

LONG BRANCH CHURCH

BELIEVE BELONG BECOME

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Pastor's Pen

The Scriptures teach us, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16). The word that is translated “effective, fervent” is the word from which we get our word “energy.” The idea here is spiritual energy. This is always related to spiritual things in the Bible – even evil spiritual things. But in this verse, James is speaking about “energized prayer” that is fervently entered into – the fervent prayer. When we pray “fervently” we pray with passion. It’s not that we are trying to persuade God. We want God’s will. He knows what is best and His will is being carried out throughout the earth. When we pray fervently, we open the door for the Holy Spirit to rain His divine grace into our circumstances. Just as the grass will die without rain, we will die spiritually without the rain of the Holy Spirit pouring into our lives and circumstances.

In 1 Kings 18, the Scriptures tell us that Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed down to the ground and put his face between his knees. Elijah took a posture of passion, and he prayed seven times.

The clouds of promise came, and the rain poured out of what had been a clear sky. As he sought God, Elijah’s face was between his knees, which reminds us of the words found in Isaiah 66. There we find that when Zion [the people of God] enter into the labor of prayer like a woman in labor, then she gives birth, and there comes an entry of divine grace and life.

As we are reopening some of our ministries at Long Branch Church, we need effective, fervent prayer that God will keep us safe, and that we will experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our church.

As we see the unrest, lawlessness, and division in our nation, we need effective, fervent prayer that God will change the climate of this land.

The effective, fervent prayer of righteous people counts much.

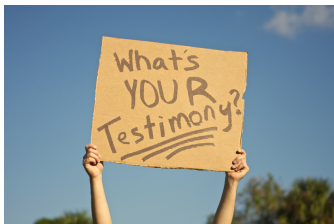
Pastor Phil



**Pam Lewis
 McKinnon Bowen
 Stephen Rzonca
 Julieta Rodriguez
 President Trump
 Elections
 Our country
 Unsaved
 Teachers and Students**

In Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Robert and Julia Fuquay in the passing of their daughter Shannon Marie Fuquay on August 27, 2020. Please continue to lift the family up in prayer.



Do you have a testimony? We would love to hear about the goodness of God and miracles He is doing in your life!

Please share with us by sending an email to lbc1061@gmail.com.

NINA BUTTS	9/02
JUSTIN SMITH	9/03
EMILY SMITH	9/04
COREY GOSS	9/05
GINNY LEWIS	9/05
BILLY WOOD	9/06
TRISH WOOD	9/09
PAM JENNINGS	9/10
ERNIE ORTIZ	9/10
TIM STRAIT	9/10
JACOB LAVIGNE	9/11
MARSHA JOHNSON	9/12
JANICE GODWIN	9/14
JEREMY MELLOTT	9/19
FLOYD WEST	9/20
JUSTIN JENNINGS	9/21
ALEXIS MICHAEL	9/22
TOM MCLAMB	9/23
KIANNA WRIGHT	9/24
TOM LEWIS	9/25
DESTINY BROWN	9/26
ISIK SMITH	9/26
STEPHEN RZONCA	9/28
KEITH BOONE, JR	9/29



Tom & Deborah McLamb	9/01
Justin & Adrienne Jennings	9/05
Julian & Meredith Holland	9/08
Patrick & Crystal Lockwood	9/26

Service Times

Sunday Worship 10 AM

Little Kids Church 10 AM

Children's Church 10 AM

Wednesday Classes 6:45 PM

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting - September 13
11 AM

Red Cross Blood Drive - September 18
1:30 - 6 PM

PFWB Serve Week - September 20-26

Crusader Youth Camp Weekends
Elementary - October 9-11
Middle School - October 23-25
High School - November 6-8

DONORS NEEDED

**LBC Blood Drive
September 18
1:30 - 6 PM**



**Sign up at Redcrossblood.org.
September's blood drive is
in honor of 9/11**

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor
is not in vain in the Lord."**

I Corinthians 15:58