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# First Baptist News & Views

January 2025



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## "Pursuing His Glory"

Dear FBCH Family,  
As we begin a new year, we look forward to what God has in store for us. And when Christians look forward, we do so with an optimism displayed in our prayers. I'd like to share with you a couple things to pray for in the year 2025.

1. Pray for God's will to be done. – In 2025, pray that God's will be done in you, your family, your church, and your nation. We know that God's will is certain. Our prayer isn't that God be in control of all things, because He already is in control. Our prayer is that we would walk in line with God's prescribed will in His Word. May we walk humbly by His instruction given to us.
2. Pray for growth. – By Growth, we ask that God would draw us unto Him through the lessons we will learn. Whether we learn through the reading and teaching of His Word, or the events God walks us through. We pray that God would grow us more into the image of Christ.
3. Pray for opportunities. – As we fulfill the great commission, we must pray everyday that God equips us for the opportunities He sends our way. You can share the hope of salvation through Christ with those around you. That intentional evangelism starts in your prayer. Pray that God prepares those who you speak with. Pray that God sends people to our church as we prepare for service. Pray that God will save many souls through the work He has called us to do.
4. Pray for the future. – To close, this prayer for the future is closely related to God's will. By the future, I mean to pray for the next generation God is calling to His church. As we all grow older, we long to see a new generation share the same faith. Pray that God would prepare us, equip us, and bless us for His glory and the next generation.

Everything we do in prayer. Praying always. In 2025, may you resolve to pray more and more as you grow closer to the King of all ages.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Zeb

## POINTS TO PONDER



### A DEVOTIONAL WORD...

*Moses was in the mount forty day and forty nights.*

—Exodus 24:18

*The life of fellowship with God cannot be built up in a day. It begins with the habitual reference of all to Him, hour by hour, as Moses did in Egypt. But it moves on to more and longer periods of communion, and it finds its consummation and bliss in days and nights of intercession and waiting and holy conversation.*

—F. B. Meyer

## 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.*



A: Paul

See: **Philippians 3:7**

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Nursery SS	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!	Coming Soon!
Nursery WS	Paula & Debbie Parnell	Paula Pulliam & Keelee Morris	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	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 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!*

# GRATITUDE

Thank you for those that participated in the Angel Tree Ministry. This was our largest number of children for the Angel Tree participation. Praise God!!!

Thank you for those that contributed to the staff donations. Praise God!!!

Thank you for your contributions to the Lottie Moon Fund. The amount is \$450. Praise God!!!

Dear Friends,

There are not enough words to thank you for your generous donation to my ministry work. Your donation has provided Christmas gifts for several needy children and office chairs for the teachers at Tesoros de Dios. They are extremely grateful for this new equipment and wanted to let you know what a blessing it is. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Jo Anne Yon

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## January Birthdays!

Jeremiah Morris	11
Gene Musser	11
Carolyn Grigg	18
Greg Yonce	24
Maynard Joyce	25

## January Anniversaries!

Gernon & Ellen White	10
Fred & Betty Jayne Surratt	19



### 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



**Q:** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Who is speaking?

Answer: Page 15

### Scripture of the Month

God wants what is best for us, even more than we do, and if we allow Him to rule our lives, He will use everything we go through.

Romans 8:38

# FELLOWSHIP & CONNECTIONS

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be at Crooked Oak Restaurant at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 7, 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



Fellowship & Connections will be sponsoring a *Family Game Day* on January 18, 2025 from 1:00-3:00pm. Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

## First Baptist Church Candlelight Service December, 2024



Missions & Outreach Fund Raiser  
Creating Christmas Wreaths lead by  
Becky Adams.



# MISSIONS, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM

*God's Handy Helpers* are having a brief meeting after Worship Service on January 12, 2025 to discuss future plans.

I have helping hands.



Love and Service go hand in hand.



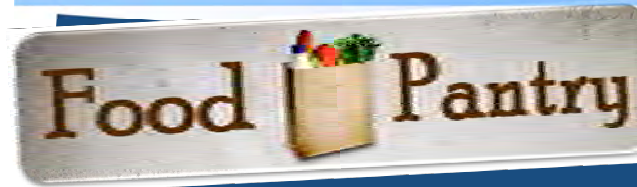
## Sew Jorners

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

Sew Jorners will meet in January 14, 2025.



# INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM



## Stock the Food Pantry:

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



## January - Ivory Soap

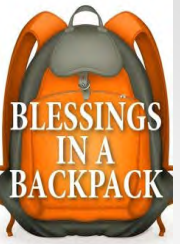


**DO NOT INCLUDE** items that are: used or damaged, war-related (toy guns or military figures), glass, liquid, toothpaste, or candy.

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 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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bible Study** Thursday 10am in the sanctuary with Pastor Zeb Hicks. Series will be "Psalms and Theology". Come join us!

## Prior Month

**Town of Hillsville Christmas Celebration!!**  
**Having Fun Taking Pictures with Snowmen!**



Thank you to everyone that participated by setting up a room as a mini golf room. The rooms had different themes. Lots of fun for the families and volunteers!

# MINISTRY NEEDS

Thank you to all of those who contributed to the Shoebox Ministry!!  
 Thank you to all of the volunteers taking their time to help fill these boxes.  
 Thank you Paula Pulliam and Tammy Webb for overseeing this important Ministry!  
**GREAT JOB EVERYONE!! PRAISE TO GOD!!!** 245 Boxes



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!

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 people, and are available	<b>A—F</b>	Steve Pulliam
	<b>G—M</b>	Pat Sharp
	<b>N—SO</b>	Jim French
	<b>SP—Z</b>	Ed Naff

# January 2025

## HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		31 New Year's Eve!	1 Happy New Year!! Church office closed	2 10am Bible Study 11:15am Fellowship Committee	3	4
5 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Deacons meet 6pm Fortify Youth	6 6pm Missions & Outreach	7 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crooked Oak Restaurant 6pm Missions & Outreach	8	9	10	11
12 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am God's Handy Helopers meet 6pm Fortify Youth	13	14 1pm Sew Journers	15 6pm Family FORGE	16 10am Bible Study	17	18 1-3pm Family Game Day!
19 9am Prayer meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Fortify Youth	20	21 6:30pm Stewardship committee	22 6pm Family FORGE	23 10am Bible Study	24	25
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- 1/2 Fellowship Committee
- 1/5 Deacons meet
- 1/7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 1/12 God's Handy Helpers meet
- 1/14 Sew Journers
- 1/18 Family Game Day
- 1/21 Stewardship committee
- 1/26 Business Meeting

\*Subject to change