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First Baptist **News & Views**

April 2024

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

-Titus 3:4-7

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"Pursuing His Glory"

Dear FBCH Family,

What a busy and wonderful month we had in March. We were able to look at 5 scenes from Easter and see the path to Christ's resurrection together. We are forever grateful for all that Easter represents and the salvation offered to us in Christ!

As we now look forward to April, let us shift our attention to what the response to Easter should be. Because of Christ's resurrection and the hope, we have we can now share with others the blessed good news that we have received. How?

First, be always ready to share with others the message of the gospel. As Romans 10:14 says, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" Preaching may be something a pastor does in a pulpit, but when it comes to the message of the gospel, we are all preachers to someone. By that, I mean we all have a responsibility to tell others of the hope that lives inside of us. Be ready to share of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus with those around you.

Second, invite others into your life and our church. This is a high calling that can be both joyous and difficult. Inviting someone into your life means that you share more than just the minimum with them. You share burdens and concerns, ups and downs, and good and bad times with them. Walk with people in life and love them like Jesus. And when you do this, you have an opportunity to invite these people to join in worship with you. Let them know about the service times and ministries here at FBCH. If they have a home church, invite them to special events for fellowship. If they don't have a home church, let them know that this church wants to share life with them and pour into their spiritual life as they grew in the knowledge of our Lord.

Lastly, prepare for those who have yet to come to church. There is work to be done now to prepare for the people God will send to our church for His glory. Practice regularly welcoming the visitors who come to share with us. Follow up with them and let them see your hospitality as you want them to feel loved by the presence of God's people. Remember, when we gather each week, we are partaking in a gathering that is a taste of what is to come in glory. We gather to worship our God weekly and one day we will gather forever to worship Christ with all the saints, past, present, and future. While we mention that, I encourage you not to forsake the assembly here at church. We understand life happens and sickness is common. But we need to gather as often as we can to give worship to our Lord. You need it, your church needs it, and your God is worthy of it. Be here and worship together!

We praise God for all this, and we are prayerfully anticipating many blessings from the Lord!

In Christ Alone,

Zeb Hicks

POINTS TO PON-



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

To him be glory both now and forever.

— 2 Peter 3:18

Believer, you are anticipating the time when you will join the saints above in ascribing all glory to Jesus, but are you glorifying Him now? The apostle's words are, "*To Him be glory both now and forever.*"

—Spurgeon

ODDS & ENDS (or...where else do we put this...?)



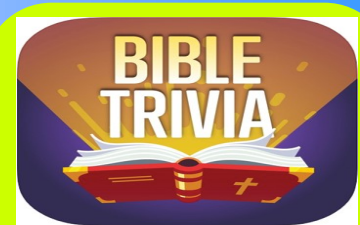
**WE NEED PICTURES
of your church activities
and ministries!**

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: The heart

See: 1 Samuel 16:7

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

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Nursery SS	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
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:
Danny Webb**


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 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

A Widows and Widowers Luncheon will be held April 13, 2024 starting at 12pm. Menu will be soup and sandwiches. Please RSVP by April 7, 2024 on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.



Prior Month's Events

Fellowship & Connection had a Family Game Day in the Fellowship Hall on March 16.

On Saturday, March 30 at 1pm we celebrated our Lord's resurrection by having an Easter egg hunt here at the church!

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.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

April Birthdays!

Maria French	7
Sonny McIver	8
Elizabeth Sweeney Delp	11
Mike Fariss	13
Dan Huff	18
Dianne Shockley	21
Zeb Hicks	30

April Anniversaries!

Gene & Mebus Musser	7
Steve & Sharon Spriggs	27
Mark & Loretta Stout	29

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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



Q: When Samuel picked David as king, God reminded us that while people look at the outward appearance, what does God look at?

Is it our motives, our attitude, our work done on earth or our heart?

Answer: Page 15



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, April 2. 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

Fortify Youth and FCA Huddle

THE THREAD
DISCOVERING THE THREAD OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE BIG-PICTURE STORY OF THE BIBLE

Introducing our 2024 Youth Ministry Journey

The Thread: Discovering the thread of the Gospel through the big-picture story of the Bible.

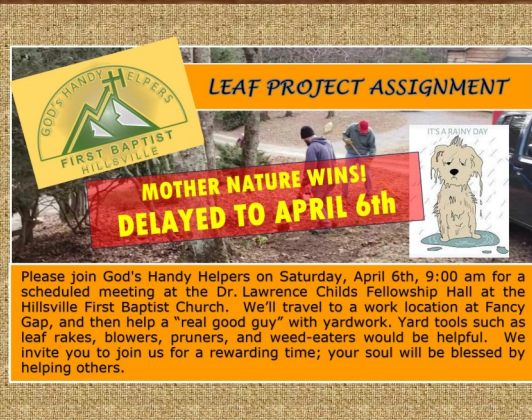
Sunday @ 6pm

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 April 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



LEAF PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

MOTHER NATURE WINS! DELAYED TO APRIL 6th

Please join God's Handy Helpers on Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 am for a scheduled meeting at the Dr. Lawrence Childs Fellowship Hall at the Hillsville First Baptist Church. We'll travel to a work location at Fancy Gap, and then help a "real good guy" with yardwork. Yard tools such as leaf rakes, blowers, pruners, and weed-eaters would be helpful. We invite you to join us for a rewarding time; your soul will be blessed by helping others.



God's Handy Helpers 2024 Work Calendar

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND MINISTER TO SPIRITUAL NEEDS THROUGH THE USE OF GIFTS, TALENTS, AND SKILLS WHILE PERFORMING TASKS FOR NON-MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE AND/OR LACK SUFFICIENT FUNDS



Sew Journalers
Our Sew Journalers sewing ministry's next meeting is **April 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**

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



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM



Stock the Food Pantry:

Apr. 7 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
Apr. 14 - Soups & Crackers
Apr. 21 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
Apr. 28 - 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.



April - Combs, Brushes, Hair Bows

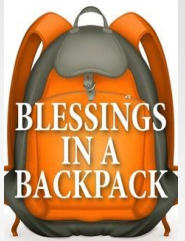


DO NOT INCLUDE items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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 Eli Bowman Family.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for prayers, phone calls, beautiful
cards, and love shared by all. Greatly appreciated!

Rare disease has been given for digestive disorder.
Medication is beginning to take effect. Very long
recovery healing process.

Blessings to each one,

Margaret and Harold Cox



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!



<div> <div>April 2024</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <div> 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant 10am Women's Bible Study </div>	3 <div> 6:00pm Family FORGE </div>	4 <div> 11:15am Fellowship Committee 2pm Cemetery meet </div>	5	6 <div> 9aam God's Handy Helpers </div>
7 <div> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Deacons meet 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle </div>	8	9 <div> 10am Women's Bible Study 1pm Sew Journers meet </div>	10 <div> 6:00pm Family FORGE </div>	11	12	13 <div> 12pm Widows & Widowers Luncheon </div>
14 <div> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle </div>	15	16 <div> 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Building & Grounds </div>	17 <div> 6:00pm Family FORGE </div>	18	19	20
21 <div> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle </div>	22	23 <div> 10am Women's Bible Study 3pm Stewardship meeting </div>	24 <div> 6pm Family FORGE </div>	25	26 <div> 6pm Missions—Paint teaching class, snacks, cost \$35 per person. </div>	27
28 <div> 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Business Meeting 6pm Fortify Youth/FCA Huddle </div>	29 <div> 6:30pm Missions Comm </div>	30 <div> 10am Women's Bible Study </div>	May 1 <div> 6pm Family FORGE </div>	2	3	4

HIGHLIGHTS	
4/2	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
4/4	Fellowship Committee
4/6	God's Handy Helpers
4/7	Deacons meet
4/9	Sew Journers meet
4/13	Widows & Widowers Luncheon
4/16	Building & Grounds
4/23	Stewardship Meeting
4/28	Business Meeting
4/29	Mission Committee