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# *First Baptist News & Views*

August 2023



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# POINTS TO PONDER

*From the Pastor's Pen...*

Dear FBCH Family,

The Holy Spirit is moving at First Baptist! The good Lord has been working to move people and pieces into place here, and now we are ready to see the firstfruits of this move of the Spirit.

Zeb has been hard at work with Sunday School curriculum, building relationships within the Hillsville community, and preparing new programs to reach and teach our children and youth. Our Fortify Youth Group for Jr/Sr High kicks off Sunday September 10. We're discussing some big opportunities with the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in the schools. And we're preparing to roll out a new shared Sunday School curriculum from kids through adults. We're also rolling out a new adult Sunday School class that will be studying the same lessons as our kids and youth (on their own level), plus a Christian Foundations class that will be offered for 4-6 weeks at the start of every quarter. *Whew!*

All of these opportunities are great, and they're why you've made the proactive investments in ministry you have. For the investment to pay off, though, the church needs **YOUR** help to volunteer in various ways, especially for the kids and youth. Please let Zeb or me know that you want to help, and get a background check done through Norma if you haven't already. Now is the time to rise to the occasion for all of us, and be a part of what the Holy Spirit desires to do through us at FBCH.

*To God be the glory, now and forever!*

Gripped by grace,  
Pastor Ryan



## A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"The people that do know their God shall be strong."  
Daniel 11:32

Every believer understands that to know God is the highest and best form of knowledge; and this spiritual knowledge is a source of strength to the Christian. It strengthens his faith. Believers are constantly spoken of in the Scriptures as being persons who are enlightened and taught of the Lord; they are said to "have an unction from the Holy One," and it is the Spirit's peculiar office to lead them into all truth, and all this for the increase and the fostering of their faith. Knowledge strengthens love, as well as faith. Knowledge opens the door, and then through that door we see our Saviour. Or, to use another similitude, knowledge paints the portrait of Jesus, and when we see that portrait then we love him, we cannot love a Christ whom we do not know, at least, in some degree. If we know but little of the excellences of Jesus, what he has done for us, and what he is doing now, we cannot love him much; but the more we know him, the more we shall love him. Knowledge also strengthens hope. How can we hope for a thing if we do not know of its existence? Hope may be the telescope, but till we receive instruction, our ignorance stands in the front of the glass, and we can see nothing whatever; knowledge removes the interposing object, and when we look through the bright optic glass we discern the glory to be revealed, and anticipate it with joyous confidence. Knowledge supplies us reasons for patience. How shall we have patience unless we know something of the sympathy of Christ, and understand the good which is to come out of the correction which our heavenly Father sends us? Nor is there one single grace of the Christian which, under God, will not be fostered and brought to perfection by holy knowledge. How important, then, is it that we should grow not only in grace, but in the "knowledge" of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

~ borrowed from Spurgeon's  
Morning and Evening Devotionals,  
August 4 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](mailto: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: Benjamin**

(see Philippians 3:5)

## If you are interested in providing content for our MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your content to [office@fbchillsville.org](mailto: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

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
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](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) or (276) 728-7801.*

*Thank you!*

**Deacon of the Month:**  
**Pat Sharp**

# FBCH Youth

As we are planning and getting ready to launch our new youth ministry, **Fortify Youth**, we want to share with you what our vision for this ministry is. We seek to reach the next generation in Carroll County with the hope of the Gospel through outreach, fellowship, and the worship of our God. Our goals are to be a safe and fun place to grow, serve, and worship our Savior, Jesus.

- **To Grow** – We grow through the faithful teaching of God's Word. Fortify Youth Ministry esteems the Word of God as the source of all truth. Scripture is inerrant, infallible, and inspired by God. We are committed to teaching the authority and message of hope found in God's Word through weekly lessons and yearly camps. We also grow through intentional discipleship and service together in the community of faith we exist in.
- **To Serve** – We serve our God by loving others in the same way He has loved us. Our ministry is intentional about helping those in the world who are in need. Locally, we will serve in quarterly service projects to help our community. Globally, we will embark on a mission trip biannually (every 2 years) reaching people around the world.
- **To Worship** – We worship our God by pouring our hearts into praising Him through fun, fellowship, and singing. We worship God by having fun as we fellowship together with games, trips, special events, and meals. We worship Him more intentionally when we sing praises about the goodness of our triune God. Whether we play, serve, sing, or learn, everything we do is an act of worship to the God who has so greatly loved us.

Remember to join us in prayer for Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> as we embark on this new journey as a church!



## 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade ministry called "Fortify Youth"!**  
**Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Our **FBCH Homecoming Sunday** will be next month on September 10. We'll have a guest speaker and guest musicians, and a potluck lunch will follow our Worship Service. This is a great opportunity to invite people who have been part of our church family in the past to spend a morning in worship and fellowship with us!

## WE'RE EXPECTING!

In anticipation of the Hicks family's newest addition arriving in mid-August, we're putting together a meal train for them. You can prepare a meal for the family, leave it in the church refrigerator, and Zeb will take it home for them. Please contact Audrey Mills at [vwgirl.audrey@gmail.com](mailto:vwgirl.audrey@gmail.com) or (704) 418-2465 for details and to get on the list!

The **Tehillah Ensemble**, an acapella Mennonite singing group, will be performing at FBCH on Saturday, August 5 @ 7pm. More information is available at [tehillahensemble.com](http://tehillahensemble.com).

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

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## August Birthdays!

Kathy Nester	5
Mebus Musser	11
Monica Thompson	13
Audrey Mills	15
Emma Thompson	15
Gernon White	18
Diann Smith	21
Keelee Morris	23
Dorothy Semones	29
Sam Sweeney	30

## August Anniversaries!

Jeremy & Keelee Morris	3
Jim & Maria Fench	8
Steve & Kathy Williams	17
Garrett & Diann Smith	15
Greg & Vickie Yonce	21



**What tribe is Paul from?**

Answer: Page 15

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Leona Layher Ridgecrest Assisted Living 2302 Ridgecrest Lane Mt Airy, NC 27030	Don Yonce Commonwealth Senior Living 100 Kyle Drive, Room A3 Hillsville, VA 24343
Jeanette Armentrout Commonwealth Senior Living 100 Kyle Drive, Room C6 Hillsville, VA 24343	

## 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, August 1. 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! is now Family F.O.R.G.E.!** When we start back up on August 2, Family F.O.R.G.E. will still have activities for ALL ages—we'll share a meal and some time singing and worshipping all together, followed by a break out study time to dig deeper into God's Word. We hope to see EVERYONE there as the family of God is strengthened in the FORGE!

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.

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

# LAST MONTH @ FBCH

**Owen Morris was baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ Sunday, July 16!** What a proud day for his parents Jeremy and Keelee Morris, as well as the whole FBCH family—way to go, Owen!



At our July Business Meeting, the congregation voted to confirm Jeremy Morris to serve on the Missions, Outreach, & Evangelism Committee; Ann Davis to serve as Historian; and gave our blessing to the Cemetery Committee to begin construction of the Cemetery Gazebo project.

**Our VBS 2023 Carnival was a HUGE SUCCESS**, as we got to share the gospel and the love of Jesus with over 30 children and youth!! Special thanks to Angela Armstrong and Amy Hurt for their planning and tireless efforts to bring it all together, and thank you to all of you who volunteered to make it happen! So much fun learning about Jesus, singing, games, crafts, and good food! *All honor and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!!*



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

**Zeb and Amber Hicks**

*Thanks for joining us in this crazy joyful Jesus journey!*

# 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 July projects included burning brush. 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](mailto:blueridgetandem@gmail.com)!



**Sew Journers**  
Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is **August 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

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



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

## Food Pantry

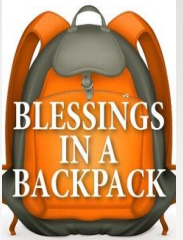
### Stock the Food Pantry:

- August 6 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- August 13 - Soups & Crackers
- August 20 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- August 27 - 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.



**August - Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils (any size or brand)**



**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 Yonce, Ogle, & Naff families.

### IN MEMORY OF

### GIVEN BY

### FUND

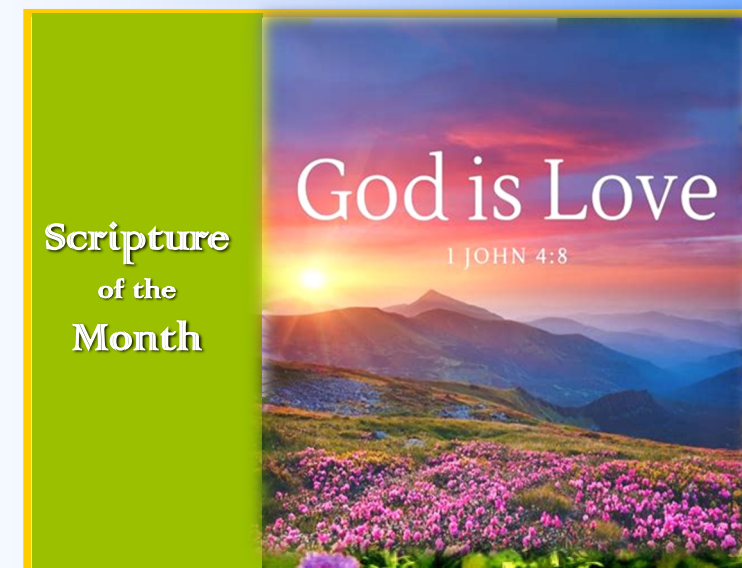
Glenda Yonce	Patrick & Donna Trice	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Judy Thompson	Shoebox
Glenda Yonce	Diane Allen	Shoebox
Glenda Yonce	Jill Worrell	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Margaret Cox	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Ed & Susan Naff	Cemetery Fund
Glenda Yonce	Jo Ann Hall	God's Handy Helpers
Glenda Yonce	Linda Fariss	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Rick & Susan Clark	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Gary Branscome	Missions
Matthew Ogle	Ed & Susan Naff	Cemetery Fund
Rush Allen	Merle Goad	Shoebox
Mathew Ogle	Danny & Tammy Webb	Cemetery Gazebo
Glenda Yonce	Danny & Tammy Webb	Cemetery Gazebo
Doris Childs	Danny & Tammy Webb	Cemetery Gazebo

# 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](mailto:youthandsong@fbchillsville.org). *Thank you!*

**The Deacons have chosen Jo Ann Hall as the *Lord's Supper Love Fund* recipient for the third quarter.** We will continue collecting 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!*



# August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast	2 6pm Family FORGE!	3 10am Bible Study	4	5 9am God's Handy Helpers 7pm Tehillah Ensemble
6 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	7	8	9 6pm Family FORGE!	10 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Comm	11	12
13 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Cemetery Committee	14 6:30pm Missions Comm	15 3pm Stewardship Comm 6:30pm Building & Grounds	16 6pm Family FORGE!	17 10am Bible Study	18	19
20 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	21	22	23 6pm Family FORGE!	24 10am Bible Study	25	26
27 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting	28 6pm Deacons	29	30 6pm Family FORGE!	31 10am Bible Study	1	2

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 8/1Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 8/2Family FORGE returns!  
(previously *Family Night!*)
- 8/5God's Handy Helpers  
Tehillah Ensemble
- 8/10Fellowship Committee
- 8/13Cemetery Committee
- 8/14Missions Committee
- 8/15Stewardship Committee  
Building & Grounds
- 8/27Fellowship Lunch &  
Business Meeting
- 8/28Deacons