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

August 2024



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## "Pursuing His Glory"

Dear FBCH Family,

I want to thank you all for your help during VBS in July! We had an incredible week serving over 30 children in our community and sharing with them the wonderful message of God's great love for them. Thanks God!

This coming month, all our VBS students will be going back to school and joining their peers to progress in their education. The students, the teachers, the parents, the administrators, and school faculty need our prayers. I ask that you make it a special priority to include our schools, both public and homeschools, in your daily prayers. This is the future of not only our country, but also the church. We have a responsibility to share with them the love and hope of our Savior and that starts with us bowing in prayer. On Sunday August 11th, we will have a special prayer for the children in our congregation as they enter this school year. Invite the children, parents, and school faculty in your life to be a part of this special service.

With the coming of a new educational year for our county, we also look forward to educating our church in growing in the knowledge of God. We will start back our weekly Wednesday Family Night ministry as we eat, learn, and fellowship every Wednesday! We have areas of growth for all ages, and we pray you can join us. Also, in September, we will restart our Thursday morning adult Bible study to help educate and grow in our understanding of God's Word! Please be watching for an announcement about our first meeting. These classes are opportunities to get to know God deeper and to grow in your relationship with Him. You may ask, "Why do we need to grow in our knowledge of God and His Word?"

2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." May I ask, are you doing your best to rightly handle the word of truth? I challenge you to push yourself to work hard at pursuing knowledge of God! He is the greatest focus of study we will ever pursue. As a church, we seek to make disciples and part of discipleship is leading each other in growing in knowledge. Join us as we pursue a deeper knowledge of our God together.

I pray that each of you has a wonderful month!  
In Christ Alone,  
Zeb Hicks

## POINTS TO PONDER



### A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

Now are ye light in the Lord:: walk as children of light.

We do not realize the importance of the unconscious part of our life ministry. It goes on continually. In every greeting we give to another, in every moment's conversation, in every letter we write, influence that goes from us that reaches further, and leaves a deeper impression, than the things themselves that we are doing. It is not so much what we do as what we are, that tells in spiritual results and impressions.

—J. R. Miller

## 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: Asia

See: Acts 21:27

### 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

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Debbie Parnell	Maria Record & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Keelee Morris & Debbie Parnell
Pre-2nd SS	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen
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:**

***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 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

Family F.O.R.G.E. starts back on August 7th @ 6:00 pm with the meals.

Back to School Bash is August 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 at Carroll County High School. If anyone would like to participate, that would be great!!!

## Prior Month's Events

### VBS 2024

Very successful! Praise God!!! Thank you to all those that took their entire week to make this all happen. Thanks God!!! To all the Parents and their children for being a part of learning about God through his word, fellowship, fun, and food.



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## August Birthdays!

Mindy Anderson	1
Kathy Nester	5
Joe Newman	10
Mebus Musser	11
Monica Thompson	13
Emma Thompson	15
Gernon White	18
Dianne Smith	21
Keelee Morris	23
Sam Sweeney	30

## August Anniversaries!

Jeremiah & Keelee Morris	3
Jim & Maria French	8
Garrett & Dianne Smith	15
Steve & Kathy Williams	17
Greg & Vickie Yonce	21



**Q:** When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, the people that stirred up the crowd against him were Jews from what geographical area?

Answer: Page 15

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

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

## SHUT-INS

Laura Melton

Kyle Nester

Wanda Montgomery

Joyce Bowman

Gracie Edmonds

## Scripture



Psalms 113:3  
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.



# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. 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

**The mission committee** is putting together small bags of candy to hand to children (500). We also will be putting poster notes, pens, black markers, dry erase markers and a few pieces of candy in bags for teachers (50).

Everything has been donated as of now. Hopefully we won't need anything else.

**Back to School Bash** is August 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 at Carroll County High School. If anyone would like to participate, that would be great!!!



**On Saturday, August 24th, the Fortify Youth Ministry** will be taking a trip to Carowinds Amusement Park for a day of fun! Students need to have permission slips and \$30 turned in by Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving the church that morning at 7 am and plan on being back by 7 pm. For any questions, please contact Zeb Hicks.





# 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. Projects for July 6th are trimming shrubs, and repairing a handrail.

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:

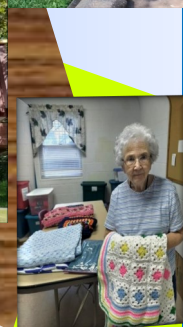
**Team Leader Dan Huff** at [blueridgetandem@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgetandem@gmail.com)!



**Sew Journers**  
Our Sew Journers sewing ministry will meet 8/13.

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

A turtle was trying to join our meeting at 8:30 am



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

## Food Pantry

### Stock the Food Pantry:

- August 4 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- August 11 - Soups & Crackers
- August 18 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- August 25 - 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.



**August - Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils (any size or brand)**

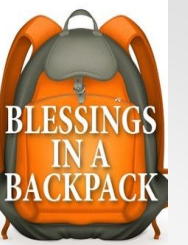


**DO NOT INCLUDE** items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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 Families of Ed Horton, Ralph McKnight (Tammy Webb's uncle). Lisa Branscome (Zeb & Amber Hicks neighbor), Tommy Jones (Mary Sechrist's brother)

<i>IN Memory OF</i>	<i>GIVEN BY</i>	<i>FUND</i>
Dorothy Semones	Wade & Mary Sechrist	Budget
Dorothy Semones	Diane Allen	Budget
Jo Ann Hall	Carolyn Grigg	Budget

# MINISTRY NEEDS

During the month of August, we will be accepting nominations for deacons from church members. To submit a nomination, please send it to your deacon either verbally or electronically. Nominations will be accepted through August 31st.

The Deacons have chosen Jeanette Dalton as the Lord's Supper Love Fund recipient for the third quarter. We will collect donations to assist this church member in need through the end of September. Please clearly mark your check or donation envelope with "Lord's Supper Love Fund." Thank you for your generosity!

Special thank you from the **American Red Cross** to FBCH for the Blood Drive held in July. **American Red Cross** collected 18 units.

**American Red Cross** Blood Drive will be held August 22 from 12-5pm in the Fellowship Hall of FBCH.



To all my Friends of First Baptist Church,

I send love and thanks for all the love that has been for me, all the prayers, cards, and the Love Fund came at a good time. Thanks so much. Lottie

A graphic of a "Thank You" card with the words "Thank You" in a cursive font, surrounded by green and purple swirls.

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 (Treasurer)
	N—SO	Jim French
	SP—Z	Dennis Felts

# August 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  11:15am Fellowship meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Prayer meeting		8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant	6pm Family FORGE			
9:30am Sunday School		4-7pm Back to School Bash!! Carroll Cuntly High School				
10:30am Worship Services						
11:30am Deacons meet						
6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle						
11  9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle	12	13  1pm Sew Jouners meet	14  6pm Family FORGE	15	16	17
18  9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle	19	20  3pm Stewardship meeting 6:30pm Building & Grounds	21  6pm Family FORGE	22  Blood Drive 12-5pm in FBCH Fellowship Hall	23	24  Carowinds Trip Fortify Youth 7am—7pm
25  9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Business Meeting 6pm Fortify Youth\FCA Huddle	26  6:30pm Missions & Outreach meeting	27	28  6pm Family FORGE	29	30	31

- 8/1 Fellowship Committee
- 8/4 Deacons meet
- 8/6 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 8/6 Back to School Bash! Carroll County HS
- 8/13 Sew Jouners meet
- 8/26 Missions & Outreach Meeting
- 8/20 Stewardship Meeting Building & Grounds
- 8/24 Carowinds Trip Fortify Youth
- 8/25 Business Meeting
- 8/22 Blood Drive