



# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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Dear FBCH Family –

Count me among those who thought back in March that this whole pandemic thing would be over by May. Surely it would have passed by July. There's no way it would still have in impact in August... How's the rest of the year looking?

Your leadership at FBCH continues to prayerfully consider our options for services and meetings with your safety as a priority. Our drive-in worship services continue to be a very safe option and will continue for the foreseeable future, although weather will at some point push us back into the sanctuary. While nothing compares to the fellowship we're used to in the sanctuary or at a good home-cooked Baptist potluck, it has still brought many of us joy just to see each other's faces in the cars around us! Several options have been discussed for restarting some form of in-person Sunday School, and we hope to put something back in place again soon. We also continue to prayerfully seek the person God has for us to lead our Worship and Youth ministries so that we will be well-positioned to hit the ground running as things open back up. The current situation certainly makes ministry difficult, but FBCH remains committed to worshipping the Lord no matter what life brings.

At the same time, the church continues to be a part of moving the kingdom of God forward in our community and the world. Given the times, we must remain flexible and make adjustments where needed to serve effectively. FBCH is committed to being transparent in communicating changes that are being considered, and your commitment to remaining informed is crucial as well. Please attend our monthly Business meetings if possible, and know that we observe social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines at all meetings. Your prayerful input is important to the success of our church, and your commitment to remaining involved is greatly appreciated.

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, has been quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life," and it has certainly felt like that lately with the speed of everything changing all around us. I respectfully disagree with Heraclitus, though. Even more constant than change...is our God. His character is unchanging. His Word has proven faithful time and time again. He always fulfills His promises. His goodness, mercy, grace, and justice are trustworthy and sure. Of that I am certain.

*So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, **we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.** We have this as a **sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope** that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:17-20)*

No matter what form the storms of life are taking at any given point in time, hold fast to Jesus as the anchor of your soul. When the sea is rolling and turbulent on the surface, the anchor remains firmly established. It is because God's goodness and promises are unwavering that they provide assurance to us. Jesus has authority over every part of life and our world, and He can use this time to wake people up to their eternal predicament and to wake His people up to the urgency we should have in serving the kingdom now and always. Anchor your soul in the One who is certain, and the white-capped storm swells will become but ripples.

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan

# CHURCH UPDATES

**Budget**-continued working on 2021's budget. Looking into cuts that will bring us a balanced budget. Talked with Carter Bank on using debit cards vs. credit cards with BB&T.

**Building & Grounds**-didn't meet. Roofing tiles in sanctuary were replaced and work done to stop leaks from the steeple.

**Personnel**-working with Treasurers regarding our on-going issues with ChurchPro software and tracking the budget.

**WMU**-working on collecting school supplies, collecting food for the food pantry and seeking Shoe Box ministry donations.

**AV**-Looking at purchasing new computers for live streaming, video programming for church (ie: Sunday School and Wednesday studies) and a panoramic camera.



*To My Church Family,  
I deeply appreciate your many  
acts of kindness during the recent  
death of my brother.*

*The many cards, messages, prayers, phone  
calls, flowers, and monetary gifts to Church  
has been such a blessing.  
May God Bless each of you.*

*In Christ Love,  
Betty Williams*



*FBCH Family,  
Thank you for contributing to  
the Elizabeth graduated.*

*Thanks for the countless years  
of love & support.*

*Love always,  
Elizabeth Sweeney*



FBCH Family,  
Thank you so much for the opportunity to  
receive the Church Scholarship for college.  
I'm so thankful to be able to continue my  
education.

God Bless you,  
Ashtyn Sharpe

To Our First Baptist Family:



Thank you for your love and kindness during the  
loss of my sister, Janice.

The flowers are beautiful. Thanks for the phone  
calls, cards, food, and most of all your prayers.  
We thank God for each of you.

Love in Christ,  
Wade & Mary Sechrist

FBCH Family,



For your Support  
For Believing in me  
For your generosity

Victoria Ellen Sweeney

First Baptist Church Family,



Thank you for sending the beautiful  
flowers. Your prayers and thought-  
fulness meant so much to us.

Love,  
Jayne, Adam, and Maggie

Thank you for joining us @  
First Baptist Church (FBCH) of Hillsville, VA!

We offer many ways to stay in touch with our  
Worship Services, Bible Study, teaching, and fellowship:

- Facebook
- YouTube
- www.FBCHillsville.org
- Audio streaming  
(toll free 844-455-7887)
- AM 1400 WHHV Radio  
(Sunday Worship Service - Hillsville area)
- FM 88.7 Radio  
(Sunday Worship Service - local/drive-in)
- Vimeo

We hope you'll join  
us again soon!

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Pastor & Church,

We appreciate you allowing us use of  
your facility for our Faith Fund meet-  
ing. As a body of six Gideon Camps we  
raised \$6,600 to provide scriptures to those who are  
in desperate need of hope.

May God Bless You!  
Mark Horton  
Area 2 Director

## Food Items for the Food Pantry in September



- Sept. 6 - Pinto Beans & Cornbread mix
- Sept. 13 - Soups & crackers
- Sept. 20 - Canned Meats & Canned Fruits
- Sept. 27 - Cereals

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 & Norene Sowers	Doris Childs	Laura Melton	Zelma Goad	Glenda Yonce	Joe Mina
Mindy Cox	Glenna Blevins	Nina Goad	Kyle Nester	Jean Worrell	Joyce Bowman

## Samaritan's Purse

September - Pencils, Pencil Trimmers

Thank you,  
Judy



DO NOT INCLUDE items that are:

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

Contact Judy with any questions.



Happy Labor Day!!

The Church Office will be closed  
September 7th

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	7 Labor Day Holiday Church office closed	8 3:00pm Budget meeting	9 7:00pm Business meeting	10	11	12
13 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	14 1:00pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	15 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting	16 7:00pm Bible Study (online)	17	18	19
20 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	21	22	23 7:00pm Bible Study (online)	24	25	26
27 Sunday School (online) 11:00am Worship Service	28 7:00pm Deacons' meeting	29	30 7:00pm Bible Study (online)			

ATTENDANCE		
August	Sunday School	Worship Service
2	(online)	(online)
9	(online)	Drive-in
16	(online)	Drive-in
23	(online)	Drive-in
30	(online)	Drive-in

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES			
Sept	Nursery	Altar Flowers	Ushers
6	Not Available	Tom & Allene Tabor	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
13	Not Available		
20	Not Available	Ann Davis Jill Sharpe	<b>Deacon</b>
27	Not Available		Ed Naff



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|--------------------|------------------|
| 3 Mickey Clary     | 22 Carsyn Sharpe |
| 3 JoAnn Hancock    | 22 Colin Sharpe  |
| 7 Sarah Adams      | 25 Carly Shumate |
| 8 Sabrina Webb     |                  |
| 9 Ryan Mills       |                  |
| 11 Tom Tabor       |                  |
| 11 Dennis Felts    |                  |
| 13 Steve Williams  |                  |
| 13 Debra Dalton    |                  |
| 17 Vickie Yonce    |                  |
| 20 Lydia Webb      |                  |
| 22 Jeanette Dalton |                  |



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| 5 Dr. Lawrence & Doris Childs |
| 11 Ed & Susan Naff            |

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<b>Pastor</b>	<i>Ryan Mills</i>
<b>Praise Leaders (Interim)</b>	<i>Donna McIver &amp; Becky Adams</i>
<b>Deacon Chairman</b>	<i>Mark Stout</i>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<i>Norma Ring</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Polly Sturgill</i>
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	<i>Glenda Gardner</i>
<b>Personnel Chairman</b>	<i>Mike Fariss</i>
<b>Budget Chairman</b>	<i>Sam Sweeney</i>

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THE FIRST FAMILY IS COMMITTED TO GROW...

Stronger through WORSHIP

Larger through EVANGELISM

Broader through MINISTRY

Deeper through DISCIPLESHIP

Warmer through FELLOWSHIP

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