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First Baptist **News & Views**

March 2023



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POINTS TO PONDER

From the Pastor's Pen...

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:14)

Dear FBCH Family,

Buzz Lightyear from Disney's Toy Story has a memorable catch-phrase: "To infinity...and beyond!" Philippians 4:13 may not be as catchy and may not fit as easily on a bumper sticker, but it is an even better onward and upward call that we as Christians also have in Christ.

*Press onward. Look upward.
Seek Jesus...with everything you have.*

We see encouragement to stand strong in our faith and persevere throughout the struggles of life throughout the pages of the New Testament. And when we come to the end, we see in the letters to the seven churches in Revelation that the "victors" Jesus speaks of through John are those who have held fast to their faith in Christ despite the challenges thrown their way. "The righteous shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17).

My prayer for you and for our church family this month is that the Lord would supply us with the faith we need to not only persevere, but also to grow (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4; 2 Peter 1:3-9); to not only weather any storm, but to grasp the hope and joy that are ours in Christ Jesus even as the rain pours and the wind wails. And when we find ourselves on those beautiful spring days with the most refreshing of breezes and the warm sunshine illuminating our faces, we can thank our Lord for every minute of all of it, knowing that we have grown closer to Him and seen time after time His care and provision for each of His children. Press on, you Victors in Christ Jesus, and let nothing keep you from your heavenly prize!

*Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan*



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*"Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden,
that the spices thereof may flow out."
(Song of Solomon 4:16)*

Anything is better than the dead calm of indifference. Our souls may wisely desire the north wind of trouble if that alone can be sanctified to the drawing forth of the perfume of our graces. So long as it cannot be said, "The Lord was not in the wind," we will not shrink from the most wintry blast that ever blew upon plants of grace. Did not the spouse in this verse humbly submit herself to the reproofs of her Beloved; only entreating him to send forth his grace in some form, and making no stipulation as to the peculiar manner in which it should come? Did she not, like ourselves, become so utterly weary of deadness and unholy calm that she sighed for any visitation which would brace her to action? Yet she desires the warm south wind of comfort, too, the smiles of divine love, the joy of the Redeemer's presence; these are often mightily effectual to arouse our sluggish life. She desires either one or the other, or both; so that she may but be able to delight her Beloved with the spices of her garden. She cannot endure to be unprofitable, nor can we. How cheering a thought that Jesus can find comfort in our poor feeble graces. Can it be? It seems far too good to be true. Well may we court trial or even death itself if we shall thereby be aided to make glad Immanuel's heart. O that our heart were crushed to atoms if only by such bruising our sweet Lord Jesus could be glorified. Graces unexercised are as sweet perfumes slumbering in the cups of the flowers: the wisdom of the great Husbandman overrules diverse and opposite causes to produce the one desired result, and makes both affliction and consolation draw forth the grateful odours of faith, love, patience, hope, resignation, joy, and the other fair flowers of the garden. May we know by sweet experience, what this means.

~ Charles Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* devotional, March 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:

- ³ "You shall have no other gods before me.
- ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God...
- ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...
- ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- ¹³ "You shall not murder.
- ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.
- ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.
- ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife...

(see Exodus 20:3-17)

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

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
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 and Youth's Ministry needs, which include **nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, and a variety of other volunteer needs**. To serve God and your church in these critical family ministries, *please contact our Children & Youth Leader Danny Back at youth@fbchillsville.org or (276) 728-7801.*

Thank you!

Deacon of the Month:
Ed Naff

CHURCH UPDATES

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 22 this year, and lasts until Easter (April 9). This is a time meant for preparation and purification as we approach the most holy of Christian days, so take advantage of this time to self-reflect, seek forgiveness, and ask for more of the Lord in your life. Seeking Him now will make the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection so special when Easter finally arrives—to God be the glory!

We will start collecting donations to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** on Sunday, March 5. The envelopes will be in the bulletin and on the table in the foyer, and donations go to support North American missions efforts. Our goal this year is \$1,000.



Scripture of the Month

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things become new."
11 Corinthians 5:17



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be meeting at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 7. 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).

Our **Thursday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ryan will be taking on the Old Testament book of Exodus next. It's always a good time to join in, and you'll love the discussion, insights, and fellowship. *LEVEL UP your discipleship walk!*

FBCH is having a **Memorial Service** during our June 4 Worship Service in memory of the loved ones our church family has lost from October, 2019 through March 31, 2023. We'd like to honor every member or immediate family of a member (*spouse, child, parent, or grandparent*) who has passed. *To ensure that your loved one is a part of this celebration, please send your favorite picture of them along with their full name, birth date, and date of their passing to our office (office@fbchillsville.org) before the end of April.* Thank you for helping us to make this a meaningful time of celebration, remembrance, and healing for our church family.

We will be welcoming special musical guests *Willing Hearts* to worship with us on Sunday, March 5. Come enjoy these gospel singers as we praise our Lord!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

March Birthdays!

Becky Adams	1	Ashtyn Sharpe	19
Beth Graham	1	Bobby Adams	19
Glenna Blevins	4	Wade Sechrist	19
Merle Goad	4	Ed Naff	20
James Slusher	6	Leona Layher	21
Glenda Yonce	7	Steve Pulliam	22
Jaclyn Ward	7	Amanda Webb	23
Marc Ogle	8	Jackson Thompson	26
Shernell McGrady	12	Cathy Sweeney	31
Jill Sharpe	13		
Chuck Thompson	14		
Judy Thompson	15		
Rick Record	16		
Judy Huff	16		

March Anniversaries!

Randy & Sabrina Webb	12
Ryan & Audrey Mills	13
Rick & Maria Record	16
Bob & Evelyn Wright	24
Marc & Lynn Ogle	26



Test Yourself: How many of the 10 Commandments can you name?

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	Joe Mina	Dorothy Semones
Glenna Blevins	Nina Goad	Kyle Nester	Joyce Bowman
James & Jeanette Armentrout	Wanda Montgomery	JoAnn Hall	Gracie Edmonds

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

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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. 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 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!!*

Our **2023 Deacons** are here to serve you! Take a look at the list to the right to see who your Deacon is this year (based on your last name). They have hearts for serving both the Lord and His people, and are available to minister to you when needed.

Our Deacons look forward to serving you throughout the coming year!

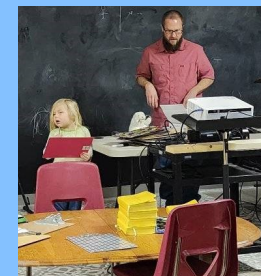
A—C	Danny Webb
D—G	Pat Sharp (<i>Treasurer</i>)
H—L	Ed Naff (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)
M—N	Bill Smyer (<i>Chair</i>)
O—R	Dan Huff (<i>Secretary</i>)
S	Dennis Felts
T—Z	Steve Pulliam

LAST MONTH @ FBCH

The Fellowship Committee hosted a **Widows and Widowers Banquet** on Saturday, February 18 that was a wonderful time of fellowship for all involved. Thank you to everyone who took time and participated in making this a special time for these treasures in our family. God Bless You!!!



NOTE OF THANKS!
Many thanks to the persons who sponsored a Wednesday night supper in our honor. Friendship among our church family is a heartwarming blessing. May the Lord continue to guide and direct all of us daily.
Harold and Margaret Cox



Family Night!

Have a great family meal, dive deeper into Sunday's message with your piers, and share your discoveries with your church family. *No matter what age you are, you'll be glad you came!*

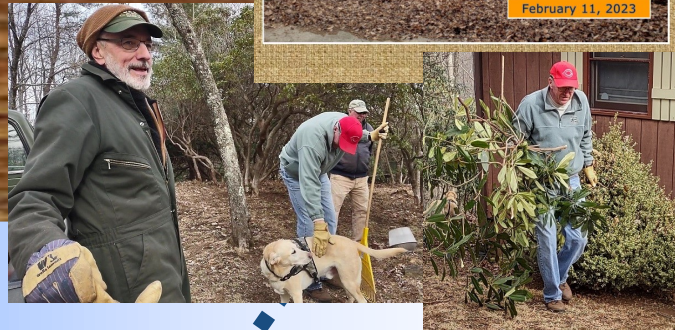


MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

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. Our February project was raking, blowing, and hauling 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!



Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is **March 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

We need quilters, crocheters, and knitters.
Yarn colors needed:
White, red, black, and gray.
Thanks everyone for your support!

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

Food Pantry

Stock the Food Pantry:

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

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.



March - Toothbrushes

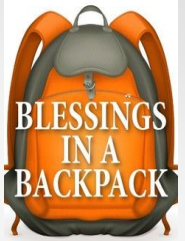


DO NOT INCLUDE items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers, and loving support to the Goad and Pulliam families on the passing of beloved members of their families.

IN HONOR OF

Ed & Susan Naff

GIVEN BY

Phillip & Ann Childress

FUND

Budget

Carolyn's Corner

*A PRAYER
For older people
and many who think
they are not old*

*Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day, be old.
Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject
and on every occasion.
Release me from trying to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Keep my mind from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.
I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.
But seal my lips on my own aches and pains—They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is growing sweeter as
the years go by.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint—some of them are hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of
the crowning works of the devil.
Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—
but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.*

~Anonymous

DEAR ANN: A while back, you printed a poem by Mary Catherine Fisher called, "I'm Obsolete." Well, so am I, but I am not complaining. I'm just glad to be here. I am enclosing my response to the modern world, and I hope you will print it:

In this online, Internet, high-tech, jet-set generation, a low-tech old lady has a tough time coping with its top speed, juiced-up lifestyle. My software consists of thermal undershirts, long johns and bed socks. The hardware includes hearing aids, med-alert tag, bifocals and a wristwatch with huge numbers that glow in the dark. May Web sites are commonly known as cobwebs, appearing through the courtesy of freeload spiders. As for my modem, it's down for the duration.

(these items submitted by Carolyn Grigg)

MINISTRY NEEDS

It's time to renew your background check! If you serve as a teacher or volunteer with our children or youth, you need to renew the criminal background check for your file by coming by to see Norma during the month of March. She will fill out the request form for you, and the church pays for this expense.

Thank you for helping us to remain up-to-date for serving our children and youth safely and responsibly!

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!*

The Deacons are now accepting nominations for the second quarter Lord's Supper Love Fund Offering recipient, which will begin Palm Sunday, April 2. *Please submit your nominee member using the form below by Sunday, March 26.* Forms are available in the foyer and church office. Thank you!

Lord's Supper Love Fund Offering	
Nomination Form	
Do you know someone in our church family who is facing a challenging time and could significantly benefit from a little financial help?	
The Lord's Supper Love Fund is directed by the FBCH Deacons as a ministry to church members in need of financial help. Nominations for a recipient of this one-time, quarterly gift are solicited from the congregation and considered by the Deacons for a final selection. Note: nominees must be members of FBCH to be considered for this gift.	
Nominee's Full Name	
Nominee's phone number	Nominee's email address
Brief description of circumstances / reason for need	
Please submit this completed form to the church office, or place in one of the offering boxes. Thank you for being a prayerful part of this ministry.	

March 2023

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3/2 Fellowship Committee
- 3/7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 3/12 Daylight Savings Time (*Spring forward 1 hour*)
- 3/14 Sew Journers
- 3/13 Missions Committee
- 3/21 Stewardship Committee
- 3/25 God's Handy Helpers
- 3/26 Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting
- 3/27 Deacons

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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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