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First Baptist **News & Views**

January 2023



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POINTS TO PONDER

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear FBCH family,

Another year has passed; a new year is upon us. Will it be just another year, time marching on and marked off day by day, week by week, month by month...only to go through the same motion again the following year?

Why not make this year different?

Challenge yourself to make the most out of this year. Decide that you are going to live out your identity this year. What is your identity? Are you a Christian? If you are, being a Christian is not first and foremost something you DO – it is who you ARE, your identity. Yes, your behavior and actions should flow from that identity, but first is identifying yourself as a follower of Jesus Christ. Belonging to and following Him should lead us to look more and more like the One we claim to follow. Rather than focusing on the checklist of behaviors, make it your goal to know Jesus better this year. Grow closer to Him, become more intimate with Him, listen to Him, walk with Him. Make Jesus your pursuit and prize, run that race with more passion than you ever have before, and this year will be a year unlike any other in your life.

...Then do it again next year!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"They did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year."

(Joshua 5:12)

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Israel's weary wanderings were all over, and the promised rest was attained. No more moving tents, fiery serpents, fierce Amalekites, and howling wildernesses: they came to the land which flowed with milk and honey, and they ate the old corn of the land. Perhaps this year, beloved Christian reader, this may be thy case or mine. Joyful is the prospect, and if faith be in active exercise, it will yield unalloyed delight. To be with Jesus in the rest which remaineth for the people of God, is a cheering hope indeed, and to expect this glory so soon is a double bliss. Unbelief shudders at the Jordan which still rolls between us and the goodly land, but let us rest assured that we have already experienced more ills than death at its worst can cause us. Let us banish every fearful thought, and rejoice with exceeding great joy, in the prospect that this year we shall begin to be "forever with the Lord."

A part of the host will this year tarry on earth, to do service for their Lord. If this should fall to our lot, there is no reason why the New Year's text should not still be true. "We who have believed do enter into rest." The Holy Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance; he gives us "glory begun below." In heaven they are secure, and so are we preserved in Christ Jesus; there they triumph over their enemies, and we have victories too. Celestial spirits enjoy communion with their Lord, and this is not denied to us; they rest in his love, and we have perfect peace in him: they hymn his praise, and it is our privilege to bless him too. We will this year gather celestial fruits on earthly ground, where faith and hope have made the desert like the garden of the Lord. Man did eat angels' food of old, and why not now? O for grace to feed on Jesus, and so to eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan this year!

~ Charles Spurgeon,
Morning & Evening (January 1)

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



WE NEED PICTURES

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: Obadiah
(only 1 chapter!)

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

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22
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	Maria Record & Angela Armstrong
Pre-2nd SS	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield
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:

Pat Sharp

CHURCH UPDATES

Our next regularly scheduled **Fellowship Lunch and Business Meeting** will be on January 22, 2023 following Worship Service. Our menu will be vegetable soup, grilled cheese, and dessert. We will be voting on the Nomination Committee's recommendations for several open positions:

- ♦ *Fellowship & Connections Committee* (Maria French)
- ♦ *Children Education Team Leader* (Angela Armstrong)
- ♦ *Stewardship Committee* (Jim French)

Also, the **Constitution & Bylaws Team Leader** will present **proposed constitution changes** concerning how we nominate and elect deacons. In summary, if approved, active deacons will present nominees for open positions to the congregation for consideration and vote, with more nominees presented than positions available. To learn more about the proposal, contact Bill Smyer or attend the **optional information meeting about the proposal immediately following the January 15 worship service**. *Thank you!*

The **Lord's Supper Love Fund** recipient for this quarter is **Elizabeth Yon**. 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!*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next **Membership Class** will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 1pm in the church Library. Whether you're interested in becoming a member or simply want to learn more about what membership means at FBCH, you're invited to be a part of this brief and informal meeting hosted by Pastor Ryan and deacon Ed Naff. *See you there!*

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at a new location - Crooked Oak Restaurant - at 8:30 on Tuesday, January 3. As usual it will be a "dutch treat" meal with any and all friends and visitors welcome. No need to make a reservation—we'll see you there!

The address is 8302 Danville Pike east of Hillsville, 8.3 miles east of the US 58 and US 52 intersection in downtown Hillsville (not the bypass).

Family Game Day, sponsored by our Fellowship & Connections committee, will be January 14 @ 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! Board games and snacks will be provided or you can bring your own. If needed, a snow day date will be January 21st.

Our **Women's Bible Study** group meets every first and third Monday at 4:30pm in the Youth Room downstairs. All women with a heart for growing closer to Jesus and each other are invited to attend, and kids are welcome!

Our **Thursday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ryan is finishing up the book of Genesis in January before moving into a study on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation. It's always a good time to join in, and you'll love the discussion, insights, and fellowship. *LEVEL UP your discipleship walk!*

KEEPING IN TOUCH

January Birthdays!

Wayne Gullion	5
Gene Musser	11
Carolyn Grigg	18
Jim French	20
Greg Yonce	24
Maynard Joyce	25

January Anniversaries!

Gernon & Ellen White	10
Fred & Betty Jayne Surratt	19



Q: Which book of the Old Testament has the fewest chapters?

Answer: Page 15

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

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

"It's not about the coffee—its 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 welcoming churches in our community!*

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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!!

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LAST MONTH @ FBCH

FBCH Family Christmas Dinner



The FBCH family gathered to enjoy the food and fellowship of a **Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday, December 14. Thank you to everyone who prepared and served this meal, including both our wonderful Kitchen Team and all who shared a side dish as part of our potluck!



Those who could brave the cold weather joined with those watching online to celebrate a beautiful family Christmas Eve service at FBCH, remembering that *Jesus is the true Light of the world!*



MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM



We were blessed to have seven angels on our Angel Tree to buy needed clothing and gifts for this year. Thank you FBCH family for making Christmas special through your generosity for these children in our community!



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:

- 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.

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 aids)

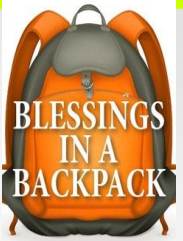
DO NOT INCLUDE items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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

December 2022

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers, and loving support to the Mava Vass and Mildred Jeter families (Norma Ring's Aunt).

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

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Phyllis Hatter	Betty Williams	God's Handy Helpers
Bob Penland	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Bob Penland	Betty Williams	Shoe Box Ministry
Bob Penland	Harold & Margaret Cox	Samaritan's Purse
Agnes Long, Rex Hancock, & Jim Williams	Dennis & Karon Felts	Lottie Moon
Janie Adams	JoAnn Hall	Samaritan's Purse

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Judy Thompson	Harold & Margaret Cox	Samaritan's Purse
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Scripture of the Month

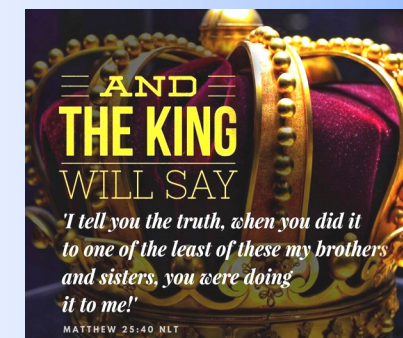
"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness."

ISAIAH 43:18-19

SPECIAL (CHRISTMAS) DELIVERY!



Our FBCH family helped pack boxes for the **Carroll Christmas Fund** this year! We met at FBCH on December 15 and caravanned to Virginia Produce to work. These boxes full of food, toys, and Bibles were then delivered on December 17th to local families in need. *Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus for someone else's Christmas!*



January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>New Year's Day!</i> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service	2 4:30pm Women's Bible Study	3 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Crooked Oak Restaurant	4 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	5 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Committee	6	7 9am God's Handy Helpers
8 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee	9	10 1pm Sew Journers	11 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	12 10am Bible Study	13	14 1pm Family Game Day!
15 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service	16 4:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Missions Committee	17 3pm Stewardship Committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	18 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	19 10am Bible Study	20	21
22 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting	23 7pm Deacons	24	25 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	26 10am Bible Study	27	28
29 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10am Coffee Social Time 10:30am Worship Service	30	31	1	2	3	4

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1/3** Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 1/5** Fellowship Committee
- 1/7** God's Handy Helpers
- 1/8** Cemetery Committee
- 1/10** Sew Journers
- 1/14** Family Game Day
- 1/16** Mission Committee
- 1/17** Stewardship Committee Buildings & Grounds
- 1/22** Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting
- 1/23** Deacons

Thank you for joining us @

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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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We hope to worship with you again soon!