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NEWS & VIEWS

Let the GLORY
Great Things He Hath Done!

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Dear FBCH Family,

Spring has sprung, and while the March and April weather are notorious for both sunshine and storms, new life is beginning to bud and sprout all around us. It's time to make sure there is air in your lawnmower tires, a spool of trim strong in your weed-eater, and that your gardening gloves are dusted off and ready to be put on for work!

We're also seeing signs of change when it comes to this unprecedented quarantine period. People are getting vaccinated. COVID cases are falling. COVID treatments are improving. People are feeling more and more safe venturing back out into the world. As one pastor reportedly remarked,

"We have spent an entire year tending to your physical health.
Now we need to return to your spiritual health."

As your situation changes, now is the time to seriously begin asking, **"When should I go back to in-person worship?"** Every person's situation is unique and different, and I can't answer it for you. But you need to ask yourself that question and think about what would signal that homecoming for you. As Christians, we recognize that spiritual health is at least as important as physical health, and we've seen the neglect of spiritual health leading to all manner of emotional health problems, violence, and more in the world around us. God-ordained Christian fellowship and times of worship are a critical part of our walks with the Lord—times that are important for us to be grown as His people, to be re-energized, to study and learn more about Him and living for Him, and to be a part of building up other brothers and sisters in the Lord ourselves. We are all called to be a living part of His church, and His church should be a living and breathing part of our lives as well.

We have been so blessed to have online options available that are wonderful tools for outreach and sharing God's message, especially during this time of quarantines. It is obviously more convenient to watch a service from the comfort of your own home, in pajamas, with a cup of hot coffee in your hands and a warm and adoring dog at your feet. It will always be more convenient to watch a service online…but it will never be a better option than worshiping together with other believers in person. We need that fellowship. God built us for relationship with Him and with each other. God ordained our Christian community. We need each other. And the Lord already holds us all in the palm of His hand…

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:38-39)

What can you do during this time of transition? Please pray that we as a church family can begin to refocus on our flock's spiritual health in addition to our physical health as vaccinations increase and people's apprehensiveness declines. For the sake of fellowship, pray that people would begin returning to in-person worship so that we may bless and encourage them…and be blessed and encouraged by them! Much of this battle will be fought on our knees, but it can also be fought on our cell phones, computers, and through the mail! Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while and let them know they are missed and loved and that we hope to see them again here soon. God has blessed us with this church family, for this particular time and place in history, and we can only function up to the full potential He has planned for us when each of us is in place as the building block we were designed to be—supporting others, being supported by others, and building up the church body for the ministry and mission to the community He intended for us.

classes. We still need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please attend this meeting.

Budget Committee is discussing a proposal to handle designated gifts. Committee plans to bring the proposal to a vote at the April 28 business meeting.

FBCH had the privilege of hosting a pre-game meal for the CCHS JV football team on Monday, March 29, 2021. Special thanks to the CCHS football coaches for providing this opportunity to us and to the players for sharing some time with us and talking about being fierce like God. Also, big thank you to the FBCH kitchen crew and all who helped out with the cooking, serving, and clean-up to make it all happen.

Go Cavs, Go FBCH, and Go Jesus!

Apr. 11 - Soups & crackers
Apr. 18 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
Apr. 25 - 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

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

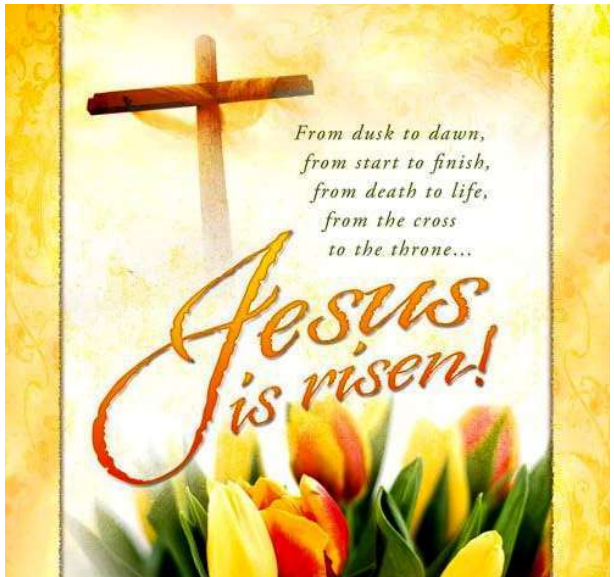
Samaritan's Purse

April - Combs, Brushes, Hair Bows

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.



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g hool Service ommittee meet	12 1pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	13 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	14 7pm Bible Study	15	16	17
g hool Service	19	20	21 7pm Bible Study	22	23	24 9am God
g hool Service	26 7pm Deacons' meeting	27 3pm Budget meeting	28 7pm Business meeting	29	30	

In honor of	Given By	Fund
Rex & JoAnn Hall	Dennis & Karon Felts	Annie Armstrong

Volunteer Schedule		
April	**Nursery**	**Ushers**
4	Victoria Sweeney & Audrey Mills	See Pat Sharp to *volunteer*
11	Paula Pulliam & Audrey Mills	
18	Victoria Sweeney & Elizabeth Sweeney	**Deacon of the Month**
25	Audrey Mills & Elizabeth Sweeney	Ed Naff

April Birthdays

1 Greg Goad

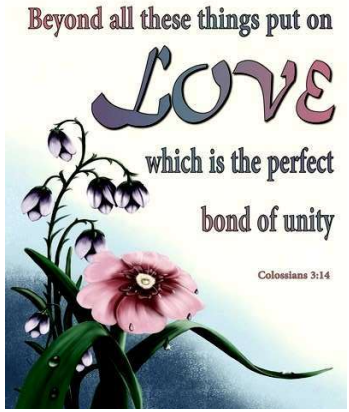
4 Adiayn Furr

7 Doris Childs

8 Zelma Goad

8 Sonny McIver

11 Elizabeth Sweeney



April Anniversaries

7 Gene & Mebus Musser

23 David & Kip White

29 Mark & Loretta Stout

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Deacon Chairman	*Mark Stout*
Administrative Assistant	*Norma Ring*
Treasurer	*Polly Sturgill*
Assistant Treasurer	*Glenda Gardner*
Personnel Chairman	*Mike Fariss*
Budget Chairman	*Sam Sweeney*

THINK YOU KNOW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH…?

Jesus FIRST

Neighbors FIRST

Love FIRST

That's FIRST *Baptist!*

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