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First Baptist News & Views

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POINTS TO PONDER

From the Pastor's Pen...

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Dear FBCH family,

Isn't it wonderful to see God work? Over the last few years, and even the last few months, we have had the privilege of seeing God's provision poured out on us in a very real and visible way. We have seen people step up to ensure that the Lord's work at FBCH continues forward. We have seen people pull together to comfort, support, and encourage each other through grief, loss, and struggle. Time and again we have seen God provide people to our church family who have the skills, experiences, or giftings that we specifically need when (or even before!) we need them.

As we continue to keep our view to the horizon ever before us, we also see God going before us, leading the way, laying the path for our feet to tread. He is providing opportunities for us to learn and grow, to engage with our community, and to continue serving the kingdom with worshipful hearts. And yes, I believe He continues to provide us with the very people that we need, as we need them.

May we all continue to rely on God for His provision, and may we praise Him greatly as we see Him continue to work for the good of His people and for the kingdom of heaven!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"In their affliction they will seek me early."
Hosea 5:15

Losses and adversities are frequently the means which the great Shepherd uses to fetch home his wandering sheep; like fierce dogs they worry the wanderers back to the fold. There is no making lions tame if they are too well fed; they must be brought down from their great strength, and their stomachs must be lowered, and then they will submit to the tamer's hand; and often have we seen the Christian rendered obedient to the Lord's will by straitness of bread and hard labour. When rich and increased in goods many professors carry their heads much too loftily, and speak exceeding boastfully. Like David, they flatter themselves, "My mountain standeth fast; I shall never be moved." When the Christian groweth wealthy, is in good repute, hath good health, and a happy family, he too often admits Mr. Carnal Security to feast at his table, and then if he be a true child of God there is a rod preparing for him. Wait awhile, and it may be you will see his substance melt away as a dream. There goes a portion of his estate--how soon the acres change hands. That debt, that dishonoured bill--how fast his losses roll in, where will they end? It is a blessed sign of divine life if when these embarrassments occur one after another he begins to be distressed about his backslidings, and betakes himself to his God. Blessed are the waves that wash the mariner upon the rock of salvation! Losses in business are often sanctified to our soul's enriching. If the chosen soul will not come to the Lord full-handed, it shall come empty. If God, in his grace, findeth no other means of making us honour him among men, he will cast us into the deep; if we fail to honour him on the pinnacle of riches, he will bring us into the valley of poverty. Yet faint not, heir of sorrow, when thou art thus rebuked, rather recognize the loving hand which chastens, and say, "I will arise, and go unto my Father."

~ Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening* devotional, July 25

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: Matthias

(see Acts 1:21-26)

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

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Paula Pulliam & Angela Armstrong	Maria Record & Angela Armstrong	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record
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 office at office@fbchillsville.org or (276) 728-7801.*

Thank you!

Deacon of the Month:
Dennis Felts

CHURCH UPDATES

The FBCH Scholarship Fund, generously created by the Lonnie Hall family, may provide a one-time \$500 scholarship to any student who attends or plans to attend an accredited institution of higher learning no later than the Fall 2023 academic term. Applications are invited from high school seniors and from current college students. **Application forms are available in the church office and completed applications must be returned to the same office no later than Sunday, May 21, 2023.**

An applicant must be a member in good standing of FBC and currently active in missions or ministries such as Sunday School, Youth and committee service. These are examples only; there are several other ways to be active that the committee will consider. An applicant cannot have received an FBC scholarship previously. Academic performance, FBC ministry/mission involvement, and your stated personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be considered by the scholarship committee in determining awards.

Thank You!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It's with deep appreciation, I thank you for the quarterly love offering. It is good to be part of such a loving and giving church family.

This family has been part of my life for over 50 years. I plan to use the money for several home projects.

The gift was such a blessing, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With Love,

Elizabeth E. Von

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are excited to announce that the Personnel Committee and Pastor are recommending a candidate for our FT Worship and Youth Leader position! The info packet was made available to you on April 23 and discussion was included at the April Business meeting. The candidate will be leading worship for us on Sunday, May 7, followed by a congregational vote on his employment and compensation package. Please be in prayerful consideration as we seek to call the person God has prepared to serve at FBCH!

Our **Thursday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ryan is diving into the OT book of Exodus. 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 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 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.

Common Ground, a local gospel singing group, will be joining us to lead music for our May 21 Worship Service. *Make sure you don't miss it!*

Gideons Evangelism Training on May 7 in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. *Sign up sheet on the table beside the Media & Technology booth if you plan to attend.*

It's MAVA DAY on May 6! Join others in the community in honoring the legacy of Mava Vass by helping to clean up the landscaped labyrinth at the Carroll County Wellness Center pavilion. Meet there at 9am; lunch will be provided. Hosted by the Carroll County Ministerial Association.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

May Birthdays!

Betty Jayne Surratt	3
Harold Cox	7
Diane Allen	17
Lawrence Childs	19
Mary Sechrist	19
Mark Stout	21
Don Adams	25
Joyce Bowman	27
Caleb Stout	30
Loretta Stout	31

May Anniversaries!

Dennis & Karon Felts	3
Kevin & Amy Hurt	3
Ken & Cindy Schoonover	7
Howard & Frances Porter	9
Scott & Mindy Anderson	20
Danny & Tammy Webb	20
Tom & Allene Tabor	24



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Leona Layher Ridgecrest Assisted Living 2302 Ridgecrest Lane Mt Airy, NC 27030	Don & Glenda Yonce Commonwealth Assisted Living 100 Kyle Drive, Room A3 Hillsville, VA 24343
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Who is considered the 13th apostle to replace Judas Iscariot?

Answer: Page 15

SHUT-INS

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

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 2. As usual it will be a "dutch treat" meal with friends and visitors welcome. No need to make a reservation or be a member of the church, just come out and enjoy the fellowship!

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

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



We reached our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal of \$1,000 in April. Thank you for your generous donations to this mission work. To God be the Glory!!!

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a success! The children and adults had a good time taking pictures with a real huge bunny rabbit that was at FBCH after the Easter Worship Service.

Special thanks to local gospel bluegrass band **Harmony Ridge** for worshipping with us on April 23. What a blessing!



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 April project was cleaning the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to participate... and everyone has a great time of fellowship in service!



Sew Journers
Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is **May 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

We need quilters, crocheters, and knitters.
Yarn colors needed:
Pinks, blues, yellows, light greens
Thanks everyone for your support!



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

Food Pantry

Stock the Food Pantry:

- May 7 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- May 14 - Soups & Crackers
- May 21 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- May 28 - 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.



May - Clothing (Boys and Girls)
Socks, T-shirts, Knit Hats,
Mittens, Scarves, Flip-flops

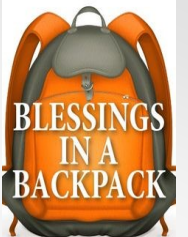
Need more ivory soap and toothbrushes.

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 Stout and Lewis families.

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

FUND

Dane Lewis

Diane Allen

Gideons

Doris Childs

Kimberly Rosander

Budget

Doris Childs

Marshall & Linda King

Budget

Doris Childs

Marshall & Catherine Anderson

World Hunger

Mother's Day!

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
— Psalm 78:4

MINISTRY NEEDS

The Lord's Supper Love Fund recipients for this quarter are **Greg & Tonyia Gibson**. Began on Palm Sunday, April 2, if you would like to contribute financially towards helping these wonderful members, please clearly mark your check or donation envelope with "Lord's Supper Love Fund." *Thank you for your generosity!*

Volunteers are needed to clean the sanctuary. The notebook to sign up is in the back corner of the sanctuary on the table. *Thank you for being a part of keeping God's House clean!*

We will be holding a Church Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 6. Led by Building & Grounds along with God's Handy Helpers, everyone is invited to come help spruce up the church grounds with a little "spring cleaning." Your help is appreciated...and you'll have fun doing it!

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First Baptist Church **Bazaar** Saturday, June 3rd 8am-4pm



Bake Sale
Craft Show
Yardsale Items
Direct Sales Vendors
Youth Vendors Accepted!

Vendors please call or text Angela at (276)229-5309 for more information and to secure your \$10 market space. (Additional \$5 required for use of church table) Money for spaces will go towards Vacation Bible School

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May 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 6pm Deacons	2 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast	3	4 Nat'l Day of Prayer 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Comm	5	6 9am Church Cleanup Day! 9am Mava Day!
7 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service w/ Candidate leading Worship 11:30am Gideons Evangelism Training	8 6:30pm Missions Committee	9 1pm Sew Journers	10 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	11 10am Bible Study	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day!</i> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	15	16 3pm Stewardship Committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	17 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	18 10am Bible Study	19	20
21 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Guest Singers <i>Common Ground</i>	22 6pm Deacons	23	24 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	25 10am Bible Study	26	27 9am God's Handy Helpers
28 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting	29 Memorial Day! <i>Church office closed</i>	30	31 6pm FAMILY NIGHT!	1	2	3

HIGHLIGHTS	
5/1	Deacons
5/2	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
5/4	Fellowship Committee
5/6	Church Workday
5/6	Mava Day
5/7	FT Youth & Worship Candidate Leads Worship, vote to follow
5/7	Evangelism Training
5/8	Missions Committee
5/9	Sew Journers
5/11	Fellowship Committee
5/14	Mother's Day
5/16	Stewardship Committee, Buildings & Grounds
5/21	<i>Common Ground</i>
5/22	Deacons
5/27	God's Handy Helpers
5/28	Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting
5/29	Memorial Day