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First Baptist News & Views

September 2023

Coming September 10!



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POINTS TO PONDER

We're celebrating our 2023 HOMECOMING in September! We're hoping that you'll invite all of the past, present, and future(?) church family members you know to come spend a special day worshipping and fellowshiping with us at FBCH. Invite your own family, friends, and neighbors, too, while you're at it!

In recognition of the challenges some people face in regularly attending church, we're reprinting the following excerpt taken (*and only slightly adapted*) from an unknown Parish bulletin...

NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

To make it possible for everyone to attend church on Homecoming Sunday, we are going to make it very special.

A cot will be placed in the sanctuary for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep."

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV too late on Saturday.

We will have hard hats available for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I came to church!"

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who think it is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for those who say the pastor speaks too softly and cotton balls for those who say he speaks too loudly.

Score cards for listening hypocrites will be provided.

One hundred TV dinners for those who can't go to church *and* cook dinner also.

A selection of trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature.

A putting green near the altar for those who say, "Sunday is my day for golf."

Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

All jokes aside, we hope that no excuse keeps you from worshipping with us on Homecoming Sunday...or any Sunday! See you then!



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"Someone Had Prayed"

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Someone had knelt in prayer.
Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He
In infinite compassion, had stooped
Down and taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt, and
distressed,
the answer comes—
But many times those hearts find sudden
peace and rest.
Someone had prayed, and faith, a
reaching hand
Took hold of God, and brought Him
down that day!

So many, many hearts have need of
prayer—
Oh, let us pray...

~Grace Nell Crowell
(provided by Carolyn Grigg)

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 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: Beelzebub

(see: Matthew 12:24)

Scripture
of the
Month



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

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
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:

Dan Huff

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. 10th 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 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

Our **FBCH Homecoming Sunday** will be on September 10. We'll host Pastor Bill Ross as our guest speaker and Kevin Kemp will be our special guest musician. A **potluck lunch** will follow our Worship Service, so please bring your favorite side dish or dessert! 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 will also recognize our **2023 FBCH Scholarship Recipients** and present them with their certificates during the Homecoming service.

We are looking forward to a **new ministry opportunity** here at First Baptist Church in the month of September! 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 will be on Tuesday nights at 6:30 starting September 12, and will include 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 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

September Birthdays!

Joann Hancock	3
Sarah Adams	7
Sabrina Webb	8
Dennis Felts	11
Steve Williams	13
Vickie Yonce	17
Lydia Webb	20
Carsyn Sharpe	22
Colin Sharpe	22

September Anniversaries!

Ed & Susan Naff	11
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Where did the Pharisees claim Jesus got his power 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



SHUT-INS

Laura Melton

Glenna Blevins

Dorothy Semones

Nina Goad

Kyle Nester

Joyce Bowman

Wanda Montgomery

Gracie Edmonds

James Armentrout

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 5. 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.! Come be a part of our 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, September 24. 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!

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.

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



Faithfully Ordering Relationships with God in Everything



In August, our Wednesday Night *Family Night!* activities relaunched as

Family F.O.R.G.E.!

Family F.O.R.G.E. exists to build up ALL ages—we 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 with our piers.

We hope to see EVERYONE there as the family of God is strengthened in the FORGE!

We would like to welcome the following **NEW MEMBER** who was received into our FBCH church family in August of this year:

Diann H. Smith

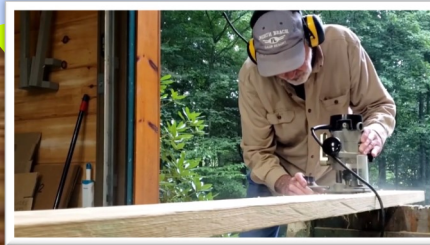
Thanks for joining us in this crazy joyful Jesus journey!

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 August projects included making hand rails, pulling weeds, other yard work. 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



Sadie
Congratulations
Zeb & Amber!



Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is
Sept. 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

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



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

Food Pantry

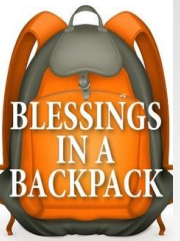
Stock the Food Pantry:

- Sept. 3 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- Sept. 10 - Soups & Crackers
- Sept. 17 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Sept. 24 - Cereals

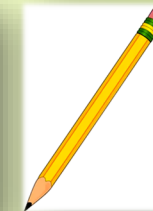
Drop off items at the church in our outside drive-by Food Pantry donation tote. It will be on the porch steps during weekly office hours (9am to 3pm) for your convenience.

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.



September - Pencils, Pencil Trimmers



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 Armentrout, Tabor, Hancock, Beverly Sage, Bobby Reece families.

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

FUND

Glenda Yonce	Betty Williams	Shoebox Ministry
Tom Tabor	Marie Billups	Budget
Tom Tabor	Carolyn Grigg	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Carolyn Grigg	Budget
Tom Tabor	Ed & Susan Naff	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Danny & Tammy Webb	Gazebo
Tom Tabor	Danny & Tammy Webb	FCA
Jeanette Armentrout	Debbie Parnell	Backpacks
Jeanette Armentrout	Judy Thompson	Shoebox Ministry
Jeanette Armentrout	Ed & Susan Naff	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Mark & Lynn Ogle	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Patrick Trice	Music Ministry
Jeanette Armentrout	Roger Armentrout	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Harold & Margaret Cox	Budget
Matthew Ogle	Bob & Lynn Davies	Budget
Glenda Yonce	Bob & Lynn Davies	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Bob & Lynn Davies	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Sue Edwards	Shoebox Ministry
Glenda Yonce	Sue Edwards	Shoebox Ministry
Matthew Ogle	Sue Edwards	Shoebox Ministry
Jeanette Armentrout	Betty Williams	Gazebo
Jeanette Armentrout	Greg & Vickie Yonce	Budget
Jeanette Armentrout	Adult SS Class	Budget
<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Betty Williams	Merle Goad	Shoebox Ministry

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!*

Jo Ann Hall is 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!*

Nominations are now being accepted by the deacons for the 4th quarter Lord's Supper love offering. The deadline for submission of nominations is Sunday, September 24. Nomination forms are available in the sanctuary foyer and completed nominations may be placed in offering plates, offering boxes, or submitted to the church office.

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!*

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.

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	4 Labor Day (church office closed)	5 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast	6 6pm Family FORGE	7 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Comm	8	9 9am God's Handy Helpers
10 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School Homecoming & Potluck 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth Kickoff Cookout	11 6:30pm Missions Comm	12 6:30pm FCA Huddle—Kickoff	13 6pm Family FORGE	14 10am Bible Study	15	16
17 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth	18	19 3pm Stewardship Comm 6:30pm FCA Huddle 6:30pm Building & Grounds	20 6pm Family FORGE	21 10am Bible Study	22	23
24 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Lunch + Business Meeting 6pm Fortify Youth	25 6pm Deacons	26 6:30pm FCA Huddle	27 6pm Family FORGE	28 10am Bible Study	29	30 9am God's Handy Helpers

HIGHLIGHTS

- 9/5Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 9/7Fellowship Committee
- 9/9God's Handy Helpers
- 9/10Fortify Youth Kickoff Cookout
- 9/12FCA Huddle Kickoff
- 9/11Missions Committee
- 9/19Stewardship Committee Building & Grounds
- 9/24Fellowship Lunch & Business Meeting
- Lord's Supper Love Fund—Nominations deadline
- 9/25Deacons
- 9/30God's Handy Helpers