



# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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MARCH 2021

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Dear FBCH Family,

It is an exciting time as people begin to get their vaccinations and we see a little bit of light beginning to peak through the crack in the opening doorway! Hopefully as vaccinations continue, the need for restrictions will gradually lessen and freedom can be enjoyed again. Worship, fellowship, family, friends, co-workers welcomed again.

As a church made up of children of God, with the purpose of worshiping and serving our Lord Jesus, our mission remains the same no matter what is going on out there in this upside-down world we find ourselves in:

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)*

The Great Commission lays out our broad marching orders from this time of Jesus’s ascension to His glorious return. We certainly have no excuse for being bored—there is much work to be done! We continue to evaluate how best to serve the Lord and our church family as the situation changes, and we continue to look for new and effective ways to minister to those in need and be on mission to those who are lost. Sometimes it feels like church life has slowed to a near crawl, but we see evidence all around us that the Holy Spirit is still putting in a full week’s work despite lockdowns and social distancing! He continues to provide us with new opportunities for programs and ministries, and the church’s leadership is thoroughly and prayerfully examining these for how God is guiding us to be involved.

We also continue to search for the person or people that God has chosen for us to continue in our music and youth ministries, and we trust that they will come forward in His time. We remain open to His leadings, and we wait expectantly for what (and who) comes next. We are ready to step out in faith as He leads. This church is poised to explode back into our community if we remain dedicated to our Jesus-given mission. We seek to see the people in our community through God’s eyes rather than world’s eyes, through spiritually discerning eyes rather than blurry and confused worldly eyes. Each person is more than just a lost sinner, more than just someone different from us, more than a lost cause or a social outcast or a problem for someone else to deal with. Like our heavenly Father, we see them as potential children of God, future brothers and sisters in Christ—we simply need to be faithful to share the gospel with them and entrust the outcome to God.

As life opens back up again, your help is essential in ministering to our own church family as well as others the Lord entrusts to our care. We need you to be active, to participate in the work the Lord is doing through us. We are all called to the ministry—what’s your area of ministry? We’re all called to be different living stones in the building being constructed by God, a building with Jesus as the foundational cornerstone. It takes all of us to build that structure, and God has designed it based on each unique feature of each unique stone. Don’t leave a “you-shaped” hole in the church! Only you can fulfill the place that the Great Architect has designed for you, and if you want to see the amazing things that God has planned, it will require all of us to take another step forward as disciples and lovers of Christ. I know you’re tired, and more service sounds like its too much...but nothing will re-energize you more than seeing God work through your service, seeing lives changed, grateful smiles when needs are met, grateful hearts when forgiveness and hope are found! Encourage each other, take a deep breath, and get ready to go!

God knows you are amazing. He wants you to know it, too—He designed you that way! He loves you and wants the best for you in this life and the next. Be courageous and step into your role as His child, bringing light to the darkness. Be a part of what God is building, one living stone at a time. If you want some ideas on where you’re needed, pray...and call me! To God be the glory in all that we do, now and forever!

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan

## CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

**Media & Technology** 90% done with media booth project.

**Building & Grounds** working with Dan Huff on projects for **God's Handy Helpers** and Building & Grounds team to work together.

The proposed Bylaw change presented for the **Cemetery Committee** was *passed* at our February 24 Business meeting, clarifying who is authorized to sell cemetery plots on behalf of the church (Pastor and all committee members).

Also, a new group of **Tellers** was *voted in for service*.

**Children and Youth** need volunteers for children's classes and programs.

**Budget** went over handling budget for 2022.

**Deacons** approved limits up to \$500 for committee chairs signatory approval and \$1k for B&G and AV.

**WMU** collecting food for the food pantry and item in March are toothbrushes for Operation Christmas Child. **KEEP IN TOUCH** with your families.

**Carroll County High School Football teams have been invited for a pre-game meal** in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, April 2. There will be a different team each date. Please contact our church office ([office@fbchillsville.org](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org)) or a Kitchen Committee member if you are able to help cook and serve for these dates.



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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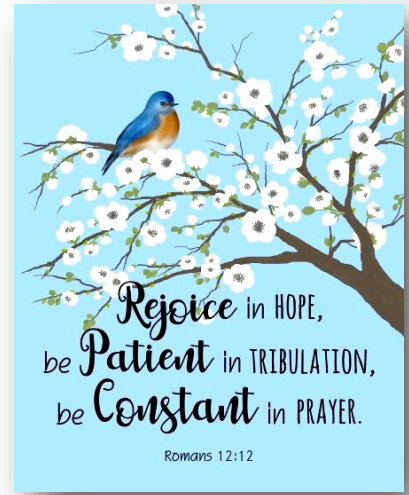
## Food Items for the Food Pantry in March

Food Pantry items needed:

- Mar. 7 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mix
- Mar. 14 - Soups & crackers
- Mar. 21 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Mar. 28 - 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.



## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

LEONA LAYHER  
Ridgecrest Assisted Living  
2302 Ridgecrest Lane  
Mt Airy, NC 27030

## SHUT-INS

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|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 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

March - Toothbrushes



DO NOT INCLUDE items that are:

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

Contact Judy Thompson with any questions.

Church Family,

Thank each of you for your prayers, cards, and messages in the past week. I am progressing nicely at my granddaughter's house in Draper, VA. I am truly blessed with such a loving church family.

Love each one,

Betty Williams



# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7pm Bible Study (online only)	4 7pm Church Council	5	6 9am God's Handy Helpers
7 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	8 4:15pm Annie Armstrong (canceled)	9	10	11	12	13
14 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee meet	15 1pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	16 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	17	18 9:30am Sew Joiners	19	20
21 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	22 7pm Deacons' meeting	23 3pm Budget meeting	24 7pm Business meeting	25	26	27 9am God's Handy Helpers
28 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	29	30	31			

# Gifts in Memoriam

**IN MEMORY OF**

BETTY PADGETT  
 BETTY PADGETT  
 MARGARET GOAD  
 BETTY PADGETT  
 MARGARET GOAD

**GIVEN BY**

ROBERT WATSON  
 DIANE ALLEN  
 DIANE ALLEN  
 BETTY WILLIAMS  
 BETTY WILLIAMS

**FUND**

BUDGET  
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 LOCAL MISSIONS  
 LOCAL MISSIONS

**IN HONOR OF**

ED & SUSAN NAFF  
 BETTY WILLIAMS

**GIVEN BY**

DENNIS & KARON FELTS  
 JOANNA MISSION ACTION GROUP

**FUND**

BUDGET  
 FOOD PANTRY



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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Becky Adams      | 14 | Judy Thompson    |
| 1  | Beth Graham      | 15 | Elizabeth Brooks |
| 4  | Glenna Blevins   | 16 | Judy Huff        |
| 4  | Merle Goad       | 19 | Bobby Adams      |
| 6  | Jennifer Beasley | 19 | Wade Sechrist    |
| 6  | James Slusher    | 19 | Ashtyn Sharpe    |
| 7  | Glenda Yonce     | 20 | Ed Naff          |
| 8  | Mark Ogle        | 21 | Leona Layher     |
| 11 | Reva Brown       | 22 | Steve Pulliam    |
| 12 | Shernell McGrady | 23 | Amanda Webb      |
| 13 | Jill Sharpe      | 26 | Jackson Thompson |
| 14 | Chuck Thompson   | 31 | Cathy Sweeney    |

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Mar.	Nursery	Ushers
7	Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
14	Elizabeth Sweeney & Victoria Sweeney	
21	Paula Pulliam & Audrey Mills	
28	Elizabeth Sweeney & Audrey Mills	



## March Anniversaries

- 12 Randy & Sabrina Webb
- 13 Ryan & Audrey Mills
- 24 Bob & Evelyn Wright
- 26 Mark & Lynn Ogle



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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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