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First Baptist News & Views

November 2022



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POINTS TO PONDER

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear FBCH Family –

Many of you had the privilege of hearing a wonderful sermon preached in October by Danny Back while I was out hiking and camping and enjoying God's beautiful creation. I'd like to piggy back off of one of his main points for a moment...

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

What Paul refers to as "the race" is what we often refer to as our Christian walk – The Journey. Paul's point is that Jesus is to be the focal point of all of it. He is to be our *example* of how to run the race—enduring trials and persecution, putting others before ourselves, putting God's glory first and foremost. He is to be our *motivation*—where our Lord and Savior treads, there His followers strive to be. Finally, Jesus is also to be our *prize*—He is the goal, His presence is the priceless treasure. Anything that distracts us from this race is to be cast aside as a hindrance, pulling us in some way away from Him. The great cloud of witnesses who have run this race before us proclaim that the prize is worthy!

So wherever you find yourself on The Journey today, Christian, press on. Endure. Persevere. Pray with a brother or sister in Christ. Celebrate blessings. Praise God for who He is and all He has done. Fix your eyes on Jesus, and seek Him and His glory above all else, that one day you will cross the finish line and count all of life as joy for having lived it for Him. All glory to God!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."
(1 Peter 5:6-7)

"NO, I GOT THIS"

It was the summer of 1971 in Dallas, Texas, hot as always in the summers there although the locals were fond of saying it was a dry heat. Well, not always!

One possible way to cool off was to go ice skating at the rink of the State Fair of Texas, home also to the historic Cotton Bowl. A young man of 25, call him Joe, had never ice skated and decided to give it a try along with his two adult siblings. For Joe it was a comical disaster.

After struggling for 20 or more minutes simply to make it halfway around the rink and sustaining a temporarily dislocated shoulder in the process, Joe was clutching fiercely to the top of the clear wall with both hands when the unwelcome P.A. announcement came. "Everyone off the ice for a cleaning period."

In what seemed like only a second or two to a helpless Joe, everyone but him was off the ice, as if a giant vacuum cleaner had swiftly sucked them off the floor through the exit in the distance. Then the sound of the dreaded ice monster could be heard as it awoke from its slumber. The Zamboni was now preparing to make its sweep of the ice, Joe or no Joe.

Joe was not exactly inconspicuous as he fought to remain upright, let alone move. Two rink employees, perhaps accustomed to such occurrences, quickly skated to each side of him and asked, "need some help?" Joe then gasped the incomprehensible words that defined him for many more years. "No, I got this." Ignoring the obvious lie, the two skaters kindly and carefully held Joe upright and moved him quickly to safety, where he exited an ice surface for the first and, he thought, the last time.

Thus began Joe's unfortunately slow journey to shed the arrogant, immature belief that "I'm self-sufficient, in charge of my life, and I got this."

Many slippery surfaces await us in life, some boundless with thinner ice than the surface Joe encountered. There may not be other people there to skate to our rescue, but once we submit fully to the Lord, He will always be there for us. It is the wise person who learns, embraces and publicly acknowledges his or her lack of self-sufficiency. We need Him!

"No, I don't got this, but I have faith in God and He will see me through my current difficulties."

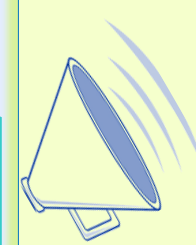
~special thanks to Bill Smyer
for providing this month's devotional
(and who asks that you pardon the intentional slang use of "I got this" ...)

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



of your church activities and ministries!

We'd like to show 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 so we can let our light shine!



GET CONNECTED!

If you want to **learn more** about FBCH ministries or programs, receive **church communications** (like our **robo-call updates**), or just **update your contact info** with us, please visit our "**Get Connected!**" page on the church's website (*in the "About Us" section*) and fill out the form to let us know what you need! You can also call or e-mail our church office to let us know.



A: Miriam

Reference:

Numbers 12:1-15

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

Please submit your content to 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Nursery SS	<i>Coming Soon!</i>	<i>Coming Soon!</i>	<i>Coming Soon!</i>	<i>Coming Soon!</i>
Nursery WS	Victoria Sweeney & Paula Pulliam	Maria Record & Angela Armstrong	Audrey Mills & Victoria Sweeney	Angela Armstrong & Paula Pulliam
Pre-2nd SS	HELP NEEDED	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	HELP NEEDED
3rd-6th SS	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
Van 1	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp
Van 2	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 or (276)728-7801.*

Thank you!

Deacon of the Month:
Mark Stout

CHURCH UPDATES

The next **Church Council meeting** will be at 5pm on **Wednesday, November 16**. All committee Chairs and Team Leaders are expected to attend, or designate someone to represent your group as we look to round out scheduling for 2022 and head into an exciting 2023! *Our Thanksgiving Dinner is at 6pm that same day, so you'll be able to stick around and enjoy the food and fellowship to follow!*

Copies of the **2023 Budget proposal** that was presented at our October 23rd Business meeting are available in the Sanctuary foyer for your review. We will hold a brief Business meeting following the Worship Service on **November 13 to vote on the budget**. Otherwise, there will be **no regularly scheduled Business meetings or Fellowship Lunches for the months of November and December**. Our next regularly scheduled Fellowship Lunch + Business meeting will be on January 22, 2023.

"It's not about the coffee—it's about the people!"

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 are hosting **Coffee Social Time at 10am in our Fellowship Hall before Worship Service**, and *we need your help to make it successful* by joining us there before services to mix and mingle with each other as well as welcome our guests. *Thank you for continuing to make FBCH one of the most warm and friendly churches in our community!*

Our **Women's Bible Study** group meets every first and third Monday at 4:30pm in the Youth Room downstairs. The group has been 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, and kids are welcome!

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

Our **Thursday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ryan is continuing through the book of Genesis. It's always a good time to join in, and you'll love the discussion, insights, and fellowship. **LEVEL UP your discipleship walk!**



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FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, November 16 @ 6pm

Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner

Fellowship Hall

Our Kitchen team will provide the main dish—please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share as a **potluck meal!**



KEEPING IN TOUCH

November Birthdays!

Kathy Williams	6
Debbie Layher	16
Karon Felts	25
James Armentrout	26
Laura Melton	26
Jayne Shorter	27
Kyle Nester	28

November Anniversaries!

Joe & Reva Brown	3
Joe & Connie Mina	4
Randy & Jacqueline Ward	6
Sonny & Donna Kaye McIver	24



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

LEONA LAYHER	Don & Glenda Yonce
Ridgecrest Assisted Living	Commonwealth Assisted Living
2302 Ridgecrest Lane	100 Kyle Drive, Room A3
Mt Airy, NC 27030	Hillsville, VA 24343



Q: Who is the only woman specifically named in the Bible as having leprosy?

Answer: Page 15

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

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We are excited to provide an **Angel Tree** again this year to help local families in need of a little help with Christmas gifts for their children. To request help for your family or another family facing financial challenges this season, please cut out the form on **page 7** of this newsletter and have a parent or guardian complete one per child. The deadline for returning completed **Angel Tree forms** is November 20. Please put your forms in the drop boxes in the sanctuary, give to Pat Sharp, or drop them in the drop box at the church office.

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.

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!!

Coffee Social Time
every Sunday @
10am!

The Fellowship & Connections Committee arranged a lunch trip to Mabry Mill Restaurant on Saturday, Oct. 22.



LAST MONTH @FBCH

On October 29 we gathered at the Hillsville Wellness Center for a game of kickball, fellowship, and lunch.



**Thank You
Everyone**



**Your generosity helped make this
community outreach a success!**

SAFE HALLOWEEN! EVENT

FBCH hosted a photo booth for the event and made pictures available on our church Facebook page. What a wonderful time of fellowship for all who participated, and what a great way to engage with our community!
To God be the glory!



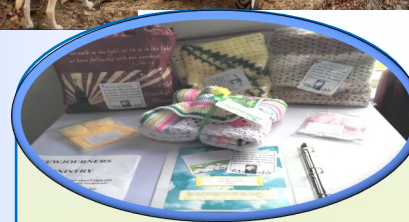
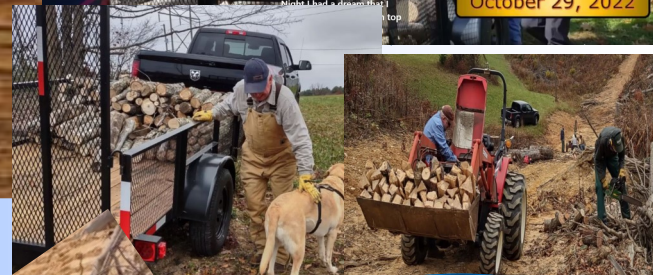
MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

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 October, we coated a mobile home roof, and raked leaves. 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



Great time
of
Fellowship



Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry meets on the second Tuesday of every other month. Our next meeting is **January 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

We need quilters, crocheters, and knitters.



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

Food Pantry

Stock the Food Pantry:

- November 6 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- November 13 - Soups & Crackers
- November 20 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- November 27 - Cereals & fruit juices
- Thanksgiving food items: Stuffing, Can Yams, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Cans of Fried Onions, and Cans of Mushroom Soup.



Ladies and Gentlemen—we are **packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child** on November 8 and 9 at 1pm to 2pm each day. Please let Judy Thompson (276-733-9456) know when you would be able to help, or just show up. *Thank you!*

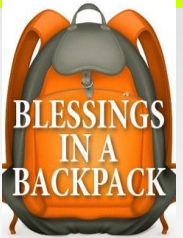
November - Adhesive Bandages (colorful band aides)

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

October 2022

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers, and loving support to the Motley, Hancock, and Anderson families.



Dear FBCH Family,
We are so appreciative of the monetary contribution, and more importantly, your past and continued prayers for us. We love you all very much and miss being with you in body, but we are always there in spirit.
Love and appreciation from
Don & Glenda Yonce & family

Scripture
of the
Month



ANGEL TREE 2022



Please use the form below to submit requests to help your family or another family in need with providing some holiday help with the kids this Christmas. We'd consider it a blessing to be a part of Christmas joy!



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Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." FBCH would love to be a part of the joy you're bringing to your child(ren) this Christmas by inviting you to include them in our Angel Tree! We'd specifically like to focus on providing **items of physical need** for your child(ren), such as **clothing sets, winter coats, gloves or hats, school supplies, or similar items**. We would also love to get them a **fun toy**!

If you would allow us the blessing of being a part of your Christmas this year, **simply return the completed form below to us by no later than November 20**. While we cannot guarantee that all items requested will be fulfilled, our members will make a good faith effort to provide for the entire list if they are able.

The gifts will be delivered by FBCH before Christmas Eve. We ask nothing in return except that God be glorified, and we pray that our small gift might bring a smile to a dear child's face.

Merry Christmas to you and your family, and may the peace and joy of Jesus Christ warm your home this year!

In Christian love,

The First Baptist Church Family

(detach or cut on dotted line above)

Parent/Guardian Contact Info:

Name		Phone Number	
Street Address			
City	ST	ZIP	

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Boy / Girl (circle one)

Items requested	Size	One Toy (up to \$20 value)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Shoney's	2 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	3 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Committee	4	5 9am God's Handy Helpers
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service	7 4:30pm Women's Bible Study	8 1-2pm Pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes	9 1-2pm Pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	10 10am Bible Study	11	12
13 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am 2023 Budget Vote	14 6:30pm Mission Committee 7pm Deacons	15 3pm Stewardship Committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	16 5pm Church Council 6pm FAMILY NIGHT! <i>Thanksgiving Meal</i>	17 10am Bible Study	18	19 9am God's Handy Helpers
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HIGHLIGHTS

- 11/1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 11/3 Fellowship Committee
- 11/5 God's Handy Helpers
- 11/7 Women's Bible Study
- 11/8-9 Packing OCC shoeboxes
- 11/13 2023 Budget Vote
- 11/14 Mission Committee
- 11/16 Church Council
Thanksgiving Potluck!
- 11/19 God's Handy Helpers
- 11/20 **Return Angel Tree forms**
- 11/21 Women's Bible Study
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day

Thank you for joining us @
First Baptist Church (FBC) 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/driver-in)

• **Vimeo**

• **Audio on Any Phone**
(toll free 844-455-7887)

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