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# First Baptist News & Views

March 2026



**Getting to know God more fully.  
Making Jesus fully known.**

FBCH Family,

March is a special month! We will spend the whole month look at the Gospel of John's perspective of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You can read for yourself chapters 18-20 of this Gospel to follow along.

As an Easter devotional, I want to include a transcript of a sermon by Alistair Begg entitled *The Man On the Middle Cross*.

Without the preaching of the cross, without preaching the cross to ourselves all day and every day, we will very, very quickly revert to faith plus works as the ground of our salvation; so that, to go to the old Fort Lauderdale question—"If you were to die tonight and you were getting entry into heaven, what would you say?"—if you answer that, and if I answer it, in the first person, we've immediately gone wrong. "Because I..." "Because I believed. Because I have faith. Because I am this. Because I am continuing." Loved ones, the only proper answer's in the third person: "Because He..." "Because He..."

Now, that is the only answer. That is the only answer. And if I don't preach the Gospel to myself all day and every day, then I will find myself beginning to trust myself, trust my experience, which is part of my fallenness as a man. If I take my eyes off the cross, I can then give only lip service to its efficacy while at the same time living as if my salvation depends upon me. And as soon as you go there, it will lead you either to abject despair or a horrible kind of arrogance. And it is only the cross of Christ that deals both with the dreadful depths of despair and the pretentious arrogance of the pride of man that says, "You know, I can figure this out, and I'm doing wonderfully well." No.

"Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God the just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me." That's why Luther says most of your Christian life is outside of you, in this sense: that we know that we're not saved by good works, we're not saved as a result of our professions, but we're saved as a result of what Christ has achieved.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Zeb

## POINTS TO PONDER



A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

**Come behind in no gift.**

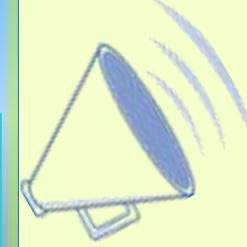
**-1 Corinthians 1:7**

The Scripture gives four names to Christians, taken from the four cardinal graces so essential to man's salvation: saints for their holiness, believers for their faith, brethren for their love, disciples to their knowledge

**-Thomas Fuller**

## 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](mailto: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](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

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Nursery SS	Debi Mallinson	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	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	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp
Van	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp	Pat Sharp

We would like to welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** who were received into our FBCH church family on February 22, 2026.

**Montgomery and Jensen Families**

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



# FBCH FELLOWSHIP



**Fellowship Hall**  
**Snacks & drinks will be provided.**



# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

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

Wednesday Night Schedule	1st grade & under	2-5th grades	6th grade & up
March 8	Amber & Loretta	Susan & Maria	Zeb & Levi
March 15	Amber & Debbie	Becky A. & Sharon	Zeb & Keith
March 22	Amber & Maria	Susan & Loretta	Zeb & Vickie
March 29	Amber & Sharon	Hayley & Debbie	Zeb & Levi



## In Remembrance

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

### Scriptures of the Month

# March

## Rest in the Lord

Day 1: Psalm 34:1	Day 17: Psalm 42:5
Day 2: Psalm 34:4	Day 18: Psalm 42:11
Day 3: Psalm 34:6-7	Day 19: Habakkuk 3:17-18
Day 4: Nehemiah 9:5-6	Day 20: Jeremiah 29:11-13
Day 5: Psalm 99-10	Day 21: Psalm 46:1-2
Day 6: Psalm 135:6	Day 22: Psalm 55:16
Day 7: 1 Chronicles 16:23-24	Day 23: Acts 16:25-26
Day 8: 1 Chronicles 16:25-26	Day 24: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Day 9: 1 Chronicles 16:27-29	Day 25: Ephesians 3:16-17
Day 10: Psalm 16:1	Day 26: Ephesians 3:18-19
Day 11: Psalm 27:1	Day 27: Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 12: Psalm 28:7	Day 28: Psalm 62:1-2
Day 13: Jeremiah 20:13	Day 29: Psalm 75:1
Day 14: Psalm 32:7	Day 30: Colossians 3:13-16
Day 15: Psalm 40:3	Day 31: 1 Thess 5:16-18
Day 16: Isaiah 25:1	

Commit 10 minutes each day to read each verse,  
write it out in your journal, meditate on it, and  
reflect on what it means to you.

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## March Birthdays!

Becky Adams	1
Merle Goad	4
James Slusher	6
Jaclyn Ward	7
Mark Ogle	8
Shernell McGrady	12
Chuck Thompson	14
Rick Record	15
Judy Thompson	15
Judy Huff	16
Bobby Adams	19
Wade Sechrist	19
Ashtyn Sharpe	19
Jill Sharpe	13
Ed Naff	20
Steve Pulliam	22
Leona Layher	21
Dawn Quesenberry	15
Kevin Hurt	26
Jackson Thompson	26
Cathy Sweeney	31

## March Anniversaries!

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



### 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  
Wanda Montgomery

Kyle Nester

# 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.

**NAMB Week of Prayer will be March 1-8.**

## A Mission Field in Need of Hope

The [North American Mission Board](#) serves a diverse and complex region comprised of: United States, Canada and U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa.

**“WHAT A GLORIOUS THING IT IS TO BE A CO-WORKER WITH GOD IN WINNING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.”**

– ANNIE ARMSTRONG

**Our goal is \$1,000.** There will be envelopes in your bulletins, and in the foyer. Please mark your giving envelop Annie Armstrong. In the memo section of a check, add Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM



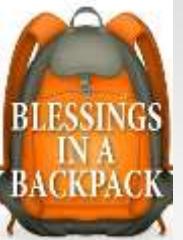
## Stock the Food Pantry:

- March 1 - Pinto beans & Cornbread mixes
- March 8 - Soups & Crackers
- March 15 - Canned meats & Canned fruits
- March 22 - Cereals
- March 29 - Instant potatoes, canned potatoes

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.

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.



## 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.

## 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!



***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!

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Day 5: Psalm 99:9-10	Day 21: Psalm 46:1-2
Day 6: Psalm 133:6	Day 22: Psalm 55:6
Day 7: 1 Chronicles 16:29-34	Day 23: Acts 16:25-26
Day 8: 1 Chronicles 16:29-36	Day 24: 2 Corinthians 12:9-11
Day 9: 1 Chronicles 16:27-29	Day 25: Ephesians 3:16-17
Day 10: Psalm 36:1	Day 26: Ephesians 3:18-19
Day 11: Psalm 37:1	Day 27: Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 12: Psalm 37:2	Day 28: Psalm 42:1-2
Day 13: Psalm 40:1	Day 29: Psalm 73:1
Day 14: Psalm 137:1	Day 30: Colossians 3:14-16
Day 15: Psalm 40:3	Day 31: 1 Thess 5:16-18
Day 16: Isaiah 23:1	

Commit to memorize each day or read each verse, write it out in your journal, meditate on it, and reflect on what it means to 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:  
**Kevin Hurt**

## March

*Finding Your Identity In Christ*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 1: Ecc. 2:10-11</li> <li>• Day 2: Heb. 4:14-16</li> <li>• Day 3: Col. 2:9-10</li> <li>• Day 4: Gen. 1:27</li> <li>• Day 5: Jer. 1:5</li> <li>• Day 6: 1 Pet. 2:4-5</li> <li>• Day 7: 1 Pet. 2:6-8</li> <li>• Day 8: 1 Pet. 2:9-10</li> <li>• Day 9: Gal. 3:26-29</li> <li>• Day 10: 1 Cor. 6:19-20</li> <li>• Day 11: 1 John 3:1-2</li> <li>• Day 12: Col. 3:1-12</li> <li>• Day 13: John 1:9-11</li> <li>• Day 14: John 1:13-14</li> <li>• Day 15: Rom. 8:1-2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 16: Rom. 6:3-4</li> <li>• Day 17: Rom. 6:5-7</li> <li>• Day 18: Rom. 6:8-10</li> <li>• Day 19: Rom. 6:11-12</li> <li>• Day 20: Rom. 6:13-14</li> <li>• Day 21: John 15:16</li> <li>• Day 22: Jer. 1:5</li> <li>• Day 23: Gal. 2:20</li> <li>• Day 24: John 15:15</li> <li>• Day 25: Eph. 2:1-2</li> <li>• Day 26: Eph. 2:3-5</li> <li>• Day 27: Eph. 2:6-7</li> <li>• Day 28: Eph. 2:8-9</li> <li>• Day 29: Eph. 2:10</li> <li>• Day 30: Isaiah 64:8</li> <li>• Day 31: 2 Cor. 5:17</li> </ul>
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# March 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 6pm Family F.O.R.G.E	5 10pm Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Connection	6	7
8 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	9 6:30pm Missions & Outreach	10 1pm Sew Journalers	11 6pm Family F.O.R.G.E.	12 10pm Bible Study	13	14 1-3pm Family Game Day!
15 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	16	17 5:30pm FBCH Ladies Dinner Fiddlers in Hillsville 6:30pm 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
29 Palm Sunday 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship service	30	31				

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3/1** Deacons Meeting
- 3/3** Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast
- 3/5** Fellowship Commit-  
tee
- 3/9** Missions & Out-  
reach
- 3/14** Family Game Day!
- 3/17** Stewardship Com-  
mittee
- 3/17** Building & Grounds  
Meet
- 3/22** The Lord's Supper

\*Subject to change