



FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



MAY 2021

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Dear FBCH Family,

It is an exciting time at First Baptist! Well, of course it is...it's always exciting to serve the Lord! Our children's and youth's Sunday School classes are starting back up this month, along with our van ministry, so thank you to all who are giving of their time and energy to make this blessing happen! We will be hosting the New River Baptist Association's Semi-Annual meeting on Sunday evening, May 23 at 6pm, and we are excited to share our facility and a time of worship with other brothers and sisters in Christ from the surrounding area through that event. Please make plans to attend that evening! We continue to pursue other opportunities to put our facility to work for the kingdom. We rejoice to see new faces and to welcome back members of our FBCH family who are beginning to return to in-person worship, and we encourage others to follow that path as their situation allows. What a wonderful time of rejuvenation and hope at FBCH!

*Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.
(Colossians 3:2)*

At the same time, the chaos and destructiveness of godlessness is spreading at an ever-increasing speed in the world around us. As citizens of heaven, Christians are always the sworn enemy of godlessness and the world. Increasing persecution and suffering are coming for us and our families, and in the face of it we are called to stand boldly for God's truth and the good news of Jesus Christ. It is a simple response to stand, but it will be difficult to do, far more so than most of us have ever experienced. As it continues to cost people their reputations, their jobs, their livelihoods, and more, the cost of standing with God will grow. Set your mind on Him now. However costly it becomes, the cost of not standing with God is always far greater!

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; (Romans 12:10-11)

Part of His plan for the church is for us to be here to support and encourage each other, especially as the world turns against us. Seek out opportunities to lovingly hold each other accountable as the world seeks to separate us from the Lord and to lovingly encourage and uplift each other in the face of daily opposition. Be passionate about elevating each other, and throw away any compulsions that don't meet this goal! Our standing for Jesus in the face of persecution will speak loudly to a world in darkness who needs to be exposed to the light and love of Christ, and we'll need each other to be strong enough to do that. You were made for exactly this time and place in history, and with God's strength, the Holy Spirit who has sealed you, and the support of your brothers and sisters in Christ, your faith will be upheld when tested. We can do it, so encouraging each other in our Christian walks is more important now than ever!

Thank you for all that you do for the kingdom of God, for your church family at FBCH, and for this community God has planted us in for ministry. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity in giving to support the Lord's work through our ministries and missions. Thank you for being a part of our church family! Be excited about the good works God has planned for us, and may all that we do bring glory and honor to our God!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan

CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

FBCH had an Easter Tailgate gathering in the parking lot after worship service on Easter Sunday. We had a wonderful time in fellowship, relaxing, and fun.

Building & Grounds and God's Handy Helpers worked together on Saturday, May 1 @ 9am at FBCH. They painted the doors, cleaned out the prayer garden, mulched around the bushes, and replaced the stain glass window.

Join Pastor Ryan on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for a **Bible Study on the book of Ephesians**. The study is available online as well as in person in the sanctuary, so come be a part of the fellowship and lively discussion!



*Have a Blessed
Mother's Day!!!
May 9*

GREATER LOVE HAS
NO ONE THAN THIS,
THAN TO LAY DOWN
ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS
FRIENDS.

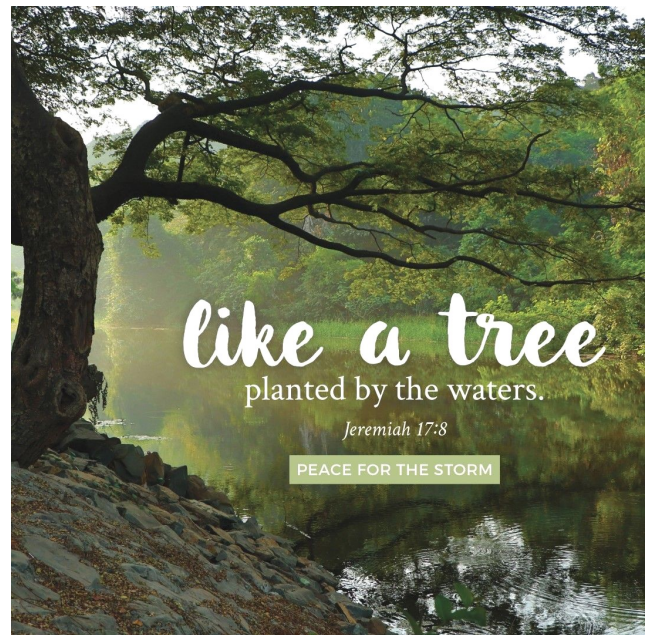
remember *May 31*
MEMORIAL DAY

JOHN 15:13

The Church Office will be closed.

FBCH will be hosting the New River Baptist Association's Semi-Annual meeting on May 23 at 6pm. Please join us for a time of worship, singing, and desserts as well as a panel discussion where several local pastors will talk about the pandemic's impact on the church.

Mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend!



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
- FBHillsville.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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Hillsville VA
a place to call home

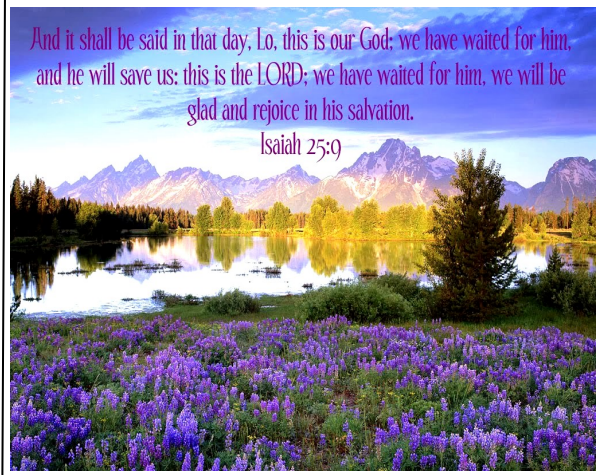
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Food Items for the Food Pantry in May



- Food Pantry items needed:
- May 2 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mix
 - May 9 - Soups & crackers
 - May 16 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
 - May 23 - Cereals
 - May 30 - Canned vegetables

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

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



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.

God's Handy Helpers and Building and Grounds met at FBCH on May 1 @ 9am. They had a wonderful time together cleaning, painting, and sprucing up the prayer garden. This was a great time to fellowship.

Thanks to all of you that came out to help!!
Beautiful job!!



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Church Work Day
2 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	3 4:15pm Annie Armstrong (canceled)	4	5 7pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	10 1pm Joanna Mission (canceled)	11	12 7pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	17	18 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	19 7pm Bible Study	20	21	22 9am God's Handy Helpers
23 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm NRBA Semi-Annual meeting	24 7pm Deacons' meeting	25 3pm Budget meeting	26 7pm Business meeting	27	28	29
30 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	31 Memorial Day (church office closed)					



FBCH members are invited to join the Golden Wedding anniversary celebration of our dear and longtime friends, Ron and Jennie Tweed. Details are below.

When: Saturday, June 12, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Where: Round Knob Baptist Church, 2164 Greenberry Road, Fancy Gap, Virginia.
No gifts please.

Directions from the intersection of US 52 and US 58 in Hillsville (the Burger King corner): go south on US 52 for about 5 miles, then turn left on Greenberry Road. Proceed about 2.2 miles on Greenberry to the church on the right.



Dear Friends,
 Many thanks for every act of kindness-cards, calls, food, thoughts, and prayers for us during Harold's health

situation. Your support has been such a blessing!

Harold has done well from first total hip surgery. In the near future, he is facing second total hip replacement. We pray for healing and success.

May God bless you!

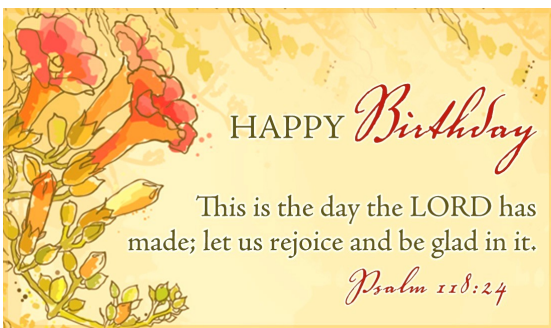
Harold and Margaret Cox

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May	Pre-2nd	3rd-6th	7th-12th	Van 1	Van 2
2	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Maggie Shorter & Glenda Gardner	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff
9	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Maggie Shorter & Glenda Gardner	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff
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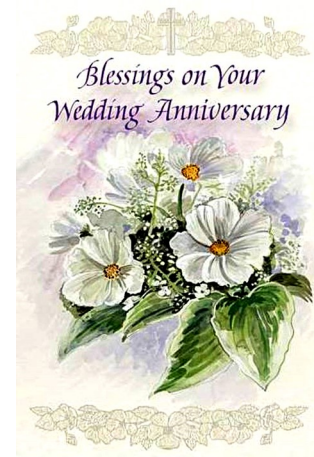
CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May	Worship Service	Ushers
2	Paula Pulliam & Victoria Sweeney	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
9	Audrey Mills & Elizabeth Sweeney	
16	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	Deacon of the Month
23	Victoria Sweeney & Elizabeth Sweeney	Steve Pulliam
30	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	



May Birthdays

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| 3 Betty Jayne Surratt | 21 Mark Stout |
| 7 Harold Cox | 23 Jennie Tweed |
| 8 Avis Perry | 26 Donna Trice |
| 10 Laura Goad | 26 Laurin Davis |
| 15 Al Taylor | 27 Joyce Bowman |
| 17 Diane Allen | 28 David Adams |
| 19 Lawrence Childs | 30 Caleb Stout |
| 19 Steven Davis | 31 Loretta Stout |



May Anniversaries

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| 3 Dennis & Karon Felts |
| 9 Howard & Frances Porter |
| 19 Al & Cindy Taylor |
| 20 Danny & Tammy Webb |
| 24 Tom & Allene Tabor |

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Pastor	<i>Ryan Mills</i>
Praise Leader (Interim)	<i>Becky Adams</i>
Deacon Chairman	<i>Mark Stout</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Norma Ring</i>
Personnel Chairman	<i>Mike Fariss</i>
Budget Chairman	<i>Sam Sweeney</i>

THINK YOU KNOW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH...?

Jesus FIRST

Neighbors FIRST

Love FIRST

That's FIRST Baptist!

Return Service Requested

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