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# *First Baptist* **News & Views**

October 2023



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# POINTS TO PONDER

*From the Pastor's Pen...*

Dear FBCH family,

We have covered a lot of ground together in nearly 4½ years! Mixed in with various holiday sermons and topical sermon series that pulled from a wide variety of biblical texts, we've also preached through Habakkuk and the entirety of the Gospel of Matthew. We've also done verse by verse Bible studies through Genesis, Exodus, letters to 7 churches in Revelation, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Peter, James, 123 John, Ecclesiastes, Hebrews, Jude, Titus, and even Philemon for good measure. Through all of that preaching and study, it has been edifying to me as a pastor/teacher to see many of you growing deeper in your Christian walks through a growing hunger for God's Word and diving deeper into it.

I will forever be indebted to this church family at First Baptist in Hillsville for stepping out in faith and calling me to my first formal pastoral position, giving me the opportunity to grow in that calling while extending grace for me to learn from my mistakes. Together, we have come through many challenges and continued to serve the Lord while growing closer to Him, and I believe the church is in a stronger and healthier position now than it was when we began this journey together. In addition to everything else I already listed, we've also made it half-way through the book of Acts, and I would encourage you to finish reading through it on your own time so that you can be reminded of just how much the Holy Spirit can accomplish when the followers of Christ remain united with each other in Him. I firmly believe that this church's best days are still ahead, that strong godly leadership is in place, and that the Lord is already preparing the right pastor to continue leading FBCH forward in the years ahead to even greater heights of kingdom service.

Thank you for all that you have done for me and my family during our time here - for your generosity, patience, encouragement, prayers, and love. May the Lord continue to bless this church richly as you seek to glorify Him. From our family to yours—we love you.

With heartfelt love and gratitude  
(and still gripped by grace),  
Pastor Ryan Mills

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)*



## A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*"Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38)*

"Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest O Israel, my way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?" The Lord cares for all things, and the meanest creatures share in his universal providence, but his particular providence is over his saints. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him." "Precious shall their blood be in his sight." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose." Let the fact that, while he is the Saviour of all men, he is specially the Saviour of them that believe, cheer and comfort you. You are his peculiar care; his regal treasure which he guards as the apple of his eye; his vineyard over which he watches day and night. "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." Let the thought of his special love to you be a spiritual pain-killer, a dear quietus to your woe: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." God says that as much to you as to any saint of old. "Fear not, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." We lose much consolation by the habit of reading his promises for the whole church, instead of taking them directly home to ourselves. Believer, grasp the divine word with a personal, appropriating faith. Think that you hear Jesus say, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Think you see him walking on the waters of thy trouble, for he is there, and he is saying, "Fear not, it is I; be not afraid." Oh, those sweet words of Christ! May the Holy Ghost make you feel them as spoken to you; forget others for awhile--accept the voice of Jesus as addressed to you, and say, "Jesus whispers consolation; I cannot refuse it; I will sit under his shadow with great delight."

~Spurgeon's *Morning & Evening* Devotionals,  
October 21 evening

# ODDS & ENDS

(or...where else do we put this...?)



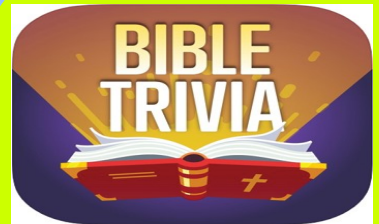
**of your church activities  
and ministries!**

**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: Samaria**

**See: Acts 8:4-14**

## 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.*

**Scripture  
of the  
Month**

*But the fruit of the spirit is... joy*  
Galatians 5:22





# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Maria Record & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Maria Record & Keelee Morris
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](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) or (276) 728-7801.*

*Thank you!*

**Deacon of the Month:**

**Ed Naff**

# FBCH Youth

Our new youth ministry, **Fortify Youth**, is up and running! 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.



## FORTIFY YOUTH MINISTRY



### SUNDAYS AT 6PM

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

**If you are a youth from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, or if you know someone who is, come or invite them to attend this weekly gathering for fun, fellowship, and worship.**

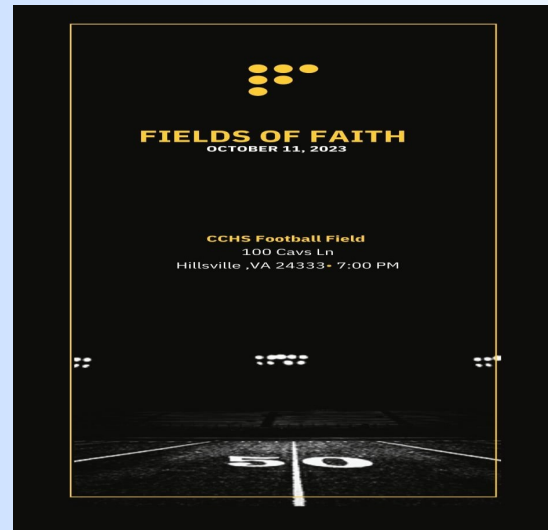
***Share this exciting news with a teen in your life!***

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Our next Membership Class** will be held **October 1 @1pm** in the church **Library**. Whether you're interested in becoming a member or simply want to learn more about what it means to be in the FBCH family, 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 new Christian Foundation Class** will begin early October. This 5-6 week class will explore the biblical foundations of a disciple's walk in Christ, based on the book *What Is a Healthy Church Member?* by Thabiti Anyabwile. *Please see Deacon Ed Naff for more information and to let him know if you're interested in attending.*

The **Carroll County Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Fields of Faith Service**, will be held **October 11 at 6:30pm** at the **Carroll County High School football field**. So that we as a church can go support our ministry partners at The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, there will be no Wednesday Night church activities or Thursday morning Bible Study. The event will feature worship music, a guest speaker, students reading scripture, prayer, and Battleground Ministry serving Jericho coffee and dessert. *Come join us and show your support for FCA!*



**Trunk-or-Treat!** First Baptist Church will have a photo booth set up in the Town of Hillsville on October 31 from 5-8pm for the community Trunk or Treat event. Please drop some candy off to Zeb to hand out to the children, and we'll have a photo booth setup for the children that night as well. Come and join us for this fun time of engaging with our community on Halloween evening!

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## October Birthdays!

Norma Ring	2
Debbie Melton	7
Wanda Montgomery	13
Paula Pulliam	20
Tammy Webb	20
Glenda Gardner	25
Caleb Webb	29

## October Anniversaries!

Sam & Cathy Sweeney	9
Don & Angela Armstrong	15



Where were Peter and John sent after Philip had preached the gospel there?

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

## SHUT-INS

**Laura Melton**  
**Wanda Montgomery**  
**Gracie Edmonds**

**Glenna Blevins**  
**Kyle Nester**  
**James Armentrout**

**Dorothy Semones**  
**Joyce Bowman**





# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 3. 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!

**Come be a part of our Wednesday evening Family F.O.R.G.E.**, where we 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. This is a great place to get to know and build relationships with others within the church. 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 next church **Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting** will be on Sunday, October 22. Make plans to spend some extra time with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ over a wonderful meal, then stay to be an active part of the business and work of the church!

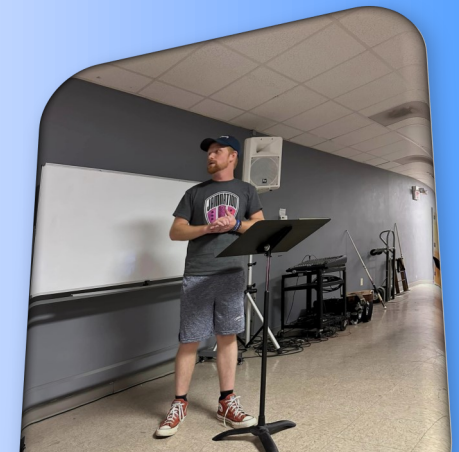
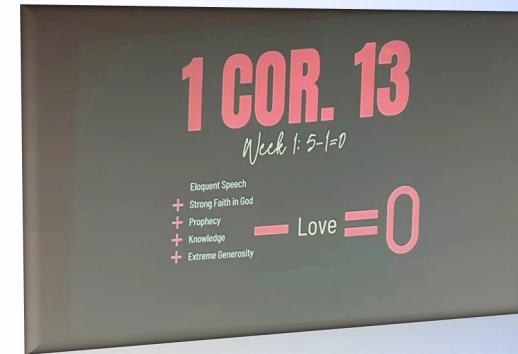
Jimmy French, Stewardship Committee Chair will present the **proposed 2024 budget** on 10/8, take questions on 10/15, and will be voted on during the 10/22 business meeting.

# LAST MONTH @ FBCH

We are overjoyed to partner with the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** in hosting a weekly **FCA Huddle** here at the church! This huddle is open to any student 6th grade and up who might want to attend no matter if you're an athlete or not. The Huddle is on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, and includes food, fun, and worship. Invite the youth in your life to grow with us through our Fortify Youth night and Tuesday FCA Huddles!



*If you would like to help with this ministry, please see Zeb Hicks for more information.*



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



# 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 September projects included cleaning up yard in Patrick County, and tore down an old deck on a mobile home and built a new larger deck in Galax.

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)

## THE GREAT ADVENTURE



To Patrick County

September 16, 2023



### Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is **Oct. 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

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

Items given by Sew Journers from August 1—September

18, 2023:

Shawls—6

Blankets—2

Caps & Mittens—30

Toboggans—149



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

## Food Pantry

### Stock the Food Pantry:

- Oct. 1 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- Oct. 8 - Soups & Crackers
- Oct. 15 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Oct. 22 - Cereals
- Oct. 29 - Rice, Canned Potatoes

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.



### October - Reusable Water Bottles

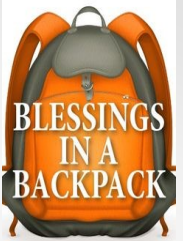


**DO NOT INCLUDE** items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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 Hancock & Hicks (Margaret Collins Hicks—JoAnn Hancock’s sister), and Nina Goad families.

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Tom Tabor	Diane Allen	Budget
Tom Tabor	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Tom Tabor	Dennis & Karon Felts	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Dennis & Karon Felts	Budget
Tom Tabor	Judy Thompson	Budget
Margaret Hicks	Danny & Tammy Webb	Gazebo
Tom Tabor	Marcus & Lynn Ogle	Budget
Tom Tabor	Harold & Margaret Cox	Samaritan's Purse
Tom Tabor	Marie Billips	Budget
Tom Tabor	Robert Spencer	Budget
Tom Tabor	Betty Williams	Gazebo
Jeanette Armentrout	Bonnie Kimble	Budget
Tom Tabor	Bonnie Kimble	Budget
Tom Tabor	Steve & Jill Worrell	Budget
Tom Tabor	Cynthia Bowen	Budget
<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Kitchen Committee	James Armentrout	Kitchen

# 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 Dr. Lawrence Childs as the Lord’s Supper Love Fund recipient for the fourth quarter that starts today.** We will continue collecting through the end of December. 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!*





October 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div>9am Prayer meeting</div> <div>9:30am Sunday School</div> <div>10:30am Worship Service</div> <div>The Lord's Supper</div> <div>1pm Membership Class</div> <div>6pm Fortify Youth</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast</div> <div>6:30pm FCA Huddle</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6pm Family FORGE</div>	<div>5</div> <div>10am Bible Study</div> <div>11:15am Fellowship Committee</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
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HIGHLIGHTS

10/1

The Lord's Supper  
Membership Class

10/3

Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast

10/5

Fellowship Committee

10/8

Cemetery Committee

10/9

Missions Committee

10/10

Sew Journers

10/11

FCA Fields of Faith  
Service

10/17

Stewardship Committee  
Building & Grounds

10/22

Fellowship Lunch &  
Business Meeting

10/23

Deacons

10/31

Trunk-or-Treat