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

March 2024



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## "Pursuing His Glory"

FBCH Family,

Easter is approaching quickly, and we are ready to celebrate the resurrection of Christ this month! With this new month comes a new sermon series entitled: Scenes of Easter. We will be looking at 5 different scenes of the easter story this month as we reflect on the message of the Gospel and it's transforming work in the lives of those who believe in it. Please, invite your friends and family to come listen to this series about our Lord and Savior.

Also, invite your friends and family to the Easter Egg Hunt we are having at 1pm on March 30th! We will have an egg hunt, story time, games, and snacks as we celebrate easter with our friends ages 13 and under.

As we prepare for Easter, think about the sacrifice Christ made for you. What an incredible act of love that has completely changed us forever! In Christ's death, burial, and resurrection we a hope that conquers all. I encourage you to read through 1 Corinthians 15 and study everything Paul writes in this chapter about the resurrection of Christ. Its power is greater than we can comprehend, and its importance is of the highest degree.

I want to conclude by asking you for prayer. Our church is being blessed in so many ways and we have a tremendous opportunity to reach out and minister to the needs in our community. Pray that we will follow the Lord's guidance in every decision we make, every ministry we serve in, and every relationship we form. Pray for each ministry in the church by name. Pray for people by name. Pray that God will send the right pastor for our congregation. And pray above all else, that God would be glorified in all that is done.

In Christ Alone,

Zeb Hicks

## POINTS TO PONDER



### A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*He that abideth in me, and I in him,  
the same bringeth forth much fruit:  
for without me ye can do nothing.*

- John 15:5

*Too much taken up with our work, we  
may forget our Master. It is possible  
to have the hand full, and the heart  
empty. Taken up with our Master, we  
cannot forget our work. If the heart  
is filled with His love, how can the  
hand not be active in His service?*

-Adolphe Monod

## 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: Mary Magdelane**

**See: John 20:11**

### 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

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Paula Pulliam & Keelee Morris	Maria Record & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & 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	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:**  
***Jim French***


# FBCH Youth

FBCH has a wonderful ministry dedicated to High School students called 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.



## 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

3/24 Palm Sunday; 3/24 Business Meeting; 3/29 Good Friday  
Church office closed; 3/31 Easter Sunday

**Daylight Savings Time** starts March 10, 2024. Turn your clocks up 1 hour Saturday night before bedtime.

During the month of March, we will be accepting donations of candy and plastic eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a basket in the foyer to place your donations in.

Join us on Saturday, March 30 at 1pm as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection by having an Easter egg hunt here at the church! This event will be for all children ages 13 and under. We will have snacks, games, an Easter lesson and of course an egg hunt. Invite your family and friends!

## Prior Month's Events

February 18th Pastor Ordination service for Zeb Hicks.

February 25th Deacon ordination service for Jim French.

Our **2024 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—F</b>	Danny Webb
<b>G—M</b>	Pat Sharp ( <i>Treasurer</i> )
<b>N—SO</b>	Jim French
<b>SP—Z</b>	Dennis Felts

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## March Birthdays!

Becky Adams	1
Merle Goad	4
Jaclyn Ward	7
Marc Ogle	8
Shernell McGrady	12
Chuck Thompson	14
Judy Thompson	15
Rick Record	15
Judy Huff	16
Bobby Adams	19
Wade Sechrist	19
Ed Naff	20
Leona Layher	21
Steve Pulliam	22
Kevin Hurt	26
Jackson Thompson	26
Cathy Sweeney	31

## March Anniversaries!

Randy & Sabrina Webb	12
Rick & Maria Record	16
Bob & Evelyn Wright	24
Mark & Lynn Ogle	26



**Q:** Who thought Jesus was a gardener when she saw Him after He had risen?

Answer: Page 15

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

**Leona Layher**  
Ridgecrest Assisted Living  
2302 Ridgecrest Lane  
Mt Airy, NC 27030

## SHUT-INS

Laura Melton	Kyle Nester	Joyce Bowman
Wanda Montgomery	James Armentrout	
Gracie Edmonds	Dorothy Semones	





# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

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

**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.***



# CHILDREN/YOUTH/FCA ACTIVITIES



Youth and Adults had a fun time at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes.

Twenty altogether showed up to bowl.



At the **March Business Meeting** the Deacons will be proposing some revisions to the Church's Constitution & Bylaws regarding the Deacon Selection Process. Following discussion and questions, we hope to bring this proposal to a vote. Please see the church office for a copy of this proposal.

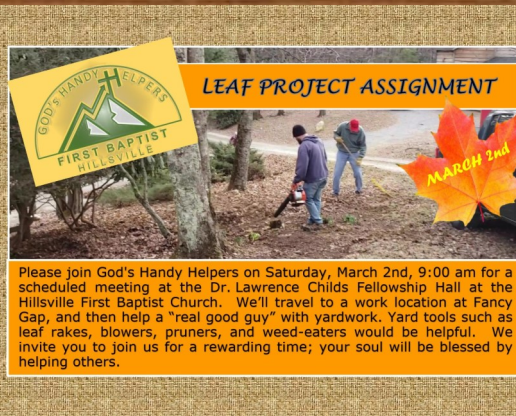


# MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

**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 March project helping to rake leaves. 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)!



21 prayer shawls  
16 blankets to toddlers  
86 caps & booties  
151 toboggans with Samaritan's purse

Thank you to our Sew Journers for all the work and hours they put in to putting smiles on faces of those of all ages who need comfort.



**Sew Journers**  
Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is  
**March 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**

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



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

## Food Pantry

### Stock the Food Pantry:

Mar. 3 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes  
Mar. 10 - Soups & Crackers  
Mar. 17 - Canned meats & Canned fruits  
Mar. 24 - Cereals  
Mar. 31 - 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



March - Ivory soap

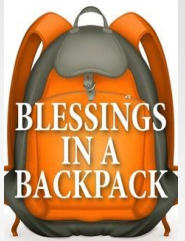


**DO NOT INCLUDE** items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

Contact Paula Pulliam or Tammy Webb 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



# REMEMBERING

*In Remembrance*  
 First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers,  
 and loving support to the Black Family.

<u>IN Memory OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Otis Felts	Lynn Davies	Budget
Don Yonce	Lynn Davies	Budget
Wayne Gullion	Dennis & Karon Felts	Budget
Wayne Gullion	Carolyn Grigg	Budget
Wayne Gullion	Ed & Susan Naff	Budget
Wayne Gullion	Betty Williams	Budget
<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Carolyn Grigg	Lynn Davies	Budget

FBC Family,



Thank you all so much for the prayers and cards for our loss of Otis. Special thanks for Zeb praying with us by phone when the family gathered together at the service. Each family member felt the love of our church family.

God is Good!

Much love, Dennis & Karon



First Baptist Church—Hillsville—Easter Service @ 10:30am. Come and join us!!  
 Palm Sunday—March 24th; Good Friday—March 29th—Church office closed.

# 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 selected Mrs. Amber Hicks as the recipient of the first quarter 2024 Love Offering.** Donations may be made through the end of March. Please label your check or cash envelope "Love Offering" and place in the weekly offering, in a sanctuary exit collection box, or mail or submit to the church office. Thank you!

**Nominations are now being accepted by the Deacons for the 2nd quarter 2024 Lord's Supper Love Offering.** The deadline for submission of nominations is Sunday, March 31st. 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.

## 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.

# March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9aam God's Handy Helpers
3  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship Service  11:30am Deacons meeting	4	5  8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant	6  6:00pm Family FORGE	7  11:15am Fellowship Committee	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship Service  6pm Fortify Youth	11	12  1pm Sew Journers meet	13  1-3pm Family Game Day!!  6:00pm Family FORGE	14	15	16
17  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship Service  6pm Fortify Youth	18	19  3pm Stewardship meeting  6:30pm Building & Grounds	20  1-3pm Snow date for Family Game Day!  6pm Family FORGE	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship Service  11:30am Business Meeting  6pm Fortify Youth	25  6:30pm Missions Comm	26	27  6pm Family FORGE Egg coloring & candy stuffing party	28	29 Good Friday  Church office closed	30  1pm Easter Egg Hunt
31 Easter Sunday  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship Service						

## HIGHLIGHTS

3/2 God's Handy Helpers

3/3 Deacons' meet

3/5 Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast

3/7 Fellowship Committee

3/12 Building & Grounds

3/12 Sew Journers meet

3/13 Family Game Day

3/19 Stewardship Meeting

3/24 Palm Sunday

3/24 Business Meeting

3/25 Mission Committee

3/27 Egg Coloring & Candy  
Stuffing Party

3/29 Good Friday  
Church office closed

3/30 Easter Egg Hunt

3/31 Easter Sunday