



# FIRST BAPTIST NEWS & VIEWS



DECEMBER 2021

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Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

*(Philippians 3:13-14)*



Dear FBCH Family,

The end of 2021 is almost upon us, and what a wild ride it has been! This will mark nearly two years of carrying on as a church under COVID's difficult conditions. God is good! We have not only survived, God has helped us continue to move forward after every challenge, to focus on kingdom matters, to learn and grow as followers of Jesus, and we have welcomed new faces as we strain toward what is ahead.

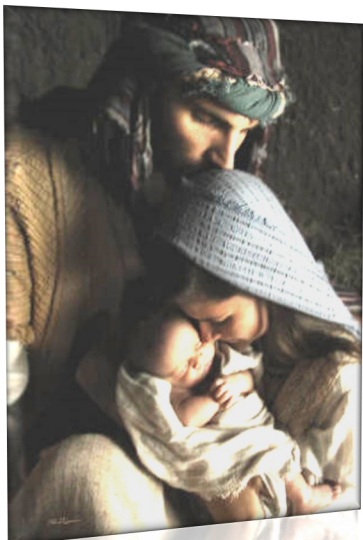
So...*what is ahead?*

FBCH will finish the year strong with a Christmas Hymn Sing during worship on Sunday, December 12. We will also hold a simple Christmas Eve service at 7pm that will be a time of joyful fellowship and peaceful wonder as we treasure the birth of our Savior. Don't forget that we also have a Christmas Card Mailbox in the sanctuary entryway to help you get cards to others within your FBCH family!

Then...*we will hit the ground running in January 2022!* Our church vision will be unveiled in early January, followed by a sermon series that breathes new life into the vibrant depths of Jesus of Nazareth's personality. There is so much to love about Him! We will also share a meal together again in the Fellowship Hall in late January. Work is being done to empower and unleash our church family for ministering according to our unique and varied passions and giftings, focused through our unity in Jesus Christ. *And that will just be the start of the year* – more will come as we grow closer to God and eagerly pursue His kingdom!

So enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends, stay warm, be thankful for the gift of Jesus Christ into your life, and be ready to rock and roll for the kingdom as 2022 opens. Its going to be an awesome year for the children of God at FBCH – to Him be the glory! Merry Christmas!

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan



This is what Christmas is all about!!!

**The Birth of JESUS!!!**

**Merry Christmas!**



## CHURCH UPDATES/EVENTS



Operation Christmas Child  
Samaritan's Purse

*Gifts of love!!*



**Wow!! What a Sight!!**

**The Church prayed over 213 shoeboxes** filled with items, love, and the message of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior in our worship service last Sunday, asking for God's blessings for each child. Praise God!!! Thank you to everyone of FBCH whose generosity throughout the year made our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes a success again this year!

**Bible Study** will start again the first Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday morning at 10am in January, 2022. We will study the Book of 1 John including a test on how you know you are a Christian. Look forward to seeing you!!

**Budget and Business meeting** are postponed until January, 2022.

**Hymn Sing is back!!** December 12th Worship Service at 10:30am. Shout out your favorite Christmas hymns.

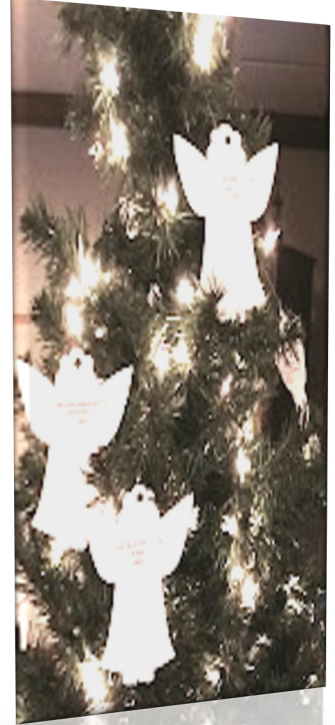
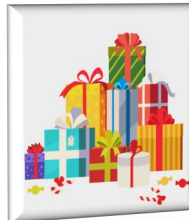


## Angel Tree

We're excited to put up an Angel Tree again this year in order to help bless children in our church and community during the Christmas Season!

Our purpose is to provide some helpful gifts (such as needed clothes, school supplies, etc) as well as one fun gift/toy for those in need. We'll offer the opportunities to our congregation to purchase gifts for these children, and then distribute them to the families before Christmas. What a blessing to them and to us - to God be the glory!

Let's fill the Angel Tree by giving gifts to children in need and telling them about the love and hope of Jesus.  
Jesus loves the little children!



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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JOIN US FOR OUR  
*Candelight  
Service*  
*Merry Christmas Merry Christmas*



*December 24 - 7pm*





## Food Items for the Food Pantry in December

Food Pantry items needed:

- December 5 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- December 12 - Soups & Crackers
- December 19 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- December 26 - Cereals

**Drop off items at the church. Please remember families this joyous time of year, and provide nonperishable food items for Christmas meals.**



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

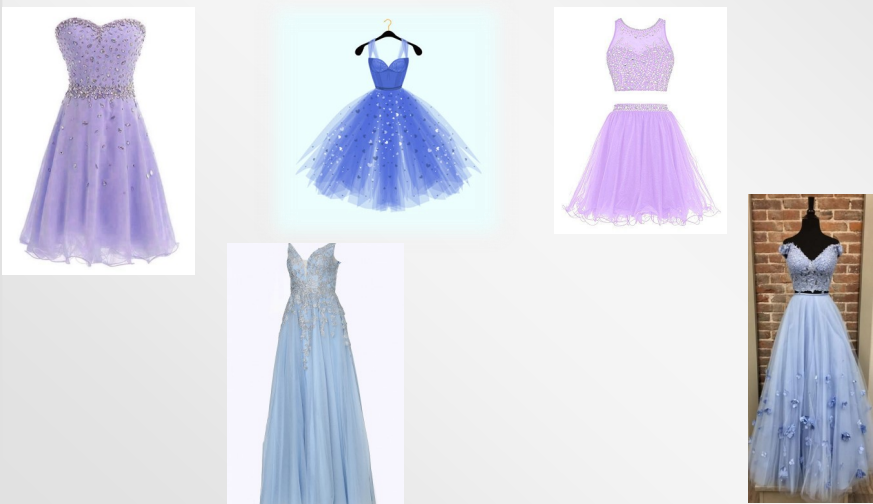
Kyle Nester

Joyce Bowman

*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.



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](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) to serve in this important ministry!



Children's Church  
&  
Nursery

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9am God's Handy Helpers
5 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Christmas Hymn Sing! 11:30am Deacons' pictures 12pm Cemetery Committee meet	13	14 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee	15	16	17	18
19 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service Church office closed	25 Merry Christmas!!!
26 9am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve!	

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

## Gifts in Memoriam

### IN MEMORY OF

CLAYTON STOCKNER  
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JUNIOR WEBB  
CLAYTON STOCKNER  
GARRY GOAD  
JOHN STOUT  
REX HANCOCK

### GIVEN BY

SHIRLEY J. UBER  
HILLSVILLE HS CLASS OF 1951  
SUE EDWARDS  
BOBBY & JANIE ADAMS  
ALEX MCIVER  
JAMES & JEANETTE ARMENTROUT  
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### FUND

GENERAL  
GENERAL  
FOOD PANTRY  
BACK PACK MINISTRY  
GENERAL  
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### IN HONOR OF

BETTY WILLIAMS

### GIVEN BY

JOANNA MISSION GROUP

### FUND

FOOD PANTRY

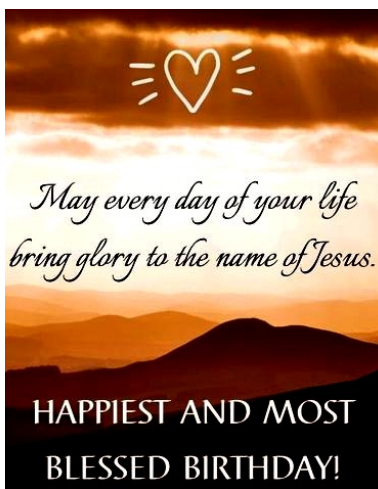
## In Remembrance October and November 2021

First Baptist Church gives our condolences to the families of Rhea Sharp, Junior Webb, and Amelda Privett.



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

December	Pre-2nd	3rd-6th	7th-12th	Van 1	Van 2	Worship Service Nursery	Ushers
5	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
12	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	
19	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam	<b>Deacon of the Month</b>
26	Open	Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Ed Naff	Victoria & Elizabeth Sweeney	Dan Huff



### December Birthdays

Bob Davies	1
Randy Webb	4
Randy Edwards	6
Carl Fezell	9
Lynn Davies	10
Elizabeth Sharp	11
Ron Tweed	18
Elizabeth Motley	18
Frances Porter	19
Evelyn Wright	21
Cheryl Shupe	21
Ann Davis	22
Isabel Jaime	28
Geraldine Slusher	30

### December Anniversaries



Randy & Joanne Edwards	9
Greg & Tonyia Gibson	20
Harold & Margaret Cox	21
Dan & Judy Huff	26
Bobby and Janie Adams	29

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**Pastor**

*Ryan Mills*

**Administrative Assistant**

*Norma Ring*

**Deacon Chairman**

*Mark Stout*

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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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