

## **September 2012**

### New Church Year Begins

Sunday, September 2

### Collinsville High School Football Team

#### And Cheerleaders Dinner

Thursday, August 30

2:45 P.M.

Contact Church Office to Volunteer to Help

### Children's Choirs Begin

Wednesday, September 12

### Awaken -- See You at the Pole

Wednesday, September 26

Collinsville High School Flag Pole

7:15 A.M.

### Collinsville Quilt Walk

Friday, September 28

Noon – 5:00

Saturday, September 29

10 A.M. – 5:00

Walking Tour of Collinsville – Begin at Library  
Special Exhibit – Food for Body and Soul Quilts

\$10/Person – Free Tram Ride

[www.collinsvillequiltwalk.com](http://www.collinsvillequiltwalk.com)

### Alabama Special Election

Amendment to Be Voted on Concerning  
Medicaid Funding from Oil and Gas Trust Fund

Tuesday, September 18

### Dekalb County VFW Fair

September 24-29

### 40/40 Days of Prayer for Our Country

September 26 – November 4

Pray for 40 Days

And/or  
40 Hours From 4 P.M. November 2  
Until 8 A.M. November 4  
4040Prayer.com

Yellow Dot Program  
Sign Up at Collinsville City Hall  
Information Envelope and Picture  
To Be Placed in Your Car Glove Compartment  
This Program Is Free of Charge

Coming in November  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday, November 10  
Collinsville Turkey Trot

Community Thanksgiving Service  
Collinsville Baptist  
6:00 P.M.  
Sunday, November 18

Presidential Election  
Tuesday, November 6

Operation Christmas Child  
August – School Supplies  
September – Soap and Hygiene Products

World Hunger Relief Offering  
Beginning Sunday, September 9  
Ending Sunday, October 14

September Lord's Supper – Phil and Vanessa Chambers

To Collinsville Baptist Church:

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 175<sup>th</sup> Homecoming meal. This includes those who made sure that we had adequate supplies, provided decorations, prepared the food, helped to bring food in, helped serve the food and helped clean up. Due to all those who helped, we had a successful 175<sup>th</sup> Homecoming.

## Homecoming Committee

To: Collinsville Baptist Church

I want to offer my sincere and proud congratulations on this occasion to celebrate 175 years in gospel ministry. One of the greatest joys of my life and my ministry was the privilege to spend meaningful time with you from late 1974 to mid-1977.

I well remember the move to Collinsville and the wonderful reception we received. Jeff, Liz and Missy send their love to you. They obviously are all grown and have children of their own: Jeff, 2; Liz, 2; Missy, 1. You all received us, loved us, encouraged us and that was such a blessing to me and the family.

I am still the Pastor who was introduced by Announcer Jackie Myers at the first Panther football game I attended as 'the newly acquired Pastor of the Collinsville Baptist Church'. I'm just thankful that it only took me two days to get even with him when he came forward the following Sunday as one of the ushers to take up the offering. That was a delight!

I always associate this great church with my most favorite sermon I've ever preached: The Grasshopper Sermon. It corresponded with the outstanding basketball team that won the 1A State Basketball Championship. I've wanted several times to sneak into the school and scratch that on the trophy somewhere. Everywhere I go I preach that sermon and have even had former members in one church ask me if I've preached that sermon to the "next church".

Thanks to this church, I learned how to preach and pastor and that was greatly enhanced by your love, encouragement and support. All of my ministry since 1977 has been impacted by everything I learned and experienced here.

I can honestly say today to you that all my memories of this church are just the absolute best. I thank you and I pray that this day will be an awesome event to celebrate the past and anticipate a great future!

Brother Bill Trawick  
Enon Baptist Church  
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Members of Collinsville Baptist Church,  
Carol and I are very sorry that we cannot be with you today. We have wonderful memories of our ministry with you. I served the church from 1960-66. They were great years. We have two wonderful children. Our son, Dr. Charles Gibbs, is a

medical doctor in Kansas City. Our daughter, Joan Maxson, has one son. She works for a group of lawyers in Louisville, Kentucky.

I retired after preaching for 52 years. Etter Baptist Church was my last pastorate. They honored me by naming me the pastor emeritus. At present, I am doing supply preaching at various churches.

We would love to have you visit us or call us at any time. Our address is 3335 N Hampton Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506. The telephone is 931-537-2843.

God bless each of you. May you have a wonderful day as you celebrate 175 years.  
Charles and Carol Gibbs

Sympathy – Mamie

Church Literature

Please let the church office know by September 15 if you have a change in your church literature order from Lifeway. With new classes and teachers, there are often changes in a new church year. We want each group to have what they need. We also want to be good stewards with our order if we are ordering things that are unneeded. Thanks for your help.

### A couple of things I learned in my back yard.

1. Ever since we moved to this house twenty years ago, when we have company, the back yard fills up with cars. Gloria and I like this. We like to see the low area near the back door full of cars. We even refer to that part of the yard as the parking lot.

It was certainly full last Sunday. Several family members were here for the big anniversary weekend. They all came back here Sunday afternoon after the service and dinner. We sat around and talked, and then people began to leave. The last car left about 5:00.

I decided to run back to church to be sure everything was turned off and locked up. As I went out the back door, our parking area was down to my van and Gloria's car. It looked very empty. And sad.

Then I got to church. And saw a really empty parking lot.

You came. Thank you. We loved seeing you.

And that's why the lot seemed so empty. And sad. Please come back soon. We miss you.

2. Elijah, Isaiah and I play a lot in the back yard. Sarah will join us sometimes, but she does not enjoy it as much as her big brothers. I let them take shovels and dig holes and run water in them (you should have seen Morgan Brothers Lake a couple of weeks ago). We also have a small fireplace that we made from some old bricks and rocks. We burn twigs and paper in it.

Elijah stayed overnight a few weeks ago. He managed to cook three meals on that fireplace. We built a big fire in the yard and a charcoal fire in the fireplace. We had hot dogs and marshmallows for supper (a very balanced diet). Then we went back out at 6:30 the next morning. We lit some charcoal in the fireplace and cooked pancakes and sausage on it. Delicious.

For lunch, the third meal, Elijah wanted to cook some more hotdogs and some hamburgers. We made a twig fire over to one side. Then we made a discovery. The charcoal, now six hours old, was gray with ash. But when you blew on it, there were still coals. We cooked the hamburgers there and the hot dogs on the fire. Then we made the best samoas I have ever tasted (you know – the marshmallow/Hershey's chocolate on graham cracker things). The charcoal coals were just right to cook the marshmallows without burning them. Hot to the center so they melted the chocolate perfectly and then it all oozed out of the graham crackers. Very sticky faces and hands. Yum. We even shared with Gloria and Granny (yes, after we were full).

We learned a fire could stay hot a long time (we should have been listening to Smokey Bear all these years). Our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is over. But it is

our hope that the fire that was lit here over the weekend will continue to burn for many years to come. That the coals from this fire will continue to make A Light on a Hill. Collinsville Baptist has been shining to the world for 175 years. May it continue until Jesus returns.