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# First Baptist News & Views

October 2022



Gospel bluegrass band *The Comptons* at FBCH's 2022 Homecoming

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# POINTS TO PONDER

## *From the Pastor's Pen...*

There are many things that are important to us in life. We value financial independence, a nice house, cars to get around in. We look for good-paying jobs to pay the bills and give us a sense of worth through the work. Some of us value nice vacations to warmer destinations, or the joy of pulling up an RV or camper to a new wooded site for rest and relaxation. Most of us think highly of our church, and remember many of the joyous occasions that have taken place over the years. We may remember our loved ones' involvement at church as well, which holds a special place for us because family is so important to us. Our parents are important, our kids are important, our spouses are important, our brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and cousins are important. These are all potentially good things, sources of joy, and just fine as important parts of our lives.

Yet, when it comes to being a follower of Jesus, we're told:

*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26-27)*

Jesus isn't teaching that we're supposed to hate anyone – He affirms elsewhere such things as honoring your father and mother. However, of all the good and important things in our lives, nothing can be more important than Jesus. Our love for Him should be so deep that all other loves pale in comparison. Nothing can be more sacred than Jesus. We can serve no master but Jesus. Nothing can be first in front of Jesus. Putting the kingdom of God first orders our priorities and perspectives properly in all aspects of our lives. In reality, it is putting Jesus first in our lives and in all of our relationships that actually enables us to live out the true biblical love into which we're called and fulfill the kingdom mission in which we're partners. Serving Him first is what gives our lives meaning and fulfillment!

May the Holy Spirit continue to search our hearts as humble servants of Christ, revealing to us those areas we may have out of order in our lives so that through God's power we may set them right, we may serve and love through Christ, and our worship may be pleasing to Him. To God be the glory!

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan



## A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*"Above all, keep loving each other earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."*

(1 Peter 4:8)

I've been on multiple journeys in life, some good and some bad. Here lately I think I've been on the best journey yet, and that's with GOD. I went to a job that's an hour away from everything I know and love, I've moved to a place where I don't know anyone, and I've been trying to find the right place to worship. GOD has directed me to a good job, a great house, and people that I love to be around and worship the LORD with. I somehow always seem to find myself in the worst situations, and somehow the LORD always manages to bring me out of it. He's directed me to my wife and kids and this beautiful town and First Baptist Church of Hillsville, VA. Sometimes when you think you'll never figure it out or it will never get better, just trust in Jesus. Call upon him and rely on him and he will always see you through it.

*~special thanks to Jeremy Morris for providing this month's devotional*

# ODDS & ENDS (or...where else do we put this...?)



## WE NEED PICTURES

**of your church activities and ministries!**

**We'd like to show and tell the congregation and community how God is working in and through our church. Please send pictures and descriptions of your church activity or ministry to [office@fbchillsville.org](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) so we can let our light shine!**



If you have an Event or Announcement you'd like to include in our WEEKLY BULLETIN:

Submit requests to the Church Office no later than 3pm on Wednesday for that Sunday's bulletin. Submissions should be less than 350 characters (including spaces) or 60 words.

FBCH reserves the right to correct or adjust submissions as needed.

## If you are interested in providing content for our MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your content to [office@fbchillsville.org](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) by the 20th of the month for the following month's newsletter, including your desired content, any relevant contact information or dates, and pictures (if any). Let us help you get the word out!

FBCH reserves the right to correct or adjust submissions as needed.



From Jesus, and he asks it very simply: "But who do you say that I am?"

**Reference:**

Matthew 16:15



# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

|             | October 2                         | October 9                           | October 16                          | October 23                        | October 30                        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nursery SS  | <i>Coming Soon!</i>               | <i>Coming Soon!</i>                 | <i>Coming Soon!</i>                 | <i>Coming Soon!</i>               | <i>Coming Soon!</i>               |
| Nursery WS  | Audrey Mills & Paula Pulliam      | Maria Record & Angela Armstrong     | Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney     | Angela Armstrong & Paula Pulliam  | Victoria Sweeney & Maria Record   |
| Pre-2nd SS  | <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                | Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield | Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield | <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                | <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                |
| 3rd-6th SS  | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill   | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill   | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill | Elizabeth Motley & Polly Sturgill |
| 7th-12th SS | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp             | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp               | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp               | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp             | Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp             |
| Van 1       | Pat Sharp                         | Pat Sharp                           | Pat Sharp                           | Pat Sharp                         | Pat Sharp                         |
| Van 2       | Ed Naff                           | Ed Naff                             | Ed Naff                             | Ed Naff                           | Ed Naff                           |

***It takes all of the members of the church for the body to be whole!***

We are in need of your help to fulfill our Children's Ministry needs, which include **nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, and Children's Church leaders**. To serve God and your church in these critical ministries, *please contact our Children & Youth Leader Danny Back at [youth@fbchillsville.org](mailto:youth@fbchillsville.org) or (276)728-7801.*

*Thank you!*

**Deacon of the Month:**  
***Steve Pulliam***

# CHURCH UPDATES

Our **Thursday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ryan is continuing through the book of Genesis. It's never too late to join in, and you'll love the discussion, insights, and fellowship. **LEVEL UP your discipleship walk!**

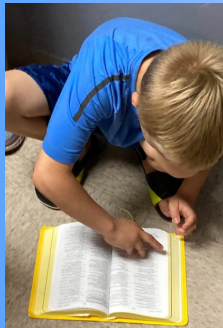
**Our Fellowship & Connections Committee is seeking to improve our Sunday Welcoming and fellowship experience.** You may have already noticed our greeters moving out into the parking lot as well as greeters inside our main sanctuary doors to provide a warm and welcoming presence. **We will soon begin offering coffee in our Fellowship Hall before Sunday School and Worship Service**, and we're asking all of you to join us there for about 15 minutes before services to mix and mingle with each other as well as our guests. *Thank you for continuing to make FBCH one of the most warm and welcoming churches in our community!*

Our **Women's Bible Study** group led by Jessica Yarlaski meets every first and third Monday at 4:30pm. Meeting in our downstairs Youth room (kids are welcome!), the group will begin diving into a video series entitled "Warrior Women" including related discussion and Bible study. All women with a heart for growing closer to Jesus and each other are invited to attend!

Ladies and Gentlemen—we are **packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child** on October 18 and 19 at 1pm to 2pm each day. Please let Judy Thompson (276-733-9456) know when you would be able to help. Thank you!

**The Lord's Supper Love Fund recipient for this quarter is Sharon Spriggs.** If you would like to contribute, please clearly mark your check or donation envelope with "Lord's Supper Love Fund." *Thank you for your generosity!*





# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## October Birthdays!

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Norma Ring            | 2  |
| Debbie Melton         | 7  |
| Maggie Shorter Farmer | 7  |
| Danny Back            | 11 |
| Wanda Montgomery      | 13 |
| Joanne Edwards        | 16 |
| Tammy Webb            | 20 |
| Paula Pulliam         | 20 |
| Glenda Gardner        | 25 |
| Caleb Webb            | 29 |

## October Anniversaries!

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Sam & Cathy Sweeney    | 9  |
| Don & Angela Armstrong | 15 |
| Lynn & Debbie Layher   | 27 |



What is the most important question in the Bible?

Answer: Page 15



### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

**LEONA LAYHER**  
Ridgecrest Assisted Living  
2302 Ridgecrest Lane  
Mt Airy, NC 27030

### SHUT-INS

|                             |                  |             |                    |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Doris Childs                | Laura Melton     | Zelma Goad  | Don & Glenda Yonce | Joe Mina        |
| Glenna Blevins              | Nina Goad        | Kyle Nester | Joyce Bowman       | Dorothy Semones |
| James & Jeanette Armentrout | Wanda Montgomery | JoAnn Hall  | Edith Montgomery   | Gracie Edmonds  |



# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

**Don't miss *Family Night!* every Wednesday @ 6pm in the fellowship hall.** We'll share a delicious meal and even better fellowship, engage in Bible teaching with Danny, and sing along with Brittany, as well as other fun activities for all ages. Pour into your own family and build up the FBCH spiritual family at the same time. The church is at our best when we're ALL together, growing in the unity of Christ!

**Everyone is invited** and the meals are free (donations welcome), so bring everyone you can gather to come be part of what God is doing in and through the FBCH family!!

A monthly **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30am at Shoney's Hillsville. This is a "Dutch treat" breakfast with church men, friends, and other men invited. No need to RSVP - simply show up and enjoy! We will be in the back room at Shoney's, near the breakfast bar.

Mark your calendars for the remainder of 2022: Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

Questions? Ask Danny Webb, Dan Huff, Bill Smyer, or Pat Sharp.

The Fellowship & Connections Committee is arranging a lunch trip to **Mabry Mill Restaurant** on a Saturday in the very near future. This will be Dutch treat, and we will announce a scheduled date as soon as reservations are made.



Every Wednesday night at 6pm. Dinner, music, learning. Open to anyone and everyone—see you there!

# EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

## **FBCH Homecoming September 11, 2022**

Special thanks to our guest speaker Mr. Andy Barnes from BGAV as well as our musical guests *The Comptons* for making this year's Homecoming another memorable time at FBCH!



Serving the kingdom since  
**1932!**



## **Deacon Ordination of Danny Webb First Baptist Church Hillsville September 18, 2022**





# MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

**God's Handy Helpers** is one of the service and outreach ministries of FBCH, seeking to help those in need with small carpentry tasks, seasonal yardwork, and similar projects. In September, we built a hand rail to help a neighbor in need. Everyone is invited to participate... and everyone has a great time of fellowship in service!

If you'd like to be a part of our next project, or if you'd like to suggest a project, please contact:  
**Team Leader Dan Huff at**  
[blueridgetandem@gmail.com!](mailto:blueridgetandem@gmail.com)



## Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry meets on the second Tuesday of every other month. Our next meeting is **November 8, 2022 at 1:00 pm.**

**Items given:**  
50 Baby cap & mitten sets to Twin County Hospital  
1 Shawl  
2 Blankets

Thanks to Evelyn Wright for the material to make blankets.

**Need quilters, crocheters, and knitters.**



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

## Food Pantry

### Stock the Food Pantry:

- October 2 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- October 9 - Soups & Crackers
- October 16 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- October 23 - Cereals & fruit juices
- October 30 - Rice & mac n cheese



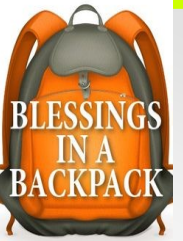
**October - Reusable Water Bottles & Ivory Soap**

**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 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.



**Please pray for the workers in the field...**

**JoAnn Yon**—missionary to Nicaragua

**Bryan Macadangdang**—missionary to Philippines

**United Christian Missions**—leads Educate-a-Child program and Pastor's School in Jinotega, Nicaragua

**Eric & Wendy Harbinson**—missionaries in Matagalpa, Nicaragua



# REMEMBERING

## *In Remembrance*

September 2022

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers, and loving support to the Hodge, Steve Hunter, Dennis Freeman, Porter, Hatter and Harless families.

## Scripture of the Month

"For just as the new heavens  
and the new earth  
that I am making  
will remain standing before me"  
declares Jehovah,  
"so your offspring  
and your name  
will remain."

Isaiah 66:22

# COMING SOON - *Don't Miss Out!*

October 29 from 11am—1pm at the  
Wellness Center Lawn

LET'S PLAY  
**KICKBALL!**

Come join your church family for an afternoon of kickball and a meal outside at the Carroll Wellness Center pavilion and field. All ages are welcome for a fun time of fellowship and good-natured competition!

## *SAFE HALLOWEEN!*

OCTOBER 31 FROM 5PM-8PM IN HILLSVILLE

FBCH will be manning a photo booth for the event and making pictures available on our church Facebook page. Please see Danny Back for how you can help provide candy, corn stalks, hay bales, pumpkins, and/or your own time to help make this a successful community outreach.



# October 2022

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                             | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                             |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 25   | 26  | 27  | 28                                    | 29   | 30        | 1                                    |
| <b>2</b><br>9am Prayer meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship Service<br><i>The Lord's Supper</i><br>1:00pm Membership Class | <b>3</b><br>4:30pm Women's Bible Study                          | <b>4</b><br>8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Shoney's            | <b>5</b><br>6pm <b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b>  | <b>6</b><br>11:15am Fellowship Committee<br>10am Bible Study | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>9am God's Handy Helpers  |
| <b>9</b><br>9am Prayer meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship Service  | <b>10</b><br>6:30am Mission Committee                           | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>6pm <b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b> | <b>13</b><br>10am Bible Study                                | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                            |
| <b>16</b><br>9am Prayer meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship Service   | <b>17</b><br>4:30pm Women's Bible Study                         | <b>18</b><br>3pm Stewardship Committee<br>6:30pm Building & Grounds | <b>19</b><br>6pm <b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b> | <b>20</b><br>10am Bible Study                                | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                            |
| <b>23</b><br>9am Prayer meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship Service<br>11:30am Fellowship Lunch & Business meeting        | <b>24</b><br>7pm Deacons meet                                   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>6pm <b>FAMILY NIGHT!</b> | <b>27</b><br>10am Bible Study                                | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>9am God's Handy Helpers |
| <b>30</b><br>9am Prayer meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship Service   | <b>31</b><br>5pm Safe Halloween in Hillsville -FBCH Event Booth | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                              | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                             |

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 10/2** The Lord's Supper Membership Class
- 10/3** Women's Bible Study
- 10/4** Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 10/6** Fellowship Committee
- 10/8** God's Handy Helpers
- 10/10** Mission Committee
- 10/17** Women's Bible Study
- 10/29** God's Handy Helpers
- 10/31** **Safe Halloween in Hillsville—FBCH Event Booth**

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)

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