

# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



August 2020

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#### Dear FBCH Family -

First Baptist Church of Hillsville is committed to taking the gospel out into a community and world that desperately need to hear a loving God's message of hope and salvation. At the same time, we all know that some of the approaches that worked even a few decades ago are not as effective now at reaching people, and new avenues for communication have surfaced. We want to take advantage of every opportunity to build relationships with people and be a part of bringing them to know Jesus Christ. That is why we recently held a Five-Year Planning Workshop to discuss the church's purpose, goals, and how we might work to achieve them over the next few years.

The meeting was graciously facilitated by Dr. Marc Bewley, the Director of Missions for our local New River Baptist Association. After a lively brainstorming session, Dr. Bewley led us to recognize that there were probably six main areas on which we could focus that would encompass nearly everything we felt was important in guiding our church efforts moving forward:

<u>Evangelism</u> – outward focused, includes aspects such as inter-church cooperation, community care, etc.
 <u>Discipleship</u> – inward focused, includes aspects such as teaching, youth and children's programs, etc.
 <u>Worship</u> – upward focused and the key to all other areas, includes aspects like preaching, prayer, and music

<u>Stewardship Strategy</u> – how giving is encouraged and spending is prioritized at FBCH <u>Multiplication Strategy</u> – how FBCH is involved in the overall growth of the kingdom, including cooperating with other churches to promote the gospel

Small Group Strategy – how FBCH provides intimate Bible study and fellowship opportunities

We are blessed to have had people step up to oversee many of the ideas we generated in each area, focusing on starting small and building up over the next few years to our ultimate goals. *These people will need your help to accomplish the goals set before them for the kingdom*, and I hope that you will be a part of seeing these efforts come to fruition! It will be a blessing for you, and *we are all called to serve the kingdom!* We grow closer as a church family by committing ourselves to serving together with the common purpose of seeing God honored and glorified. We grow closer to Jesus by serving humbly and boldly in obedience to Him.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in August or September, and everyone is encouraged to attend regardless of attendance at the first meeting. Our future is bright at FBCH, and we intend to keep the ball rolling for the kingdom of God. What an exciting time to be a part of this church – if we remain <u>committed</u> to God, our FBCH family, and carrying out these efforts, we will get to experience the blessing of seeing God continue to do amazing things through First Baptist Church of Hillsville! Thank you for being a part of it! To God be the glory forever!

Gripped by grace,

Pastor Ryan

#### **CHURCH UPDATES**

**Building & Grounds**—Ceiling tiles in church sanctuary were replaced. Collection boxes for offerings were mounted on the walls of sanctuary, cleanings of facilities completed after worship services.

**Budget**—Submittal requests sent to chairs of each committee for 2021 budget compilations to begin. Review of church expenditures and payment completed.

**Personnel**—Recruitment for a music leader-youth leader is on-going.

**WMU**—Continuing to collect food for food pantry and items for shoebox ministry.



DO NOT THROW AWAY ANY SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY 2020 as they will be utilized when we return to meeting for Sunday School.

Thank you!

#### Let the Words of God comfort you in this season...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Remember to Look Up!



#### Food Items for the Food Pantry in August



August 2 - Pinto Beans & Cornbread mix

August 9 - Soups & crackers

August 16 - Canned Meats & Canned Fruits

August 23 - Cereals

August 30 - Peanut Butter crackers

Drop off items at the church in our outside Drive-by Food Pantry donation tote. It will be on the porch steps during weekly office hours (9am to 3pm) for your convenience.

Thank you and God Bless!!!



Applesauce, fruit, granola bars, individual spaghetti, mac & cheese, nabs, etc.



#### **MARGARET GOAD**

Laurel Meadows Nursing Home 16600 Danville Pike Laurel Fork, VA 24352



#### **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

#### **LEONA LAYHER**

Ridgecrest Assisted Living 1000 Ridgecrest Ln., Room #2302 Mt Airy, NC 27030



#### **COLLEEN JAMISON**

Trinity Mission Health & Rehab 222 Fulcher St Hillsville, VA 24343

#### **SHUT-INS**

Wayne &

Doris Childs

Laura Melton

Zelma Goad

Glenda Yonce

Joe Mina

Norene Sowers
Mindy Cox

Glenna Blevins

Nina Goad

**Kyle Nester** 

Jean Worrell

Joyce Bowman

#### Samaritan's Purse

**August** - Crayons, markers, colored pencils (any size or brand)

Thank you, Judy



#### DO NOT INCLUDE items that are:

Used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, tooth-paste, or candy.

Contact Judy with any questions.

Dear Hillsville Baptist Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers & love you showed to my mom, Billie Taylor. The flower arrangement was beautiful. Mom loved her church and her "old ladies class."

We know she is now reunited with our dad and is at peace, which gives us a great measure of peace.

In His love, John & Bonnie Daniel Al & Cindy Taylor for the Taylor family



To my church family,

Thank you for your cards, prayers, calls, and your love and concerns. My hip replacement surgery went well and I am recovering nicely. I am so grateful for the relief from pain.



Love to each of you, My brothers and sisters in Christ, Elizabeth Yon

## August

30 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	23 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	16 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service Lincoln's Baptism! Cemetery meeting (canceled)	2 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service		Sun
31	24 7:00pm Descons' meeting	17	10 1:00pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	3 4:00pm Amie Armstrong (canceled)		Mon
	25	18 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting	3:00pm Budget meeting	*		Tue
	26 7:00pm Bible Study (online)	19 7:00pm Bible Study (online)	12 7:00pm Business meeting	5 Bible Study (online)		Wed
	27	9:30am Sew Journers 7:00pm Church Council meet	13	6		Thu
	28	21	14	7		F.
	29	z	15	<b>&amp;</b>	12	Sat

ATTENDANCE						
JULY	Sunday School	Worship Service				
5	(online)	45 (drive-in)				
12	(online)	42 (drive-in)				
19	(online)	(online)				
26	(online)	(online)				

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES							
AUG	Nursery	Altar Flowers	Ushers				
2	Not Available Lawrence Childs		See Pat Sharp to volunteer				
9	Not Available Rex & Joann Hancock						
16	Not Available	Bob & Janie Adams	Deacon				
23	Not Available	Ron Privett Jim & Norma Ring	Dan Huff				
30	Not Available	Don & Glenda Yonce					



<sup>11</sup> For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

3 Edith Montgomery

5 Kathy Nester

5 Madilyn Furr

11 Mebus Musser

12 Jenna Bond

13 Monica Thompson

15 Lynn Layher

15 Emma Thompson

15 Audrey Mills

18 Gernon White

23 Jim Ring

25 Warren Bolt

29 Dorothy Semones

30 Sam Sweeney

31 Caitlin West



### Happy Anniversary!! August

9 Don & Glenda Yonce

11 Rex & JoAnn Hancock

15 Ricky & Michelle Furr

17 Steve & Kathy Williams

18 Elden & Cheryl Shupe

21 Greg & Vickie Yonce

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Pastor Ryan Mills

Praise Leaders (Interim) Donna McIver & Becky Adams

**Deacon Chairman** Mark Stout

Administrative Assistant Norma Ring

Treasurer Polly Sturgill

**Assistant Treasurer** Glenda Gardner

Personnel Chairman Mike Fariss

Budget Chairman Bill Smyer

THE FIRST FAMILY IS COMMITTED TO GROW...

Stronger through Worship

Larger through EVANGELISM

Broader through MINISTRY

Deeper through DISCIPLESHIP

Warmer through Fellowship

Return Service Requested