

# The Lamplighter

## **Do You Know Your Worth?** By Kevin Guiffre

“For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV)

### **Understanding Worth in a World of Price Tags**

We live in a culture that constantly measures worth by performance, appearance, possessions, or popularity. People are often valued for what they produce rather than who they are. As a result, many struggle with insecurity, shame, and a distorted sense of identity. Scripture, however, offers a radically different definition of worth, one that is not rooted in human opinion but in divine action.

The apostle Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, reminds believers of a foundational truth: our worth is established by what God was willing to pay to redeem us.

### **Bought With a Price**

When Paul declares, “You were bought with a price,” he is pointing directly to the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Our redemption did not come cheaply. It required the blood of the spotless Lamb of God (1 Peter 1:18–19). The cross reveals both the seriousness of sin and the immeasurable value God places on human life.

Your worth is not determined by your past, your failures, or your struggles. It is determined by the price paid for your soul. Heaven considered you worth the life of God’s own Son.

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## January Highlights

01/08: ESL Registration

01/10: Catherine Foundation Tea

01/24: AWANA Grand Prix

### January 2026

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As you're decluttering & donating items after Christmas, please consider donating any lamps or light sources to the church for VBS 2026.



Edify is rehearsing after the 11:00 service each Sunday. Please vacate the sanctuary to facilitate the rehearsal. You are welcome to stay and fellowship in the foyer as long as you like.



Irene Norris would like to attend Sun. & Wed. evening services but she needs a ride. If you are willing to pick her up from Port Tobacco, please call the office or see Pastor Gary.

## Thank You, Karen Jones

for all the work you did & continue to do to make our new website a success!!



## Attention:

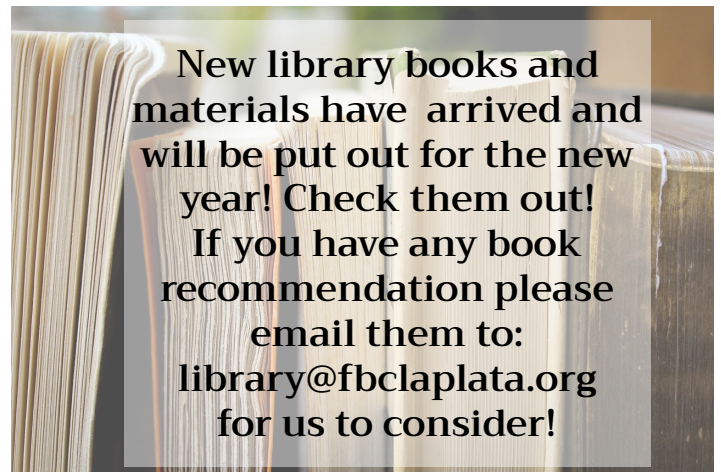
Church event photos will now be available for viewing on our website rather than in *The Lamplighter*

<http://fbclaplata.org/photo-album>



New library books and materials have arrived and will be put out for the new year! Check them out!

If you have any book recommendation please email them to:  
[library@fbclaplata.org](mailto:library@fbclaplata.org)  
for us to consider!



The Schneiders thank you for all the cards & gifts given them during the Christmas season. We enjoyed the very busy celebration of the birth of Jesus with you.

A note from the Pastor...



Check out the *Week at A Glance* in your bulletin for character information & "seek and find" challenges pertaining to our Bible Village.



If you want to be a part of FBC's Shepherd's Guide, please send the office your business/contact information.

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### **Belonging to God**

Paul's words also remind us that we do not belong to ourselves. In a culture that prizes personal autonomy and self-ownership, Scripture teaches a countercultural truth: believers belong to God. We have been redeemed, restored, and claimed as His own.

This truth is not meant to diminish us but to dignify us. To belong to God is to be under His care, His protection, and His purpose. Our identity is secure because it is rooted in Him.

### **A Call to Glorify God**

Knowing our worth leads to responsibility. Paul concludes with a clear instruction: "Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit." Since we belong to God, every part of our lives physical, emotional, and spiritual is meant to reflect His glory.

This includes how we treat our bodies, how we live morally, how we speak, and how we worship. Obedience is not about earning worth; it is a response to the worth already given through Christ.

### **Living From, Not For, Worth**

Many people spend their lives trying to prove their value. The gospel invites us to live from a place of already established worth. Because Christ has paid the price, believers can live with confidence, humility, and purpose.

When we understand our worth in Christ:

- We no longer seek validation from the world.
- We resist sin that devalues God's temple.
- We walk in gratitude rather than guilt.
- We glorify God with joyful obedience.

So do you know your worth? According to Scripture, you are worth the blood of Christ. That truth should both humble and strengthen us. We are not our own, we belong to God. And because of that, our lives have eternal significance.

May we live each day remembering the price that was paid. Striving, by God's grace, to glorify Him in all we are and all we do.



JANUARY 11TH IS THE **LAST DAY** TO  
TAKE HOME CHRISTMAS CARDS.  
THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.

## Operation Christmas Child



January Shopping Ideas:  
Hats, gloves, scarves



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Brotherhood & Mission Warriors will  
meet Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am.

Thursday Evening Bible Study @ 7 pm  
for: College & Career Age ~Married & Beyond  
see Robby Jones

**B** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> **O**  
Benevolence Offering

Deacons' Meeting Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM



**Women on Mission**  
\* will meet 1/8/26 \*  
at 9:45 AM

E.S.L. Classes  
are beginning again!  
Registration: Jan. 8th  
First Class: Jan. 15th

*Merry Widows*  
will meet 1/9/26  
at 12 PM

**YOUTH** GROUP **NEWS**

1/9: Friday evening Bible study resumes 6:30 PM

VISITATION MINISTRY WILL MEET  
THURS., JAN., 15<sup>TH</sup>, 9:45 AM

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Catherine  
Foundation  
Tea*



AWANA Grand Prix  
January 24<sup>th</sup>



# JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office closed 	2.	3 Brotherhood & Mission Warriors 9 AM 
4. Benev. Offering AWANA 5:30 PM	5. PACE 8:30 AM Deacons Meeting 7	6 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10AM	7 Food Giveaway PM	8 WOM 9:45 AM ESL Registration College Bible Study 7	9 Merry Widows 12 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	
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## Sunday Morning Nursery:

Infant/Toddler

Jan. 04 Norma S., Donna F.

Jan. 11 Norma S., Stephanie W., Abby P.

Jan. 18 Norma S., Adrielle L.

Jan. 25 Norma S., Cecelia S., Erin H.

## Greeter Schedule:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Jan. 04	Marion S.	Paul D.
Jan. 11	Gary B.	Ken D.
Jan. 18	Kevin G.	Billy M.
Jan. 25	Bobby J.	Henry N.

## Children's Worship:

Jan. 04 Stephanie W., Jonathan M., Kayla H.

Jan. 11 Jennifer C., Chloe C.

Jan. 18 Amanda N., Kristen G.

Jan. 25 Tara H., Abby P., Ayla H., Elle H.

## Sunday Morning Security Team:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Jan. 04	Courtney H.	Melvin K., Patrick H.
Jan. 11	Norma S.	Robert H., Terry M.
Jan. 18	Kevin G.	Al L., Bob M.
Jan. 25	Marion S.	Brian M., Jamie H.