

## FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



OCTOBER 2021

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How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! (Psalm 133:1)

#### Dear FBCH Family,

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony! At its best, the church truly is a family, united in Christ and in love for each other. Yet we are all different in so many ways—age, life experiences, vocational background, ethnicity, spiritual gifts...the list is endless. What brings so many different people together as a family? Jesus Christ, of course!

Now I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be no divisions among you, and that you be united with the same understanding and the same conviction. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

How does this unity in the Spirit of Christ impact how we act together as a family?

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal. Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4)

So then, we must pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another. (Romans 14:19)

We're at our best when we're putting others first, when we're looking out for the best interests of others over our own interests. We seek to nurture others, to help them know Jesus better, to walk His path, to build them up to spiritual maturity, to love them through sins and struggles so that they may know Jesus and His grace more fully. For the sake of Christ, we seek unity.

Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. (Romans 12:16)

...all of you should be like-minded and sympathetic, should love believers, and be compassionate and humble... (1 Peter 3:8)

Jesus certainly stressed the importance of biblical love *from* God, *toward* God, and *between* brothers and sisters in Christ because of God. As we seek to fulfill His Great Commission calling to make disciples, we must always remember that the first thing many of the lost see of Christ starts right here in our church family. Do we love one another? Can they see it plainly and clearly? If they can, then they can begin to see Jesus through us...

By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)

When our whole family is acting together in unity, encouraging each other, putting the needs of others first, being respectful in all our interactions despite any differences, passionately seeking the lost despite the costs... When we are loving each other as Christ loved us—unconditionally, sacrificially, recklessly, abundantly... God will be with us.

Look out world...

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Become mature, be encouraged, be of the same mind, be at peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Gripped by grace, Pastor Ryan

#### **CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS**

**Special Thank You** to Ed Naff, Becky Adams, and others who have come out to clean up the Church's land-scape areas.

**God's Handy Helpers** helped Betty Williams and Becky Adams with their lawns in September. They will meet on October 9th @ 9am to help Betty Williams with mulching and repair needs.

Our **Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** has been rescheduled for the Sunday, October 24 worship service! We hope you'll join us for a fun morning—come ready to request your favorite hymns and sing out your praises to God!

The **Budget** meeting for September 28, has been rescheduled for October 5th.

The Business meeting for September 29, has been rescheduled for October 6th.



Did He move every mountain? Did He part every sea? Yes, He did

Did He defeat the darkness? Did He deliver me? Yes, He did





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#### Food Items for the Food Pantry in October



Food Pantry items needed:

October 3 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes

October 10 - Soups & Crackers

October 17 - Canned meats & Canned fruits

October 24 - Cereals

October 31 - Peanut butter & Cheese 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.



We are collecting for Children's Backpacks!

**Food items needed:** Apple sauce, nabs, juices, granola bars, pop tarts, pudding, small containers of spaghetti, mac & cheese, ravioli and individual cups of fruit. The need is even greater than it was before, with so many kids from broken families and foster care.





### 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



October - Reusable Water Bottles

We will pack boxes in November. FUMC will be a collection site again this year. Thanks, Judy

#### **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 and Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please contact the office at office@fbchillsville.org to serve in this important ministry!

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and support during the

cards and support during the passing of my father John Stout. We are blessed beyond measure with God's Grace.

Your Brother in Christ,

Mark Stout

# **October**

9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School Old Fashion Hymn Sing 10:30am Worship Service	24	9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	17	9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee meet	10	9am Prayer Meeting—Cancelled 9:30am Sunday School—Sam's class cancelled 10:30am Worship Service	ယ		Sun
7pm Deacons meeting	25		18		11		4		Mon
3pm Budget meeting	26	6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	19		12	3pm Budget meeting	5		Tue
7pm Business meeting	27	7pm Bible Study	20	7pm Bible Study	13	7pm Business meeting	6		Wed
	28		21		14		7		Thu
	29		22		15		00	1	Fri
	30		23		16	9am God's Handy Helpers	9	2	Sat

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9am Prayer Meeting
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

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

#### Gifts in Memoriam

IN MEMORY	Y OF GIVEN BY	<u>FUND</u>
ALEASE IROLE	R DENNIS & KARON FELTS	BUDGET
JOHN STOUT	DENNIS & KARON FELTS	BUDGET
ERIC CROWDE	R SHARON JOHNSON	BUDGET
REX HANCOCK	TOM & ALLENE TABOR	BUDGET
JOHN STOUT	SUE EDWARDS	BAZEBO
REX HANCOCK	SUE EDWARDS	GAZEBO
REX HANCOCK	ANCHOR/LEASEWAY MOTOR, C	O. CEMETERY
REX HANCOCK	MARKEL & GAY WELL COCHRAN	N GAZEBO
JOHN STOUT	CAROLYN GRIGG	BUDGET
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JOHN STOUT	JUDY THOMPSON	BUDGET
REX HANCOCK	JUDY THOMPSON	GAZEBO

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

October	Pre-2nd	3rd-6th	7th-12th	Van 1	Van 2	Worship Service Nursery	Ushers	
3	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	See	
10	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	Pat Sharp to volunteer	
17	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	Deacon of the Month	
24	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	Ed Naff	
31	Paul Cannon & Joleanna Cannon	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam		

### October Birthdays



Janie Adams1Norma Ring2Danielle Goad3Debbie Melton7Maggie Shorter7

## October Anniversaries



Sam & Cathy Sweeney 9 Lynn & Debbie Layher 27

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THINK YOU KNOW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH...?

Jesus First
Neighbors First
Love First
That's First Baptist!

Return Service Requested

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