



FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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Dear FBCH Family –

Some of you may recall the narrator's opening lines to a once-popular television show:

*"It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call...**The Twilight Zone.**"*

The Twilight Zone's episodes often imaginatively forced people to confront an essential truth about humanity, such as the cost that comes with being prideful or judgmental, that awareness is good but paranoia is destructive, or that not all gifts are given with the best of intentions. It toyed with our minds, and it gave many people the heebie-jeebies...probably because it hit a little too close to home sometimes!

Perhaps second only to *The Twilight Zone* when it comes to giving people the heebie-jeebies is...**Stewardship Month!** Yes, it is *that* time again, and November is *that* month. You are entering...the Stewardship Zone. The same month which hosts our biggest Thanksgiving celebration of the year just seemed like the right time to examine biblical truths about stewardship in light of our thankfulness to God and our faith in His goodness. But **have no fear** (and don't stay home to avoid the messages!) – I won't be beating you over the head telling you to give more, or holding you up by one ankle and trying to shake your spare change loose. Instead, we're going to spend three Sundays asking the question "**What if...**"

Usually, when we begin pondering the future unknowns of life, our minds quickly run to all of the worst-case scenarios, and then we begin feeling and acting as if they are bound to happen. They aren't! So when it comes to focusing on stewardship this month, we'll be asking:

"What if...we humble ourselves and pray?"

"What if...we seek God first?"

"What if...we do something *extraordinary*?"

As we think about how thankful we are to God, it's a great time to explore another essential truth about humanity: how our thankfulness is reflected in our lives. The giving of our time, talent, and treasure is a direct expression of our relationship with God. If He is first, we give back to Him first. If not, other things seem to always crowd Him out. As we seek to know Him more intimately and to trust Him more completely, how we invest in the kingdom becomes a wonderful way to stretch ourselves spiritually and grow. Our guiding principle should be based on "How much *can* I give?" rather than "How much do I *have* to give?" This is a generous church, and I pray that you will be a part of the faithfulness of generosity. God loves a cheerful giver, and what the Bible says about giving (*such as in 2 Cor. 9:6-8 below*) is exactly what you will find to be true when you use what God has given you to invest in kingdom purposes:

...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

God wants those blessings for you – all sufficiency, all that you need to do the good deeds He has prepared for you, overflowing grace! **Put the Lord first in your giving this month.** If you have never given, don't start at FBCH! Pick a worthy charity and begin by finding the joy of giving there, and you'll learn where the joy comes from in giving back to God. May He continue to bless the faithfulness of this church in our giving, and may He grow us as His people when we practice good stewardship with all that He has entrusted to our care. Let's ask "**What if...?**" and imagine all of the great things God is capable of doing when we are faithful. Let's be part of something *extraordinary* at FBCH!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan

CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

Pastor Ryan will begin a new online **Bible Study** November 18.

Building & Grounds had the church power washed.

Budget committee is working on the 2021 budget.

Personnel continue searching for a full-time Worship & Youth Pastor.

Ed Naff & Betty Williams are starting the **Keeping in Touch Ministry**.

WMU is **suspending** the collection and distribution of **Christmas cards** through the church this year due to COVID concerns.

The **Church office** will be **closed** Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26 and Friday November 27.

The Love Fund recipient for the 4th quarter is **Jim Ring**.

The collection will run through the end of December.

When giving to this special ministry, please write "Love Fund" on your check or donation envelope.



To You and Your Family
Have A Blessed Thanksgiving!!



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
- **FM 88.7 Radio**
(Sunday Worship Service – local/drive-in)
- Vimeo
- **Audio on Any Phone**
(toll free 844-455-7887)

We hope to worship
with you again soon!

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Food Items for the Food Pantry in November



- Nov. 1 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mix
- Nov. 8 - Soups & crackers
- Nov. 15 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Nov. 22 - Cereals
- Nov. 29 - 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!!!

Blessings in a Backpack
Feeding The Future Of America®



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



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

MARGARET GOAD

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

LEONA LAYHER

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

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

November - Monetary donations needed.

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.



Good News. Great Joy.



November is **Stewardship** month!

Givelify
Tap. Give. Done.



Use our Givelify online giving tool to help you remain consistently faithful in your giving! It's easy and only takes a few moments to get started, and allows you to set up automatically recurring tithes if you desire (we highly recommend it!). *Try Givelify today!*

November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time ends! Sunday School (online) 10am Prayer 10:30am Worship Service	2 4:15pm Annie Armstrong (canceled)	3	4	5 6pm Student-led Ministry (fellowship hall)	6	7 9am Handy Helpers 10-3 Gideons Faith Run Rally (sanctuary)
8 Sunday School (online) 10am Prayer 10:30am Worship Service	9 1pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	10 3pm Budget meeting	11 7pm Business meeting	12 6pm Student-led Ministry (fellowship hall)	13	14
15 Sunday School (online) 10am Prayer 10:30am Worship Service	16	17 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting	18 Evening Bible Study (online)	19 7pm Church Council meet	20	21
22 Sunday School (online) 10am Prayer 10:30am Worship Service	23 7pm Deacons' meeting	24	25 Evening Bible Study (online)	26 Happy Thanksgiving!!	27 Church Office CLOSED	28
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Gifts in Memoriam



IN MEMORY OF

RON ADAMS
 RON ADAMS
 RON ADAMS
 BILLIE TAYLOR
 JOANN HART
 CLENDON STANLEY
 RON ADAMS

GIVEN BY

BOBBY & JANIE ADAMS
 JUDY THOMPSON
 SUE EDWARDS
 TOM & ALLENE TABOR
 TOM & ALLENE TABOR
 BOB & LYNN DAVIES
 BOB & LYNN DAVIES

FUND

BUDGET
 SHOEBOX MINISTRY
 FOOD PANTRY
 BUDGET
 BUDGET
 MUSIC MINISTRY
 MUSIC MINISTRY

IN HONOR OF

PASTOR RYAN

GIVEN BY

MARK & LYNN OGLE

FUND

ALMA HUNT



- 6 Kathy Williams
- 16 Debbie Layher
- 24 Karon Felts
- 25 James Armentrout
- 26 Laura Melton
- 27 Jayne Shorter
- 28 Kyle Nester

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE			
Nov.	Nursery	Altar Flowers	Ushers
1	Not Available	Horn of Plenty	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
8	Not Available	Horn of Plenty	
15	Not Available	Horn of Plenty	Deacon
22	Not Available	Horn of Plenty	Betty Williams
29	Not Available	Horn of Plenty	



November Anniversaries

- 3 Joe & Reva Brown
- 4 Joe & Connie Mina
- 8 Jim & Norma Ring
- 12 Wayne & Norene Sowers
- 24 Sonny & Donna Kaye McIver

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

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Neighbors FIRST

Love FIRST

That's FIRST Baptist!

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