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First Baptist News & Views

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POINTS TO PONDER

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear FBCH family,

The lazy hazy days of summer are upon us, full of trips to the beach, yard work, and cookouts. It may seem as if we're slowing just a hair this summer, too, but in reality this next little bit is simply an opportunity for us to catch our breaths before church activities really take off to the next level!

In the meantime, our "slow" isn't really all that slow anymore. We have a one day VBS on July 15, and a lot of work is being done behind the scenes to make this a success. Thank you to all of you who are giving your time and energy to planning and putting this on so we can pour the gospel and love of Jesus into children in our community! We'll share the Lord's Supper as well as a potential baptism on July 16, and we'll have a Membership Class that same day. We'll also have a surprise guest preacher on July 9, but you've got to come worship to find out who it is.....

August will see the return of a revamped and re-energized Wednesday Family Night!, and I hope you'll consider joining the rest of your church family for these important times of fellowship and discipleship. September will see the introduction of our new Fortify™ Youth Ministry led by Zeb Hicks, and God is already paving the way forward for more exciting ministry opportunities to come!

I hope you'll be a part of what God is doing at FBCH - we need you! If you haven't reached out to Zeb to see where you can volunteer for VBS or Childrens / Youth programming, please consider it. We need our adults to make these important programs possible, and that may very well mean YOU! Our children's futures depend on us.

May the Holy Spirit continue to be present and working in the lives of our families and the life of our church. May He continue to see fit to grow us as we are faithful to be good stewards of those He entrusts to us. And may we all enjoy a wonderful, warm, and worship-filled summer!

Gripped by grace,
Pastor Ryan



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"The Lord our God hath shewed us his glory."
Deuteronomy 5:24

God's great design in all his works is the manifestation of his own glory. Any aim less than this were unworthy of himself. But how shall the glory of God be manifested to such fallen creatures as we are? Man's eye is not single, he has ever a side glance towards his own honour, has too high an estimate of his own powers, and so is not qualified to behold the glory of the Lord. It is clear, then, that self must stand out of the way, that there may be room for God to be exalted; and this is the reason why he bringeth his people oftentimes into straits and difficulties, that, being made conscious of their own folly and weakness, they may be fitted to behold the majesty of God when he comes forth to work their deliverance. He whose life is one even and smooth path, will see but little of the glory of the Lord, for he has few occasions of self-emptying, and hence, but little fitness for being filled with the revelation of God. They who navigate little streams and shallow creeks, know but little of the God of tempests; but they who "do business in great waters," these see his "wonders in the deep." Among the huge Atlantic-waves of bereavement, poverty, temptation, and reproach, we learn the power of Jehovah, because we feel the littleness of man. Thank God, then, if you have been led by a rough road: it is this which has given you your experience of God's greatness and lovingkindness. Your troubles have enriched you with a wealth of knowledge to be gained by no other means: your trials have been the cleft of the rock in which Jehovah has set you, as he did his servant Moses, that you might behold his glory as it passed by. Praise God that you have not been left to the darkness and ignorance which continued prosperity might have involved, but that in the great fight of affliction, you have been capacitated for the outshinings of his glory in his wonderful dealings with you.

~ borrowed from Spurgeon's
Morning and Evening Devotionals,
July 19 Morning

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: "Maher-shalal-hash-baz"

"Hurry to the spoils!" or "He has made haste to the plunder!") was the second prophetic name.

(see Isaiah chapter 8-9.)

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 refuse, correct, or adjust submissions as needed.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Victoria Sweeney & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Angela Armstrong & Keelee Morris	Victoria Sweeney & Maria Record	Paula Pulliam & Angela Armstrong
Pre-2nd SS	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield	Diane Allen & Merrilynn Butterfield
3rd-6th SS	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening
7th-12th SS	Lynn Ogle & Pat Sharp	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	Pat Sharp
Van 2	Ed Naff	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:
Steve Pulliam

YOUTH EVENTS

Hillsville First Baptist would like to invite all kids ages 5-13 to attend our first ever

VBS Carnival

on Saturday, July 15th from 10am-3pm!

Learn about the wonderful love of Jesus and enjoy the fun-filled day we have planned. We will sing, make a craft, eat, and have an awesome carnival for the whole family with water games, carnival games, prizes, bounce houses, and more!

For more information please contact Zeb Hicks by phone at (276) 233-1187 or email:

youthandsong@fbchillsville.org

See you there!

Have you ever dreamed of dunking the pastor under water? This could finally be your chance...



FORTIFY YOUTH MINISTRY



STARTING - SEPTEMBER 10TH

"To reach the next generation in Carroll County with the hope of the Gospel through outreach, fellowship, and the worship of our God."

We are excited to share with you a new 6th-12th grade ministry called "Fortify Youth"! Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10th at 6pm we will host a weekly gathering for fun, fellowship, and worship. *Share this exciting news with a teen in your life!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

FBCH will launch its **VBS Carnival** July 15, 10am-3pm, for ages 5-13. Registration is online. **Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles** to make this event a success. Please contact Zeb Hicks on his cell (276) 233-1187, or youthandsong@fbchillsville.org for further information.

Our next **Membership Class** will be held July 16 @ 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 (*yet highly educational!*) meeting hosted by Pastor Ryan and deacon Ed Naff.

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!

The **Tehillah Ensemble, an acapella Mennonite singing group**, will be performing at FBCH on Saturday, August 5 @ 7pm. The program will be hosted by Island Creek Mennonite church. More information is available at tehillahensemble.com.

Don't miss a wonderful evening of worship through song here at FBCH!

We will be celebrating the ordinance of baptism on Sunday, July 16! If you are interested in making this important profession of faith and identification with the Lord Jesus and His church, please contact Pastor Ryan or Zeb for further discussion.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

July Birthdays!

Ken Schoonover	4
Allene Tabor	7
Maria Record	8
Don Yonce	15
Ronnie Privett	16
Victoria Sweeney	18
Margaret Alderman	22
Sharon Spriggs	22
Margaret Cox	23
Howard Sturgill	23
Polly Sturgill	24
Ellen White	26

July Anniversaries!

Howard & Polly Sturgill	29
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What is the longest name in the Bible?

Answer: Page 15

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Leona Layher Ridgecrest Assisted Living 2302 Ridgecrest Lane Mt Airy, NC 27030	Don Yonce Commonwealth Assisted Living 100 Kyle Drive, Room A3 Hillsville, VA 24343
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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, July 11. 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!

Our **Wednesday Family Night!** activities are taking a short summer **vacation** during the month of July, but they'll be back better than ever and completely refreshed on August 2! *We hope to see EVERYONE there to welcome its return!*

This important ministry aimed at strengthening our church family by bringing together in fellowship and discipleship all of our church families continues to need your help to be successful.

Please contact Norma in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a Family Night! meal for only \$50.

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

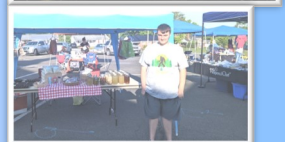
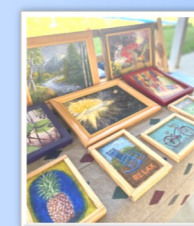
Our Kitchen Team hosted a **Cookout on June 11** following Worship Service to welcome Zeb Hicks and his family to FBCH...and to welcome in the summer! Everyone who came enjoyed a wonderful time of warm summer fellowship!



We conducted a **Remembrance Service** as a part of Worship on Sunday, June 4. Thank you to families for attending the service to remember and honor those brothers and sisters in Christ upon whose spiritual shoulders we stand on to continue FBCH's ministry today.



Our **first (annual?) Bazaar at FBCH on June 3** was an amazing success! Thank you to all the vendors, Angela Armstrong and other church volunteers, and the community that came out to make this happen. This event raised over \$300 for VBS—*great job!*



The **Tri-Area Crisis Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign** started on Mother's Day and ended on Father's Day. FBCH generously gave \$444.60. *Thank you for supporting this important ministry!*

The **proposed Constitution & Bylaws amendment** 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 was approved at the June Business Meeting.

The following nominees were approved by the congregation to fulfill partial terms at our June 25 Business Meeting: *Missions*—Amy Hurt (*Missions*), Diane Allen (*Personnel*), Joann Hancock & Karon Felts (*Scholarship*), Lynn Ogle (*Stewardship*), Bill Smyer (*Adult Ed Team Leader*). *Thank you for serving!*

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 June project was helping a family after a fire at their house, and cleaning a garage and house at another location. 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



Sew Journers
Our Sew Journers 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

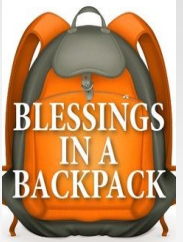
Stock the Food Pantry:

- July 2 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- July 9 - Soups & Crackers
- July 16 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- July 23 - Cereals
- July 30 - Apple sauce, rice

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

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.



July - Coloring Books, Picture Books, Small Pads, One Subject Notebook
August - Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils (any size or brand)

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 Naff and Allen families for the loss of Susan's uncle Rush Allen; the Yonce families for the loss of Greg's mother Glenda Yonce; and the Ogle family for the loss of Marc's brother Matthew.

IN MEMORY OF

Doris Childs

Odett Patterson

GIVEN BY

Judy Thompson

Merle Goad

FUND

Gazebo

Shoebox Ministry

IN HONOR OF

FBCH Music Ministry

GIVEN BY

Dennis and Karon Felts

FUND

Budget



MINISTRY NEEDS

As our church family continues to grow, we also have a **growing need for volunteers** to help watch over and shepherd our children in areas such as Sunday School, nursery, Youth and Children's Church. **If you would like to be a part of pouring into our children at FBCH**, please contact our new Youth and Worship Leader Zeb Hicks at youthandsong@fbchillsville.org. *Thank you!*

The Deacons have chosen JoAnn Hall as The Lord's Supper Love Fund recipient for the third quarter. Beginning July 2, we will collect through the end of September. 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. If you haven't taken a turn yet to help out your church family with this task, 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!*

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July 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	3	4 <i>Happy July 4!!</i> Church office closed	5	6 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Comm	7	8 9am God's Handy Helpers
9 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee	10 6:30pm Missions Comm	11 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast	12	13 10am Bible Study	14	15 10am-3pm VBS
16 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Lord's Supper & Baptism 1pm FBCH Membership Class	17 11am-5pm Red Cross Blood Drive	18 3pm Stewardship Committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	19	20 10am Bible Study	21	22
23 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting	24 6pm Deacons	25	26	27 10am Bible Study	28	29 9am God's Handy Helpers
30 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	31	1	2	3	4	5

HIGHLIGHTS	
7/8	God's Handy Helpers
7/4	July 4th Holiday Church office closed
7/6	Fellowship Committee
7/9	Cemetery Committee
7/10	Missions Committee
7/11	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7/15	VBS
7/16	The Lord's Supper Baptism Sunday FBCH Membership Class
7/18	Stewardship Committee Building & Grounds
7/23	Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting
7/24	Deacons
7/29	God's Handy Helpers