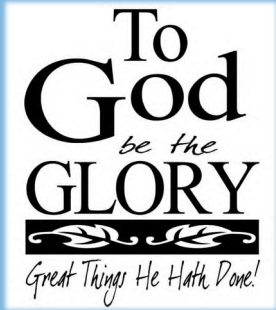




FIRST BAPTIST

NEWS & VIEWS



JANUARY 2022

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Dear FBCH Family,

Happy New Year!! Whoever thought that a year could be crazier than what we experienced in 2020? And yet, it seems 2021 has given 2020 a run for its money...

Now is the time to put 2021 behind us, to forget what needs to be forgotten, to learn and grow from our experience, to praise God for His work in us and through us during that challenging year, and to enter 2022 on a mission. On THE mission.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

This month has no shortage of excitement and opportunity in God's house! We'll begin on January 2nd by sharing the Lord's Supper and talking about the Journey we're all on as Christians, which will help us understand the way we walk with Christ every day. January 9th will be the Sunday we unveil our vision and focus at FBCH for the upcoming year, and I truly hope and believe it will unite us on a foundational level as we move forward. The following Sunday, January 16th, will begin our sermon series on fleshing out the dynamic full character of Jesus of Nazareth entitled "3-D Jesus," and my prayer is that it will help us to fall in love with Jesus all over again...or for the first time! If you've ever found Jesus to be a bit dry, dull, and one-dimensional, then you'll love seeing how vibrant and alive He really is. This series is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to be a part of going on God's journey with us in the new year.

We are also beginning to return to some normal activities again, coupled with some changes and adjustments. We will hold a Fellowship lunch following Worship Service on January 23, and everyone is invited to share that meal with us. At the Business Meeting which will follow it, we'll be presenting some significant proposed changes to our Constitution & Bylaws designed to provide clarity, and more importantly, to empower and unleash the saints (*that's you guys!*) for ministry. God has gifted every believer (yes, that includes you) with diverse spiritual gifts, experiences, and passions, and we want to unite those diverse gifts in serving Jesus both inside and outside this church.

Start the new year off right and come be a part of what God is doing through First Baptist Church in Hillsville. *Come worship, come learn and grow, and come be a part of the adventure!*

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan

CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS

FBCH is hitting the ground running in January!

Join us as Pastor Ryan rolls out the **church's vision** and focus for 2022 on January 9, followed by a **new sermon series** on the fullness of Jesus's personality (tentatively entitled "3-D Jesus") that begins January 16.

You won't want to miss it!

Have you ever wondered if you're really saved?

Bible Study with Pastor Ryan will resume on Wednesday, January 5th at 7pm and the following Thursday morning at 10am. We will explore the book of **1 John**, including John's test on **how to know you are truly saved**.

We look forward to seeing you and growing together!!

We're excited to announce that our **Ladies Sunday School class** taught by Elizabeth Yon will restart downstairs on Sunday, **January 9**. *All women are invited to attend!*

Our next **Membership Class** will be Sunday, January 9 @1pm in the Library. Whether you're interested in becoming a member at FBCH, or if you just want to learn more about what it means to be part of our family, you're invited to join us for this informal class!

Bill Smyer for **Constitution and Bylaws** will present a proposed bylaws change for the Cemetery Committee for review and approval at the January 23 business meeting. The change will add significant detail to how the committee operates. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Cemetery Committee December 12. Contact Bill if you would like a copy of the proposal by email attachment before the business meeting. Thank you!

We will hold a **Fellowship lunch** following Worship Service on January 23, and everyone is invited to share that meal with us. At the **Business Meeting** which will follow it, we'll be presenting some significant proposed changes to our Constitution & Bylaws designed to provide clarity, and more importantly, to empower and unleash the saints (*that's you guys!*) for ministry. *Please make plans to join in!*

Our Angel Tree gifts have all been delivered. Thank you to everyone that generously participated in this ministry—**PRAISE the LORD!!!**

We exceeded our goal for the **Lottie Moon Christmas offering®** by donating over \$1000! Thank you for your generosity—**PRAISE the LORD!!!**



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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In Remembrance December 2021

First Baptist Church gives our condolences to the family of Robert Wright, Lottie Gullion's son.



*I assure you, whoever believes has
eternal life. I am the bread of life."*
— John 6:47-48

Food Items for the Food Pantry in January



Food Pantry items needed:

- January 2 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- January 9 - Soups & Crackers
- January 16 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- January 23 - Cereals
- January 30 - Peanut Butter 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 great 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

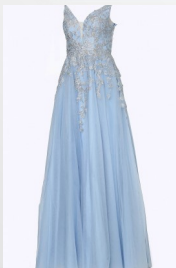
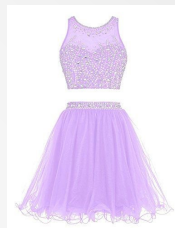
Kyle Nester

Joyce Bowman

*Hillsville Presbyterian Community hosting a project
January 15th.*

Collecting gowns for girls.

Bring gown(s) to church on January 15th or Mary Coulson will pick up gown(s) and take to the church. Call her at 730-4334.



January

Happy Birthday

For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

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|---------------|----|---------------|----|
| Paul Cannon | 3 | Greg Yonce | 24 |
| Wayne Gullion | 5 | Maynard Joyce | 25 |
| Tonya Gardner | 9 | Carrie Porter | 29 |
| Gene Musser | 11 | Hal Clary | 31 |
| Carolyn Grigg | 18 | | |
| Cindy Taylor | 18 | | |



January

Gernon & Ellen White 10
Fred & Betty Jayne Surratt 19

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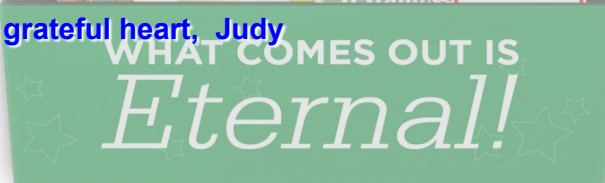
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 New Year's Day!! |
| 2 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service | 3 | 4 | 5 7pm Bible Study | 6 10am Bible Study | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service — VISION Sunday! 12pm Cemetery Committees meet 1pm Membership Class | 10 | 11 | 12 7pm Bible Study | 13 10am Bible Study | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service | 17 | 18 3pm Budget meet 6:30pm Buildings & Ground | 19 7pm Bible Study | 20 10am Bible Study | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch with Business Meeting to follow | 24 7pm Deacons meet | 25 | 26 7pm Bible Study | 27 10am Bible Study | 28 | 29 9am God's Handy Helpers |
| 30 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service | 31 | Please note: The current calendar of events (updated regularly) can also be found on our Church website. | | | | |



Thank you for supporting the Shoebox Ministry at FBC in 2021. All of us together packed 215 boxes. We not only reached our goal but exceeded it. Our goal for 2022 is 250. Let's GO for it!!

The monthly suggested items are listed to the right, but in addition plastic shoeboxes and monetary donations are needed and welcomed. GOD bless each of you.

With a grateful heart, Judy



Nursery

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 us at office@fbchillsville.org to serve in this important ministry!



January - Ivory Soap

February - Washcloths

March - Toothbrushes

April - Combs, Brushes, Hair Bows

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

June - Small Stuffed Toys, Play Trucks/Cars/Boats, Jump Ropes, Balls, Slinky, Harmonica, Flashlight w/Batteries, Play Dough, Dolls, Necklaces, Bracelets, Sunglasses, Tote Bag, Small Purses

July - Coloring Books, Picture Books, Small Pads, One Subject Notebook

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

September - Pencils, Pencil Trimmers

October - Reusable Water Bottles

November - Adhesive Bandages (colorful band aides)

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| January | Pre-2nd | 3rd-6th | 7th-12th | Van 1 | Van 2 | Worship Service Nursery | Ushers |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | Open | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp | Pat Sharp | Ed Naff | Paula Pulliam & Maria Record | See Pat Sharp to volunteer |
| 9 | Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp | Pat Sharp | Ed Naff | Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney | |
| 16 | Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp | Pat Sharp | Ed Naff | Paula Pulliam & Maria Record | Deacon of the Month |
| 23 | Open | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp | Pat Sharp | Ed Naff | Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney | Dennis Felts |

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Neighbors FIRST

Love FIRST

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