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First Baptist News & Views

March 2025



*Getting to know God more fully.
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"Pursuing His Glory"

"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.

Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great
faithfulness, mercy, and love."

— Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FBCH Family,

In March we have the wonderful picture of transformation in the beginning of Spring. Every year, as temperatures turn, so does nature from death to life. Flowers start poking through the soil. Trees are budding with new leaves. Grass is turning back to green. This all reminds us of the transformation God has worked in us to bring about life from death.

This is a reminder of both our transformation and God faithfulness. I want to share with you some verses about God's faithfulness.

Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

Lamentations 3:22–23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

God's faithfulness to us reminds us that we never need to be doubt if our God is there. He has been and He always will be! He is faithful to establish us, guard us against Satan, love us, and show mercy. But above all, our Savior Jesus Christ is always the same. The promises in Hebrews 13:8 is farther reaching than we realize. This reality that God is faithful emboldens us to step out in faith knowing that He has shown us the proof of His faithfulness in Christ. This Spring, rejoice! Because God is faithful!

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Zeb

POINTS TO PONDER



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

I sought him, but I found him not.
—Song of Solomon 3:1

Tell me where you lost the company of Christ, and I will tell you the most likely place to find Him. Have you lost Christ in the closet by restraining prayer? Then it is there you must seek and find Him. Did you lose Christ by sin? You will find Him in no other way than by giving up the sin, and seeking by the Holy Spirit to mortify the member in which the lust dwells. Did you lose Christ by neglecting the Scriptures? You must find Him in the Scriptures. It is a true proverb, "Look for a thing where you dropped it; it is there." So look for Christ where you lost Him, for He has not gone away.

—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: Mary, the mother of Jesus

See: Acts 1:14

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

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Debbie Parnell	Paula Pulliam & Keelee Morris	Paula Pulliam & Debbie Parnell	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record
Pre-2nd SS	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen
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 or (276) 728-7801.*


Thank you!

**Deacon of
the Month:
Steve Pulliam**


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!

In Remembrance

First Baptist Church offers our condolences, prayers,
and loving support to the Tobler Family.

<u>IN Memory OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Bobby Sutphin	Diane Allen	Youth Ministry
Kenny Parnell	Bonnie Kimble	Backpack Ministry
Jeanette Dalton	Betty Williams	Shoebox Ministry
Jeanette Dalton	Judy Thompson	Love Fund Ministry
Kenny Parnell	Judy Thompson	Love Fund Ministry
Gracie Edmonds	Judy Thompson	Love Fund Ministry
Jeff Tobler	Judy Thompson	Love Fund Ministry
Kenny Parnell	Diane Allen	Backpack Ministry

From Karon Felts,

A lot of people will hopefully remember **Howard Espravnik** who ran WHHV for several years. Howard has struggled with cancer and for now they have stopped the chemo. He loves getting cards. It would be great if people from his wife Mary Jane who worked for Dr. McPherson for several years home town would flood his mailbox with thinking of you cards!

The address is **Howard Espravnik, 915 W Albert Gallatin Ave,**

Gallatin TN. 37066.

If you are a card person, please send him a card! It would lift his spirits.

Thank you so very much in advance. Please share on your pages so he will have a full mailbox!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

March Birthdays!

Becky Adams	1
Merle Goad	4
James Slusher	6
Jaclyn Ward	7
Marc Ogle	8
Shernell McGrady	12
Jill Sharpe	13
Chuck Thompson	14
Rick Record	15
Judy Thompson	15
Judy Huff	16
Wade Sechrist	19
Bobby Adams	19
Ashtyn Sharpe	19
Ed Naff	20
Leona Layher	21

Steve Pulliam	22
Kevin Hurt	26
Jackson Thompson	26
Cathy Sweeney	31

March Anniversaries!

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



Q: Who was the only woman mentioned by name with the apostles in the upper room waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit?

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, Rm. 13,
Salem, VA 24141

SHUT-INS

Laura Melton

Kyle Nester

Wanda Montgomery

James Armentrout

Scripture of the Month



FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. 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.



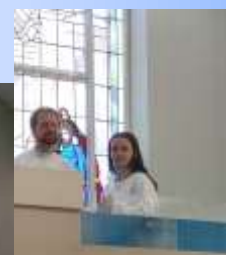
FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Prior Month

February 9th the Fortify Youth had a Super Bowl party @ 6pm! Everyone was invited as we watch the big game, ate delicious food, played games, and had a lot of fun!



Baptism of Talisha Leigh Bullins and Aileena Mae Wiley by Pastor Zeb



MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

**God's
Handy
Helpers
are meet-
ing March
29 @ 9am.**



We would like to welcome the follow-
ing **NEW MEMBERS** who were re-
ceived into our FBCH church family in
Keith and Debi Mallinson:

*Thanks for joining us in worshipping
and serving Jesus!*

Our **2025 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 peo-
ple, and are available
to minister to you when
needed.

A—F	Steve Pulliam
G—M	Pat Sharp
N—SO	Jim French
SP—Z	Ed Naff



Sew Journers

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



**Sew Journers will meet
in March 11, 2025.**

INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM



Stock the Food Pantry:

- March 2 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- March 9 - Soups & Crackers
- March 16 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- March 23 - Cereals
- March 30 - Condiments

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.



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 contain-
ers 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study—Join us Thursdays at 10am in the sanctuary with Pastor Zeb Hicks for the “Holy Spirit Study”.



Annie Armstrong

Overview

Now, it's easy to see — North America is a mission field. Our neighborhoods and communities are filled with ever-increasing numbers of people who've never heard the gospel story, and that's why the faithful prayers and generous giving of Southern Baptists to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® are needed now more than ever. For more than a century, this offering has fueled the work of thousands of missionaries, sending them all over the U.S. and Canada to plant churches and meet the needs of people who've not yet had the opportunity to hear and respond to a gospel witness.

Numbers tell the story. It's estimated that more than two out of every three people in North America are lost. People are coming to the U.S. and Canada from every country in the world. They speak 350 different languages. There are even men and women from 161 unreached people groups now living in the U.S. and Canada, and even in areas where gospel presence was once strong, the need for missionaries and new churches is increasing.

But numbers also tell a story about what happens when we pray and give.

Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted more than 11,000 churches across North America. In 2023, we came together to add 652 new church plants to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). If we continue planting new congregations at this rate, by 2030 one-third of the SBC will be made up of churches planted since 2010.

Last year, Southern Baptists united to give the highest Annie Armstrong offering ever—\$74.7 million. Every dollar of that offering went straight to the mission field. This year's national goal is \$78 million. Reaching and even exceeding that goal will mean we can not only support those who are currently serving, but send out even more missionaries to share Christ with people all over North America. God can use our faithful prayers and generous gifts to write brand new stories—stories of churches planted, needs met, and lives forever changed through the power of the gospel. Together, let's step into the story of what God is doing in North America.

MINISTRY NEEDS

The Deacons have chosen Dan and Judy Huff as the Lord's Supper Love Fund recipient for the first quarter. We will collect donations to assist this church member in need through the end of March. Please clearly mark your check or donation envelope with “Lord's Supper Love Fund.” Thank you for your generosity!

*If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2nd quarter



March

The Peace of God

Day 1 – 1 Peter 3:9–11
Day 2 – Proverbs 16:7
Day 3 – Isaiah 26:3
Day 4 – 1 Peter 5:6–7
Day 5 – Romans 12:18
Day 6 – John 16:33
Day 7 – Romans 15:13
Day 8 – Hebrews 12:14
Day 9 – Psalm 4:8
Day 10 – Isaiah 12:2
Day 11 – 1 Corinthians 14:33
Day 12 – Philippians 4:4–7
Day 13 – Colossians 3:15
Day 14 – Galatians 5:22–23
Day 15 – Romans 8:6
Day 16 – Philippians 4:8–9
Day 17 – Psalm 119:165
Day 18 – Isaiah 54:10
Day 19 – Romans 5:1

Day 20 – James 3:17–18
Day 21 – Romans 14:17
Day 22 – Isaiah 32:17
Day 23 – Matthew 6:31–33
Day 24 – Psalm 29:10–11
Day 25 – Isaiah 41:10
Day 26 – 1 Thessalonians 5:23
Day 27 – Isaiah 53:5
Day 28 – Proverbs 3:21–24
Day 29 – Isaiah 9:6
Day 30 – Matthew 5:9
Day 31 – 2 Thessalonians 3:16



March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School The Lord's Supper 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Deacons meet 6pm Fortify Youth	6pm Missions & Outreach	8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant	6pm Family FORGE	10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Committee		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth		1pm Sew Journers	6pm Family FORGE	10am Bible Study		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth		6:30pm Stewardship committee 6:30pm Building & Grounds	6pm Family FORGE	10am Bible Study		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth			6pm Family FORGE	10am Bible Study		9am God's Handy Helpers
30	31					
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HIGHLIGHTS

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The Lord's Supper

3/2

Deacons meet

3/3

Missions & Outreach

3/4

Men's Fellowship
Breakfast

3/6

Fellowship Committee

3/11

Sew Journers

3/18

Stewardship committee

3/18

Building & Grounds

3/29

God's Handy Helpers

3/30

The Lord's Supper

*Subject to change