



# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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Dear FBCH Family,

2020 is officially in the rearview mirror! What a year it has been...

When we look back on this year from the future, I doubt that it will be remembered fondly by most. There is much that just needs to be let go from this year, washed from our minds and hearts. There is loneliness, depression, sickness, and loss that we'll need to accept, cope with, and put behind us. There is anger, confusion, chaos, and hurt that we don't understand that will need to be dealt with. We even need to accept that our nation and our communities will likely never look the same again – there is no getting back to “normal” as we remember it, whether that be in terms of masks and social distancing, cultural upheaval, or government intrusion and mistrust. What a year, indeed... but we march on.

If we look carefully, we can also find many ways that 2020 has strengthened us, and we need to grab ahold of those things as well. We have improved the reach of God's message through our online presences, including Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo, and a redesigned website. We have recognized how much loving communication and contact means to people, and so we have begun a *Keeping in Touch* ministry to make sure that we do just that. We know how service can still warm hearts in a world growing cold, and *God's Handy Helpers* has provided another impactful avenue for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in serving our community's needs. These are just some of the ways our church family is putting its loving arms around others in the name of Christ.

We have also recognized just how much we miss and need each other, the fellowship of a community of believers. We have worked to provide safe options for continuing corporate worship and have proven to ourselves that we can be flexible and adaptive in our worship and service. We hold fast to the unchanging truth, Word, and character of God, but that flexibility will always be a necessary ingredient to successful service and evangelism as our mission and ministry field continues to change. We can do it – we ARE doing it! God is continuing to work through this body of believers, and there are better things yet to come. The Holy Spirit is growing the people of this church in spiritual quality week by week and day by day. He will be the source of quantitative growth as well as we continue to seek to be faithful with those He entrusts to our care. The Lord loves blessing His people as we are faithful to Him, and 2020 has set the stage for 2021 to reveal God in even more glorious ways!

So take a deep breath, seize from 2020 whatever helps to grow and strengthen you in your walk with Christ, and jettison the rest. Look forward to pressing ahead in 2021, fighting the good fight for the kingdom, and being dangerous in a way that makes Satan fear your very footsteps. Let 2021 be a year when “going through the motions” gets destroyed by taking the battle to the world, one heart at a time. Bring it on, 2021 – First Baptist Church is reporting for duty!

Gripped by grace,

Pastor Ryan

## CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

**Budget**-2021 budget approved. Transition of bookkeeping to Bobbitt Accounting continuing.

**Buildings and Grounds**-contacted steeple company and future meeting with contractor pending.

**Deacons**-didn't meet.

**AV**-waiting on parts on sound system and tv for repairs and upgrades.



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
- 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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We would like to thank our church family for all the cards, phone calls, food and uplifting messages, but most of all your prayers during my on going illness. We hope you will continue to keep us in your prayers.

A update on my illness, we go to Winston twice a week for labs and see the doctor. There is little changed in my bone marrow. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We love our church family, you are great. Janie and Bob Adams

*Thank you to all that gave to  
the Love Fund for Jim.*

*May the Lord bless each of  
you for your help. We love  
you.*

*Jim & Norma*



The **FBCH Staff** thanks you for your contributions to the Staff Monetary Gift Fund. We hope you had a blessed Christmas and will have a blessed New Year!!



**STAFF  
CHRISTMAS GIFT**



## Food Items for the Food Pantry in January



Food Pantry items needed:

- Jan. 3 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mix
- Jan. 10 - Soups & crackers
- Jan. 17 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Jan. 24 - Cereals
- Jan. 31 - 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.

Blessings in a  
**Backpack**  
*Feeding The Future Of America®*



No items are needed at this time for our Backpack ministry in January. We will let you know when collection is needed again.

Thank you.



## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

### MARGARET GOAD

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

### LEONA LAYHER

Ridgecrest Assisted Living  
2302 Ridgecrest Lane  
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

Joyce Bowman

## Samaritan's Purse



**January** - Ivory Soap

**February** - Washcloths

**March** - Toothbrushes

**April** - Combs, Brushes, Hair Bows

**May** - Clothing (Boys and Girls) Socks, T-shirts, Knit Hats/Mittens, Scarves, Flip-flops

**June** - Small Stuffed Toys, Play Trucks/Cars/Boats, Jump Ropes, Balls, Slinky, Harmonica, Flashlight w/Batteries, Play Dough, Dolls, Necklaces, Bracelets, Sunglasses, Tote Bag, Small Purses

**July** - Coloring Books, Picture Books, Small Pads, One Subject Notebook

**August** - Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils (any size or brand)

**September** - Pencils, Pencil Trimmers

**October** - Reusable Water Bottles

**November** - Adhesive Bandages (colorful band aides)

The items above are needed for shoeboxes. I realize 2021 also may be a time we are unable to shop. Do what you can. If you prefer to give cash, please make checks to FBC and when I am able I will purchase what we need. (There is a line item for Shoebox Ministry, please indicate that on your check)

Thanks everyone! God bless and have a wonderful New Year. Stay safe, 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.

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day!! Church Office closed	2
3 9am Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	4 4:15pm Annie Armstrong (canceled)	5	6 7pm Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9am Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee meet	11 1pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	12 3pm Budget meeting	13 7pm Business meeting	14	15	16
17 9am Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	18	19	20 7pm Bible Study	21 9:30am Sew Journeers 6pm "Praise House" ministry (Fellowship Hall)	22	23
24 9am Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	25 7pm Deacons' meeting	26	27 7pm Bible Study	28	29	30 9am God's Handy Helpers
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## Gifts in Memoriam

**IN MEMORY OF**

JIM WILLIAMS  
 GARY GOAD  
 RON ADAMS  
 JEAN WORRELL

**GIVEN BY**

BETTY WILLIAMS  
 JOANNA MISSION ACTION GROUP  
 DENNIS & KARON FELTS  
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**FUND**

GAZEBO  
 FOOD PANTRY  
 BUDGET  
 BUDGET

**IN HONOR OF**

MARK & LORETTA STOUT  
 ELIZABETH YON  
 CAROLYN GRIGG

**GIVEN BY**

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 HOWARD & POLLY STURGILL  
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**FUND**

BUDGET  
 LOTTIE MOON  
 LOTTIE MOON



*January Birthdays*

*Happy Birthday*



- 5 Wayne Gullion
- 9 Tonya Gardner
- 11 Gene Musser
- 18 Carolyn Grigg
- 18 Cindy Taylor
- 24 Greg Yonce
- 25 Maynard Joyce
- 29 Carrie Porter
- 31 Hal Clary

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Jan.	Nursery	Altar Flowers	Ushers
3	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	Becky Adams	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
10	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	Becky Adams	
17	Paula Pulliam & Ashtyn Sharpe	Becky Adams	<b>Deacon</b>
24	Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney	Becky Adams	Dan Huff
31	Elizabeth Sweeney & Ashtyn Sharpe	Becky Adams	

**January Anniversaries**

- 10 Gernon & Ellen White
- 19 Fred & Betty Jayne Surratt



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<b>Pastor</b>	<i>Ryan Mills</i>
<b>Praise Leader (Interim)</b>	<i>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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*THINK YOU KNOW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH...?*

**Jesus FIRST**

**Neighbors FIRST**

**Love FIRST**

*That's FIRST Baptist!*

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