaders: Susan Little and
Eldred Hughes



MISSION FRIENDS

Sunday evening at 6pm

Ages 3,4,5

Leaders: Lindsey Hughes
and Pam Branham

Sunday Greeters

2/1 - Andy Workman Family
2/8 - Jeff Branham Family
2/15 - Kevin Arbaugh Family
2/22 - Greg Stepp Family



"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7

Writing this article on the 23rd of January, it seems as though Christmas was eons ago rather than only a month since we celebrated that beautiful holiday! Time passes so quickly and I am at the age where I tend to ponder on what has been in the past and how God brought me through each and every circumstance in my life.



I am so thankful that I know Him as the Prince of Peace and the Great I Am. He is my Helper and my Redeemer!

Every day I need God's help because in my own being I am weak, frail, and tired. But He gives the strength to get through each day and I ask for the desire to work in the manner that I do all for His glory.

I For when, am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

My family and many of my friends have carried especially heavy burdens in the past days. Lord, I am so grateful that you provide your power and peace that goes beyond our understanding and that we can come to you with our requests at any time. Thank you Lord for peace and rest even in the hard times. May we look forward to the coming days with anticipation that God will never leave us or forsake us no matter what path we trod.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Seventeen ladies gathered on January 14th for our monthly meeting. The focus of our program was the Samaritan Woman and how Jesus

changed her life. She had a story to tell and shared it with the people of her community. We all have a story and we need to be ready to share it with others. Each month we will ask for a volunteer to take 5 minutes and share her story with the group at our monthly meeting.



Rody presented a list of upcoming projects. Sunday February 15th is Focus on WMU Sunday. We have asked our Children in Action and Mission Friends group to share with our church at the 11:00 service. We are in the process of planning a luncheon for our foreign exchange students and their host families on Saturday, March 14th. More details to come.

Come join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon in the café.



Good News Club® is an onsite, after-school Bible club where children hear the Gospel and receive discipleship in a fun and clear way. Our church partners with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Kentucky (CEF) which provides curriculum, training, background checks, curriculum and support, while our church provides Jesus-like love through teachers, snacks, and invitations, seeking to develop relationships with the families.

This school year, Good News Club® was not able to meet in December, but God was still at work! An opportunity presented for our clubbers to be a part of the school's evening Christmas program. Seven (7) Clubbers participated (6 pictured) – being the finale of the program. Children sang the Child Evangelism Fellowship® version of Joy to the World that says in part:

*He is Jesus, Lord of Creation, He is Jesus, light of the world! (repeat)
Light of the world, the Lord is come. He is the light of life.*

Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness. But will have the light of life. (repeat)

*He is, He is the light of life!
He is Jesus, Lord of Creation. He is Jesus, light of the world!*

Jesus was made much of through these children! Praise God!

Many in our church family have adopted children from Good News Club to pray for this year. There are 16 children who could use a prayer partner. If you would like to adopt a child to pray for this school year, please contact Teresa at 606-240-8038.

Please pray for our team of teachers, including: Pam Branham, Judy Evans (11 years now!), Eldred and Lindsey Hughes, Steve and Teresa Kunze, Betty

See, and Alana Tackett (from an area church). We are currently teaching from Daniel and one of our memory verses is:

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
James 1:5 (ESV).

Please pray we seek wisdom from the Lord in all we do.

Thank you, Church Family, for making Good News Club possible through your prayers and support.



Vital Statistics

From the Life Application Study Bible by Tyndale

Ecclesiastes

PURPOSE: To spare future generations the bitterness of learning through their own experience that life is meaningless apart from God.

AUTHOR: Solomon

ORIGINAL AUDIENCE: Solomon's subjects in particular, and all people in general.

DATE WRITTEN: Probably around 935 B.C., late in Solomon's life.

SETTING: Solomon was looking back on his life, much of which was lived apart from God.

KEY VERSE: "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind" (12:13)

Trustee's Report

The trustees had their Q1 meeting on 1/18. In attendance were Trustees Joey Cecil, Paul Day, Tanner Queen, Jim Fitch, Nicole Fitch, and Andrew DeLong, with guests Chuck Price, Jeff Slone, and Bill Bradley.

Some of the maintenance projects discussed:

- Clay St lot will have bright white lines repainted by Spring.
- The sagging floor in the door frame as you enter the old part of the church was fixed. Thanks Bill Bradley.
- The main parking lot will need temporary lines repainted until a final plan is determined for re-sealing.
- The bus carport will be "walled in" to make a large storage shed.
- Many light bulbs and fixtures around the church need to be replaced.
- Jeff Slone will be working toward restoring power to the outbuilding outside the nursery window.

We plan to have a group work day on a Saturday in March and all will be welcome! Look for a date soon.

Nursery Volunteers



2/1 - Team 6 - Melody Webb, Stephanie West, Sheila Pack, Elle Parsley, Debbie Queen

2/8 - Team 1 - Natalie Wellman, Sophia Wellman, Lindsey Branham, Leah Branham, Kayla Collins, Kelli Dixon, Kate Cecil, Kate Collins

2/15 - Team 2 - Cheryl Roe, Debbie Cordle, Hillary Thompson, Angie Bailey, Leah Wireman, Kara Pannell

2/22 - Team 3 - Brittany Block, Brianna Muncy, Julia Rollins, Kandace Anderson, Vickie Bradley, Lillie Bradley, Jamie Russell

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