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Making Jesus fully known.**

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First Baptist News & Views

February 2026

And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



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Dear FBCH Family,

As we enter February, we have much to praise God for in our church! I'm writing this on the heels of a membership class where we had 13 participants. That is so exciting! Please be in prayer for those who took this class and be willing to encourage these new tentative members.

This is a good reminder to always be welcoming. Not just when you see a new face on a Sunday morning, but all the time! As Christians, we follow God's command to be hospitable to everyone. The Bible contains many verses about hospitality, but it is the words of Jesus that reveal the true inspiration behind kindness show. Matthew 25:35-40 says,

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

As followers of Jesus, we live to serve others in the same love Jesus served with. To wash the feet of those near us, to feed the hungry among us, to clothe those who are in need. We know it is God's instruction for us to serve in such a way. As we do it to the least of these, we do it unto Christ. So be sure to serve in a hospitable and kind way. Welcome new people, care for those you know well, and pay attention to the least of these. Christ love is communicated in us serving him!

In Christ Alone,

Zeb Hicks

POINTS TO PONDER



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

Love not the world.

-1 John 2:15

Love it not, and yet love it. Love it with the love of Him who gave His Son to die for it. Love it with the love of Him who shed His blood for it. Love it with the love of angels who rejoice in its conversion. Love it to do it good, giving your tears to its sufferings, your pity to its sorrows, your wealth to its wants your prayers to its miseries, and to its fields of charity and philanthropy and Christian piety your powers and hours of labor, you cannot live without affecting it or being affected by it. You will make the world better, or it will make you worse. God help you by His grace and Holy Spirit so to live in the world as to live above it and look beyond it; and so to love it that when you leave it, you may leave it better than you found it.

-Guthrie

ODDS & ENDS

(or...where else do we put this...?)



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.

**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!

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

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Nursery SS	Debi Mallinson	Debi Mallinson	Debi Mallinson	Debi Mallinson
Nursery WS	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Paula Pulliam & Debbie Parnell	Paula Pulliam & Maria Record	Paula Pulliam & Debbie Parnell
Pre-2nd SS	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen	Diane Allen
3rd-6th SS	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening
7th-12th SS	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp
Van	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp

FBCH Youth

Wednesday night, January 21st, 2026. at First Baptist Church of Hillsville with Mrs. Amber Hicks .



Mark Stout

FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. 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.



Wednesday Night Schedule	1st grade & under	2-5th grades	6th grade & up
February 4	Amber & Loretta	Susan & Maria	Zeb & Levi
February 11	Amber & Debbie	Becky A. & Sharon	Zeb & Keith
February 18	Amber & Maria	Susan & Loretta	Zeb & Vickie
February 25	Amber & Sharon	Hayley & Debbie	Zeb & Levi

IN 2026

CAROLYN GRIGG CELEBRATED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY!!

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much. Surprised, Shocked, Blessed, on my 100th birthday. I have been more blessed than I can express. God has blessed me beyond all measure. Thank you for coming to the party—you made my day.

Blessings,

Carolyn



In Remembrance

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

IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

FUND

Linda Fariss	Bonnie Kimble	Budget
Bill Smyer	Judy Thompson	Cemetery
Linda Fariss	Judy Thompson	Cemetery
Ellen White	Judy Thompson	Cemetery
James Armentrout	Judy Thompson	Cemetery
Bill Smyer	Ken & Debbie Parnell	Backpacks
Kathleen Melton	Ken & Debbie Parnell	Backpacks
Kathleen Melton	Dennis & Karon Felts	Budget

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Carolyn Grigg	Hulene McLean	Budget
Carolyn Grigg	Danny & Tammy Webb	Budget
Bonnie Kimble	Dennis & Karon Felts	Budget

Thanks to everyone for remembering me during the loss of my sister
Kathleen Melton. Thanks for your prayers, cards, and support.

Love,
Bonnie Kimble



KEEPING IN TOUCH

February Birthdays!

Shannon Sharp-Rutig	1
Tonyia Gibson	1
Elizabeth Yon	10
Danny Webb	13
Kaysi Carver	14
Pat Sharp	14
Jim Bazzle	18
Betty Williams	20

February Anniversaries!

Ken & Debbie Parnell	14
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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

MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

Sew Journalers

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



Sew Journalers will meet on
March 10, 2026 at 1pm.

Scripture of the Month



INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM



Stock the Food Pantry:

- February 1 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- February 8 - Soups & Crackers
- February 15 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- February 22 - 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.



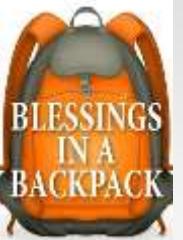
February—Washcloths



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

Jon LaMontagne & Family—Missions in New Hampshire

LOVE FUND

The Deacons have chosen Polly Sturgill 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!

Sunday January 18th. Deacon Ordination of Kevin Hurt and Mark Spraker at First Baptist Church of Hillsville.



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!

PASTORAL EDUCATION FUND

"The Stewardship committee is pleased to announce the addition of a budget line that will allow our members to donate money towards Pastor Zeb's education. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please mark your envelope as Pastoral Education Fund and we will make sure the money is used for Zeb's education. If you have any questions about this fund, please see Jim French and he will answer your questions."

FMCH Stewardship Committee

Our 2026 Deacons are here to serve you!

More information Forthcoming.

Jim French
Kevin Hurt
Steve Pulliam
Mark Spraker
Mark Stout

Deacon of the Month:
Mark Stout

February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Deacons Meeting	2	3 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant	4	5 11:15am Fellowship Connection	6	7
8 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Super Bowl Party—Fellowship Hall	9 6:30pm Missions & Outreach	10	11 6pm Family F.O.R.G.E.	12 10pm Bible Study	13	14
15 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Business Meeting	16	17 5pm Building & Grounds Meet 6:30pm Stewardship Committee	18 6pm Family F.O.R.G.E.	19 10pm Bible Study	20	21
22 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School The Lord's Supper 10:30am Worship service	23	24	25 6pm Family F.O.R.G.E.	26 10pm Bible Study	27	28

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2/1 Deacons meet
- 2/3 Men's Fellowship
Breakfast
- 2/5 Fellowship Committee
- 2/8 Super Bowl Party—
Fellowship Hall
- 2/9 Missions & Outreach
- 2/15 Business Meeting
- 2/17 Stewardship Committee
- 2/17 Building & Grounds
Meet
- 2/22 The Lord's Supper

*Subject to change