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First Baptist **News & Views**

November 2023

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
OF BOTH
**Thanks
&
Giving**

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POINTS TO PONDER

"Pursuing His Glory"

"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)

Dear FBCH Family,

What a wonderful time of year for us to pause and thank God for all that He has done for us! While things have certainly been busy and we are in a period of change, we rest in the assurance that our God is faithful. I praise God that He has blessed us with a beautiful church, a growing youth ministry, many willing servants, and wonderful men of God who have stepped in to preach His Word to us.

I want to say a special word of thanksgiving for the body of believers God has brought to our church. There are many parts to the body of Christ and none of them are any less significant than the others. He has made you and ordained you to be a part of this ministry for His glory. I thank you for your faithfulness to this church and to God. I also want to challenge you. As we seek God's guidance for what He would have us to do in the coming months and years, what part is He calling you to play in that?

Maybe God has gifted you in ways that can be of service to one of our many important committees that are leading ministries here at the church. Perhaps He has given you an ability to minister to the needs of the growing youth group. Maybe you want to serve behind the scenes and do things to help clean the church. Whether it is helping in the kitchen, greeting in the foyer, or making decisions on our education committee, God has gifted you to help serve here at FBCH. So, I ask again, what part is He calling you to?

I pray that you will think seriously about what God would have you to do. I also pray that you would have a wonderful thanksgiving with the loved ones God has placed around you. Above all, as we reflect on thanksgiving, let us be eternally grateful for the wonderful love displayed in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To God be all the honor and glory forever and ever, amen.

In Christ Alone,

Zeb Hicks



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

The wonder of the life in Jesus is this-and you will find it so, and you have found it so, if you have ever taken your New Testament and tried to make it the rule of your daily life-that there is not a single action that you are called upon to do of which you need be or will be in any serious doubt for ten minutes as to what Jesus Christ, being here, would have you do under those circumstances and with the material upon which you are called to act. The soul that takes in Jesus' word, the soul that through the words of Jesus enters into the very person of Jesus, the soul that knows Him as its daily presence and its daily law never hesitates.

~Phillips Brooks—D. L. Moody Morning 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: James & John

See: Luke 9:52-54

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.

Scripture
of the
Month



In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Nursery SS	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
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:
Bill Smyer**


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 6th-12th 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 church Business Meeting will be on Sunday, November 26 immediately after worship service; no fellowship meal. Make plans to spend some extra time with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to be an active part of the business and work of the church!

In the absence of a lead pastor, the deacons and the Worship & Youth Leader have decided to continue our annual practice of rewarding our hard-working, volunteer Kitchen Team by giving them significant breaks (days off) during the holidays. Following is the Kitchen Team-prepared meals schedule for November and December.

Nov. 1, 8, and 15: Wed. night suppers as usual
 Nov. 22: no Wed. night supper and no other church activities
 Nov. 26: business meeting immediately after worship service; no fellowship lunch
 Nov. 29: Wed. night supper on this date will be the last Kitchen Team-prepared meal in 2023
 Dec. 6 and 13: Wed. night plans will be announced by Youth Leader
 Dec. 20 and 27: Wed. nights no meals and no other church activities
 Jan. 3: Wed. night suppers resume

Youth Ministry Meeting – November 5th at 11:30am

On Sunday, November 5th we will be having a youth ministry volunteer meeting. We encourage anyone who is already or may be volunteering in the children and youth ministry to stay and join us as we highlight the youth ministry needs, schedule, and overview. Attendance is not mandatory; however, it is greatly encouraged and important for the success of this ministry.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

November Birthdays!

Kathy Williams	6
Karon Felts	25
James Armentrout	26
Laura Melton	26
Jayne Shorter	27
Amber Hicks	27
Kyle Nester	28

November Anniversaries!

Randy and Jaclyn Ward	6
Joe and Connie Mina	4
Sonny and Donna McIver	24



Who asked Jesus if they could be permitted to call down fire from heaven upon the Samaritans?

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
Wanda Montgomery	Kyle Nester	Joyce Bowman
Gracie Edmonds	James Armentrout	

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 7. 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.



FCA ACTIVITIES

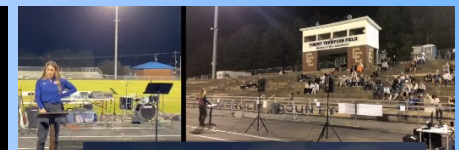
We are overjoyed to partner with the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** in hosting a weekly **FCA Huddle** here at the church! This huddle is open to any student 6th grade and up who might want to attend no matter if you're an athlete or not. The Huddle is on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, and includes 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.



The Carroll County Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) **Fields of Faith Service** was held October 11 at 6:30pm at the Carroll County High School football field. We as a church **support our ministry partners** at *The Fellowship of Christian Athletes*. The event featured worship music, a guest speaker, students reading scripture, prayer, and Battleground Ministry serving Jericho coffee and dessert.



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 October project included building and installing a porch.

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:

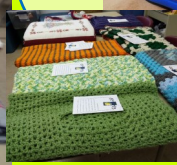
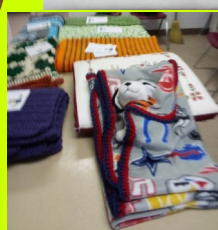
Team Leader Dan Huff at
blueridgetandem@gmail.com!



Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is
Nov. 14, 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:

- Nov. 5 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- Nov. 12 - Soups & Crackers
- Nov. 19 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- Nov. 26 - 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.



Thank you to everyone that donated items and time to the success of Operation Shoebox. We put together a total of 281 shoeboxes ready for distribution!

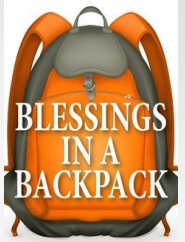
Judy Thompson

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...

Jo Anne 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

FIREWOOD DAY
GOD'S HANDY HELPERS MEETING
Saturday, November 4th, at
the Huff's Dugspur Farm
at 9:00 am



On Saturday, November 4th, God's Handy Helpers are planning to cut, split, and transport firewood to needy neighbors. We'll need chainsaws, wood splitters, trucks and trailers. And more than anything, we'll need your help to carry, load, and stack firewood, and to show kindness to others. Contact the church who will put you in touch with the coordinator if you desire more information on the location or the work. We would love any and all help!

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ for good works, for which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
EPHESIANS 2:10

REMEMBERING

In Remembrance

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers, and loving support to Sue Cox, and Greg Gibson families.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!!



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 Dr. Lawrence Childs as the Lord's Supper Love Fund recipient for the fourth quarter. 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!

Nominations for the first quarter 2024 love offering are now being accepted by the deacons. Nomination forms are available in the foyer.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday, Nov. 26. The recipient will be selected on Nov. 27. Thank you.

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!





November 2023



HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 6pm Family FORGE	2 11:15am Fellowship Committee	3	4 9amGod's Handy Helpers
5 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am New Christian Foundation Class 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am All Children, Youth Volunteers meeting 6pm Fortify Youth	6 6:30pm Missions Comm	7 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm FCA Huddle	8 6:00pm Family FORGE	9	10	11
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11/4	God's Handy Helpers
11/5	Daylight Savings Time Begins—Clocks back 1 hour All Children & Youth Volunteers meeting
11/7	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11/2	Fellowship Committee
11/6	Missions Committee
11/14	Sew Journers
11/21	Building & Grounds
11/23	Thanksgiving Day Church office closed
11/24	Church office closed
11/26	Business Meeting
11/27	Deacons