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First Baptist **News & Views**

June 2023



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POINTS TO PONDER

From the ~~Pastor's~~ New Guy's Pen...

Taking Refuge

"Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge." (Psalm 16:1)

In Psalm 16, David begins to pour out his soul by pleading for preservation while he takes refuge in the secure fortress of his God. What is fascinating is that the focus of the psalmist is not to avoid any storm or attack that will come, but instead to have a preserving fortress to withstand what comes. There is wisdom in David's plea as he both shelters himself in God and acknowledges that the attacks will come.

We as followers of Jesus know it to be true that He is our strength and hope in this world. However, we often let the threat of danger chase us into a fog so dense we cannot see which way to go. We cry out for help and complain because the confidence we had has somehow disappeared. Like David in Psalm 42, we ask God "why have you forgotten me". But He hasn't moved. Nor has He forgotten us. He is faithful and never leaves us to fight on our own. He is right there fellow Christian. The fortress is still beckoning the redeemed of God to rest in the finished work of Jesus.

Yes, there are many things that come to darken the skies above us. It's not wrong to see the storm, feel the rain, hear the thunder, and run for shelter. What matters is the shelter you seek. Through prayer, God's Word, and regular fellowship with other believers we tether ourselves to the cross. We stand on the promises of our King "when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail. By the living word of God, we shall prevail." So let us resolve to make our home in our Savior as He, though dwelling in glory, made a home with us. Safe, secure, forevermore.

If you have been graciously made alive in Christ, you are now taking refuge in Him. Even the moments of doubt and weakness we have are covered by the blood of Jesus. Because of Calvary's cross, you are now a co-heir with Christ, and you are hidden in Him.

*"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fulness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
(Psalm 16:11)*

~Zeb Hicks



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"He is my refuge and my strength, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:2)

Therefore I live for today—
Certain of finding at sunrise
Guidance and strength for the
way.

Power for each moment of
weakness,

Hope for each moment of pain,

Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain!

-Anonymous

~ special thanks to Carolyn Grigg
for providing this devotional

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: "Jesus wept."

(see John 11:35)

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

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Angela Armstrong & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Angela Armstrong & Keelee Morris	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	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening
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:
Danny Webb

CHURCH UPDATES

We're pleased to announce that **Mr. Zeb Hicks**, recommended by our Personnel Committee, has been confirmed by our congregation as our **NEW WORSHIP & YOUTH LEADER!** Congratulations to Zeb...and to FBCH! Mr. Hicks began his full-time ministry here on Monday, May 22—to God be the glory!



L to R: Amber Hicks, Zeb Hicks, Pastor Ryan
(not pictured: daughter Mae)

We would like to welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** who were received into our FBCH church family in April of this year:

Jeremy & Keelee Morris
Kevin & Amy Hurt

Thanks for joining us in this crazy joyful Jesus journey!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Constitution & Bylaws Team Leader** will present a proposed change to the C&B at the June Business Meeting such that Deacon and Committee replacement members who serve a replacement term of less than one year are immediately eligible for election to a new three-year term at the end of the replacement term. Contact Bill Smyer if you have any questions or comments.

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. Thank you for helping us to make this a meaningful time of celebration, remembrance, and healing for our church family.

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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KEEPING IN TOUCH

June Birthdays!

Cindy Casciolla Schoonover	2
Bob Wright	3
Bill Smyer	10
Susan Naff	10
Bill Sturgill	15
Sue Edwards	16
Fred Surratt	18
Angela Armstrong	20
Lynn Ogle	29

June Anniversaries!

Wade & Mary Sechrist	11
Marc & Elizabeth Motley	24
James & Jeanette Armentrout	30
Zeb & Amber Hicks	30



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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Name the shortest verse in the Bible?

Answer: Page 15

SHUT-INS

Laura Melton	Glenna Blevins	Dorothy Semones
Nina Goad	Kyle Nester	Joyce Bowman
Wanda Montgomery	Gracie Edmonds	James & Jeanette Armentrout

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 6. 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 and Scripture with your peers, and share your discoveries with your church family. *No matter what age you are, you'll be glad you came!*



FBCH hosted an Evangelism training led by Wendell Terry of the Gideon's organization. The training, which lasted roughly 2 hours, helped 17 participants to become



better prepared and more intentional when it comes to engaging others with the gospel message. *Onward with the gospel, Christian soldiers!*

In May, **FBCH welcomed Mr. Zebulon Hicks as our new Worship & Youth Leader**, along with his wife Amber and daughter Mae. We continue to praise God for the way He is providing for our church family, and we look forward to supporting Zeb in his ministry here at First Baptist!

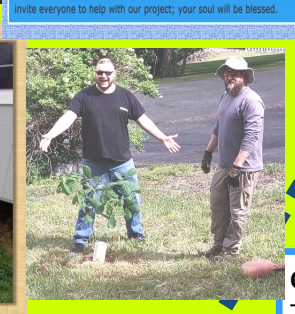
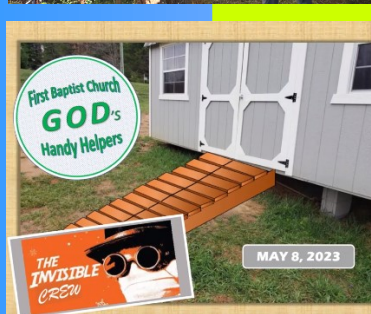
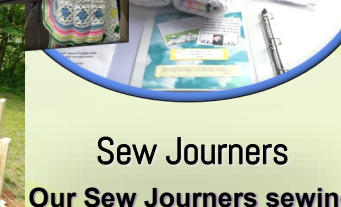


FBCH had the privilege of worshipping with the guest gospel singing group **Common Ground** on May 21. What a blessing to all who took part!

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 May project was joining Bldg. & Grounds, and others for the Churchwide Clean Up, building a ramp, and pet fence. 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:



Church Family,
Thank you for your generous donation of yarn, cash, and prayers. It is our prayer the recipients of these items will be blessed, as we are blessed as we make these items.

~Sew Journalers



Sew Journalers
Our Sew Journalers sewing ministry's next meeting is **July 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

We need quilters, crocheters, and knitters. Thanks everyone for your support!

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

Food Pantry

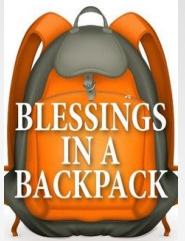
Stock the Food Pantry:

- June 4 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- June 11 - Soups & Crackers
- June 18 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- June 25 - 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.

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.



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

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.

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 family of Marvin Arnold, Debbie Davis's father.

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

FUND

Doris Childs

Tupper & Virginia Garden

World Hunger

Doris Childs

Dennis & Karon Felts

Budget

Scripture of the Month

1 PETER 1:8

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,"

MINISTRY NEEDS

The Lord's Supper Love Fund recipients for this quarter are **Greg & Tonyia Gibson**. There is still time to help if you would like to contribute financially towards these wonderful members; we will continue collecting for them through the end of June. 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 third quarter Lord's Supper Love Fund Offering recipient**, which will begin July 2. Please submit your nominee member using the form below by Sunday, June 25. 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.

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!*

The Tri-Area Crisis Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign started on Mother's Day. Baby bottles to collect loose change (and bills!) is available for you to pick up today; please return them on Father's Day, June 18. Donations are also accepted—checks can be made out to FBCH, and make sure to notate "Baby Bottle donation" on your check or donation envelope.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

June 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Comm	2	3 8am-4pm FBCH Bazaar 9am God's Handy Helpers
4 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service w/ Memorial Service	5	6 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast	7 6pm <i>FAMILY NIGHT!</i>	8 10am Bible Study	9	10
11 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am FBCH Cookout!	12 6:30pm Missions Comm	13	14 6pm <i>FAMILY NIGHT!</i>	15 10am Bible Study	16	17
18 Father's Day! 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	19	20 3pm Stewardship Committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	21 6pm <i>FAMILY NIGHT!</i>	22 10am Bible Study	23	24 9am God's Handy Helpers
25 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting	26 6pm Deacons	27	28 6pm <i>FAMILY NIGHT!</i>	29 10am Bible Study	30	1

HIGHLIGHTS

- 6/1 Fellowship Committee
- 6/3 FBCH Bazaar
God's Handy Helpers
- 6/4 Memorial Service
- 6/6 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 6/11 FBCH Cookout!
- 6/12 Missions Committee
- 6/18 Father's Day
- 6/19 Deacons
- 6/20 Stewardship Committee
Building & Grounds
- 6/24 God's Handy Helpers
- 6/25 Fellowship Lunch +
Business Meeting