



# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



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Dear FBCH Family,

Contemporary Christian musician TobyMac has a song called “This Is Not a Test.” The message is simple: You’ve got one life to live for Jesus...so get to it! It’s a reminder we would do well to embrace with each and every new morning with which the Lord blesses us. “There are no practice runs in life,” TobyMac sings. Each and every day matters. Each and every decision we make matters. There are no do-overs, there is only moving forward. Are you living your life for Jesus?

Sometimes we fall short when it comes to living for Jesus—that is unavoidable on this side of heaven. Yet the Christian’s walk should generally be characterized by a pursuit of the things of heaven, by a desire to be obedient to the call and teaching of Jesus, by a growing Christlikeness. When we miss the mark, we humbly ask for forgiveness and the strength to correct where we got off track, and we keep moving forward in His power.

As a church, we try new things in seeking to see Him glorified and honored, to see the Kingdom of Heaven expanded in and around us. If those new things don’t work, we learn and grow from them and try something else. When they do work, we lift Him even higher! Our greatest and deepest desire is to see Him glorified, and so we set our eyes looking ever-forward toward that beautiful goal. There is no reaching back to reclaim our former glory, there is only reaching forward for His eternal glory. What a wonderful grace that He seeks to share in this mission with us and all of the blessings from which it flows!

The Holy Spirit is working through FBCH right now. He is gathering people here—returning some after prolonged quarantine absences, bringing some new people to worship with us. Keep up the good work of telling people about Jesus and inviting them to gather to worship with us! God has a plan and a purpose for us, and we are diligently seeking the details of the vision He has for us in this community. We have a crucial part to play; we are a specific piece of the bigger puzzle God is forming together to bring His mission to completion. Please continue to be in prayer for that vision to be revealed to us, one that perfectly works together the needs of our community with the skills, talents, experience, and giftings of our congregation. It will be revealed in time when our prayers and hearts earnestly seek it and are made available to Him. Is your heart open to His promptings? In His power, God will do even more amazing things through this church!

Thank you all for your prayers and well-wishes through my recent minor illness as well. Your encouragement and concern were appreciated, and reflect the warm and welcoming spirit which characterizes this church family. We are a family, made up of a wonderful diversity of backgrounds, experiences, talents, and gifts...and united in Jesus Christ. We stick together through thick and thin because He has called us together here as one people. We encourage and build each other up, and hold each other accountable to our Christian walks. It is a beautiful thing when the body of Christ functions with Him as the head! To God be the glory forever, and may FBCH see Him high and lifted up!

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan

## CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

**FBCH will be enjoying a good old fashioned Hymn Sing** as part of our worship on Sunday, August 8. Start thinking about your favorite hymns to request (don't be bashful!), and get your voice tuned up to sing the Lord's praises!

**Dennis Felts** was chosen to fill the vacant **Deacon position**.

FBCH is hosting a **Summer Celebration Gathering Sunday, August 29** during and after our Worship Service. Please join us and bring family and friends to enjoy special music and a guest speaker, followed by an outdoor potluck lunch under our pavilion. Bring your favorite side dishes for yourself, and the church will provide grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. We hope to see you there!

# Thank You

Church Family,

We would like to thank our church family for the outpouring of love, shown during and after Todd's passing.

Thank you for cards, messages, phone calls, flowers, memories made in his memory and most of all your prayers. A special thanks to the people that attended his memorial service.

Our church family are a loving and caring people.

Our Love,  
Bobby, Janie Adams and family

Dear First Baptist Church Friends,

To each of you, we express our appreciation and thanks for your prayers, love, cards, calls, and every act of kindness shown to us during the past three surgeries. You are very special to us. Harold is improving slowly.

May the Lord bless you daily.

Harold and Margaret Cox

FBC Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful vase of flowers in memory of my sister Carol Morand.

Your cards, calls, prayers and BEAUTIFUL flowers have given me much comfort.

God bless each of you.  
Judy Thompson

FBCH Family,

Thank you so much for allowing the Gideons to use your fellowship hall on Saturday, July 17 for our Faith Fund Rally. Together our Area gave \$7,299.00 to provide scriptures to people in Nigeria. You played an important role in a successful event.

Thanks for your help.

Love IN Christ,

Mark Horton, Area 2 Director  
Sam Sweeney, Regional Faith Fund Leader

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 August



Food Pantry items needed:

- August 1 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- August 8 - Soups & Crackers
- August 15 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- August 22 - Cereals
- August 29 - Jello & pudding mixes

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



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

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.



We are in need of **volunteers for the Nursery** during Sunday School at 9:30 am. If interested, please contact the office at [office@fbchillsville.org](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org)



**WMU**

**Attention Ladies:** Those of you who are interested in resuming our WMU/Mission groups please meet in the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, August 10th at 2pm. Contact Polly Sturgill (728-2176) or Judy Thompson (728-9456) for further information.

# August

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

*Please note:* The current calendar of events (updated regularly) can also be found on our Church website.

## Gifts in Memoriam

### IN MEMORY OF

### GIVEN BY

### FUND

TODD ADAMS	HAROLD & MARGARET COX	GAZEBO
EDDIE BOBBITT	SUE EDWARDS	BUDGET
CAROL MORAND	DIANE ALLEN	LOCAL MISSIONS
TODD ADAMS	JUDY THOMPSON	CEMETERY FUND
EDDIE BOBBITT	JUDY THOMPSON	CEMETERY FUND



## In Remembrance

July, 2021

First Baptist Church gives our condolences to the families of Carole Morand (June).



## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August	Pre-2nd	3rd-6th	7th-12th	Van 1	Van 2	Worship Service Nursery	Ushers
1	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
8	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	See Pat Sharp to volunteer
15	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria Sweeney & Paula Pulliam	<b>Deacon of the Month</b>
22	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Elizabeth Sweeney	Ed Naff
29	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	



3 Edith Montgomery	15 Lynn Layher
5 Kathy Nester	15 Emma Thompson
5 Madilyn Furr	15 Audrey Mills
11 Mebus Musser	18 Gernon White
12 Jenna L Bond	23 Jim Ring
13 Monica Thompson	29 Dorothy Semones
13 Rex Hancock	30 Sam Sweeney
	31 Caitlin Weil



*Happy Anniversary!*  
*August*

9 Don & Glenda Yonce
19 Rex & JoAnn Hancock
17 Steve & Kathy Williams
18 Elden & Cheryl Shupe
21 Greg & Vickie Yonce



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<b>Pastor</b>	<i>Ryan Mills</i>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<i>Norma Ring</i>
<b>Deacon Chairman</b>	<i>Mark Stout</i>
<b>IT Director</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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**Return Service Requested**

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