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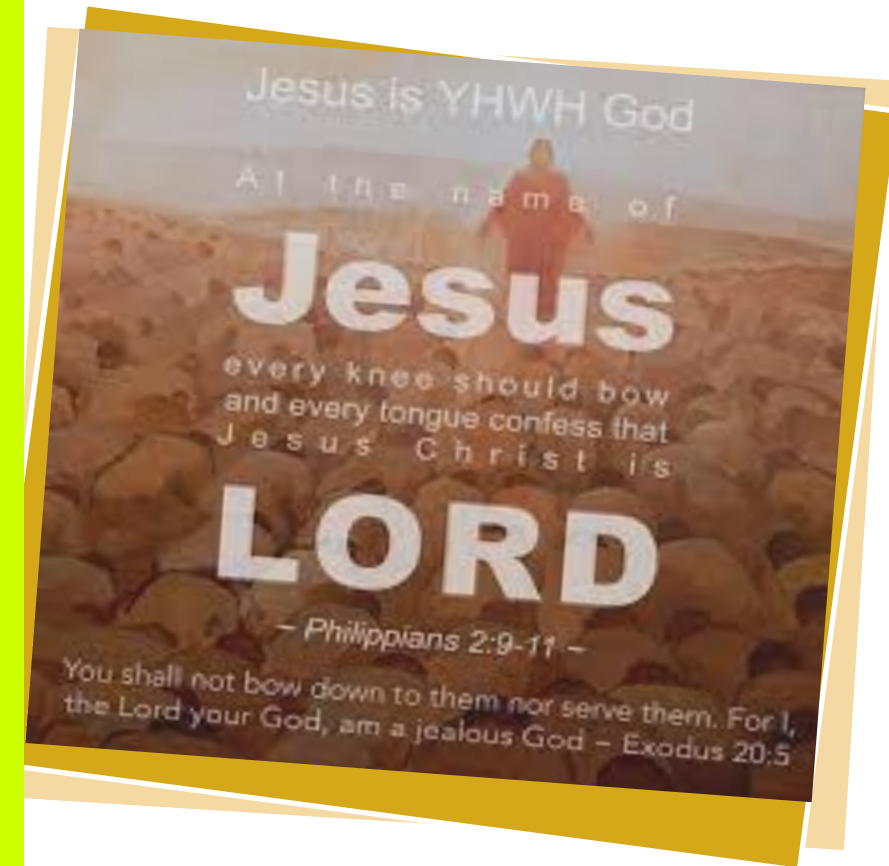


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# *First Baptist* **News & Views**

May 2024



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## "Pursuing His Glory"

Dear FBCH family,

This month brings about a season of fun! The summer is almost here, schools will end for the year, and vacations will begin. Make sure that as things warm up you stay focused on glorifying God. In everything you do, do it to the glory of God. We will have many opportunities to serve and be a part of worship together. Some areas of service are in our Tri-Area Pregnancy Center baby bottle boomerang, KAIROS Prison Ministry cookie and placemat collection, and volunteering for our VBS.

Starting Mother's Day, we will begin raising funds to support the Tri-Area Pregnancy Center through our baby bottle boomerang. We will hand out baby bottles for you to collect change (or cash and checks) in. On Father's Day, we will collect all the bottles and give all the funds raised to support the pregnancy center and the fine work they do helping families in crisis pregnancies.

Our church is proud to support the work of the KAIROS Prison Ministry. We will be handing out placemats for members and their families to decorate and turn in. These placemats will be given to inmates to use for their meals. These mats are a way to share hope and encouragement to these individuals with beauty and God's Word. We will also be collecting cookies for the prison ministry to distribute. There are several rules to follow with this collection so please see me (Zeb) for more information.

And lastly, we will have a VBS volunteers meeting on Wednesday, May 29th. If you want to be a part of this year's Scuba VBS, please make plans to attend this meeting that will coincide with our Wednesday Family Night.

So many areas to serve in and there are many that aren't listed. Please consider joining us in Christian service as we seek to know God and make Him fully known.

In Christ Alone,

Zeb Hicks

## POINTS TO PONDER



### A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*I am not able to bear all tis people alone, because it is too heavy for me.*  
—Numbers 11:14

It is most needful for all servants of Christ to remember that whenever the Lord places a man in a position of responsibility, He will both fit him for it and maintain him in it. It is, of course, another thing altogether if a man will rush unsent into any field of work, or any post of difficulty or danger. In such a case, we may assuredly look for a thorough breakdown, sooner or later. But when God calls a man to a certain position, He will endow him with the needed grace to occupy it.

This holds good in every case. We can never fail if we only cling to the living God. We can never run dry if we are drawing from the fountain.

Our tiny springs will soon dry up, but our Lord Jesus Christ declares, "*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*" (John 7:38)  
—C.H.M.

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



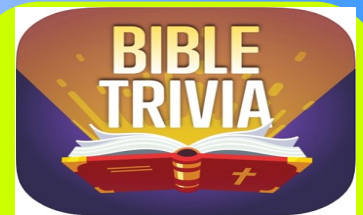
**WE NEED PICTURES**  
**of your church activities**  
**and ministries!**

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: Fire came down from Heaven**

**See: 2 Chronicles 7:1**

### 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

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
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](mailto:office@fbchillsville.org) or (276) 728-7801.*

*Thank you!*

**Deacon of the Month:**  
**Pat Sharp**

# 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

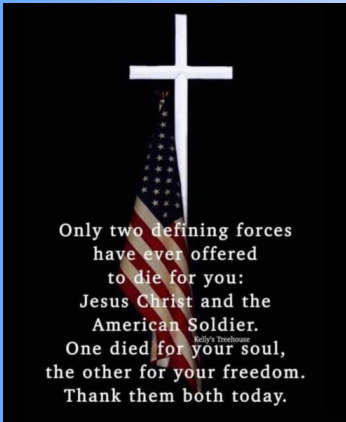
Memorial Day!! May 27th. Church office will be closed.

## Prior Month's Events

A Widows and Widowers Luncheon was held on April 13, 2024 started at 12pm. Menu was soup and sandwiches. Thank you to Paula, Pat, Ed, Lynn and Steve. We had a wonderful afternoon!!



Missions and Outreach Committee had a Paint Class taught by Becky Adams with popcorn and punch. This was a fund raising event held in the Fellowship Hall on April 26, 2024. A lot of fellowship and fun. We raised \$625.



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## May Birthdays!

Betty Jayne Surratt	3
Harold Cox	7
Avis Perry	8
Mary Sechrist	19
Mark Stout	21
Caleb Stout	30
Loretta Stout	31

## May Anniversaries!

Dennis and Karon Felts	3
Kevin and Amy Hurt	3
Ken and Cindy Schoonover	7
Howard and Frances Porter	9
Danny and Tammy Webb	20
Scott and Mindy Anderson	20



## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

Allene Tabor  
Richfield/JTC  
3939 Daughtery  
Road, Quail  
Room 13  
Salem, VA 24153

## SHUT-INS

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



**Q:** How did God manifest his presence at the dedication of the temple?

Answer: Page 15

## Scripture of the Month





# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

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



# CHILDREN/YOUTH/FCA ACTIVITIES

## Fortify Youth and FCA Huddle



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

Mark Spraker

*Thanks for joining us in this crazy joyful Jesus journey!*

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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



# 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, and other tasks in Fancy Gap.

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)!



## Sew Journers

Our Sew Journers sewing ministry's next meeting is **May 14, 2024 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:

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



**May - Clothing (Boys and Girls) Socks, T-shirts, Knit Hats/Mittens, Scarves, Flip-flops**

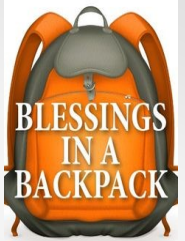


**DO NOT INCLUDE** items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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 family of Lisa Bain (Lottie Gullion's daughter-in-law), and Margaret Cox family.

<u>IN Memory OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Margaret Cox	Bonnie Kimble	God's Handy Helpers
Margaret Cox	First Baptist Church-Hillsville	God's Handy Helpers
Don Yonce	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Margaret Cox	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Otis Felts	Howard & Polly Sturgill	Budget
Margaret Cox	Betty Williams	Gazebo Fund
Margaret Cox	Dennis & Karon Felts	Gazebo Fund
Margaret Cox	Steven & Jill Worrell	Gazebo Fund
Margaret Cox	Judy Thompson	God's Handy Helpers
Margaret Cox	Ed & Susan Naff	Budget
Margaret Cox	Mark & Lynn Ogle	Budget
<u>N HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Paula Pulliam	Bonnie Kimble	Budget

Church Family,  
Thank you all for the prayers, cards, visits, and food. Margaret loved her Church Family as I do.  
May God Bless each and everyone of you.  
Harold Cox



**American Red Cross** Blood Drive  
held May 20 from 12-5pm in the  
Fellowship Hall of FBCH.



# MINISTRY NEEDS

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The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign will kick on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12th. FBCH will participate in this campaign. Baby bottles will be on the table in the foyer on Mother's Day for anyone wanting to participate to help moms and their babies to receive the items they need by filling each baby bottle with your loose change or dollar bills.



We are excited to announce our theme for this year's VBS.

**SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God!**

Join us July 15-19 as we discover about the friendship we can have with the God who created us. We will explore the depths of God's word each night with fun games, snacks, crafts, music, lessons and more! If you'd like to volunteer for VBS this year, get ahead of the game by signing up early on our church's website.  
If you would like to know more about ministry opportunities in the church, feel free to ask one of our deacons, pastor, or church+ administrative assistant for more information.

# May 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  6:00pm Family FORGE	2  11:15am Fellowship Committee	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Prayer meeting		8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant	6:00pm Family FORGE			9am God's Handy Helpers
9:30am Sunday School		10am Women's Bible Study				
10:30am Worship Service						
11:30am Deacons meet						
6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle						
12 Mother's Day!  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	13	14  10am Women's Bible Study  1pm Sew Journers meet	15  6:00pm Family FORGE	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am Prayer meeting	Blood Drive 12-5pm In FBCH Fellowship Hall	10am Women's Bible Study	6pm Family FORGE			
9:30am Sunday School	6:30pm Missions meeting	3pm Stewardship meeting				
10:30am Worship Service		6:30pm Building & Grounds				
6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle						
26  9am Prayer meeting  9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Business Meeting  6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle	27  Memorial Day!  Church office closed	28  10am Women's Bible Study	29  6pm Family FORGE	30	31	1

- 5/2 Fellowship Committee
- 5/5 Deacons meet
- 5/7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 5/11 God's Handy Helpers
- 5/12 Mother's Day  
2024 Baby Bottle Campaign
- 5/14 Sew Journers meet
- 5/20 Blood Drive  
Missions meeting
- 5/21 Building & Grounds
- 5/21 Stewardship Meeting
- 5/26 Business Meeting
- 5/27 Memorial Day!