



# THE SPIRES

Feb. 21-Feb. 27, 2010

*Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known*



## **ITS JUBILATION TIME AGAIN!**

Jubilation, the conference-wide retreat for older adults, will take place in our own backyard at the MeadowView Resort and Conference Center from Sunday evening, April 11 through Tuesday noon, April 13.

A commuter fee of \$125 per person covers: an ice cream social, 5 meals, (beginning Sunday dinner through Tuesday breakfast), participation in all sessions and chosen workshops, a Happy Living Expo (health fair), as well as incredible worship experiences.

The Keynote speaker is Bishop Swanson. Worship is led by Bishop Mary Virginia (Dindy) Taylor, Resident Bishop of the SC Annual Conference along with musicians, Sarah Holloway and Beverly Kerr. Once again, Bible Study will be led by Bishop Richard Looney, currently pastor of Telford UMC.

Workshops include: How to Start a Book Club - Oprah Step Aside! led by Becky Hall; You Want Me to Sell What? Led by Don Dare; Build a Better Brain led by Evelyn Kissinger; Appalachian Culture and Music with John Ousley; Mirthful Reality led by Geraldine North and Telling Your Story with Charles Maynard.

Registration forms are outside of the Church Offices and at the FY bulletin board. The registration deadline is March 22 and after that date, a \$20 late fee will be added. Please make your own reservations through the Holston Conference. The FBS Finance Office will not be accepting reservations or fees.

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40 Days . . .



of Prayer and Reflection . . .

## **Forty Days of Prayer**

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Many of us devote weeks preparing for Christmas, as we should. However, when it comes to Easter, we sometimes don't invest the same effort getting ready for this very important period in our church's life. This year our church conference is asking us to prepare ourselves for Easter by using the season of Lent (Feb. 17 - April 3) as a time of church-wide prayer. A devotional book, 24 Hours that Changed the World, will be made available on Sundays in the lobby area for a donation of \$5.00 for us to use as a guide for our personal journey through this **Forty Days of Prayer**.

As Americans, we realize the need for prayer now for our nation, the world and always for our church, but equally important is the nurturing of our own personal prayer life.

I hope you will join me in making this season of Lent a time to deepen your prayer life. May you experience the power of prayer and the presence of God in a new and fresh way during these **Forty Days of Prayer** and beyond!

*There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.*

~ Brother Lawrence

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

On Sunday mornings, it is the intent of FBSUMC to hold regular worship services. We do encourage everyone to exercise sound judgement and not venture out if they cannot do so safely.

Wednesday Night Suppers and Programs will be cancelled if the Kingsport City Schools are closed or close early for inclement weather. For other activities and meetings, cancellation will be decided by the person in charge and every effort will be made to notify all participants. You may also call the Church at 246-4471 and go to Voice Mail Box 8 for a message regarding cancellations or check our website at [www.fbsumc.org](http://www.fbsumc.org).

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Recently Hospitalized . . .

**Holston Valley:** Betty Price, Parker McGhee

**Same Day:** Shirley Houser

**Discharged:** Velda Noel, Rhoda Gray, Chuck McVey, Jenny Rose and baby

### In Memory of

our church family member

**Mack Moore—February 7**

*Sympathy is expressed to his family.*



to **Cecil Bryant** on the death of his son, **Floyd Cecil Bryant**, who died February 12; and **Sharon Duncan** on the death of her mother, **Helen Elliott**, who died February 15.

### FBS Welcomes Our New Member . . .

**Bob and Jan Garver, Maxine Poole**, 401 Canongate Rd., 37660, as transfers from Apex UMC, Apex, NC, sponsored by Alex and Edwina Anderson (**Campbell Garver** will be a baptized member.)



**Sadie Marie Blalock**, daughter of Dail and Katie Blalock, will be baptized at the 8:30 a.m. traditional service on Feb. 21; **Katherine Grace Amodei**, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Amodei, will be baptized at the 10:45 contemporary service on Feb. 21; and **Charles Austin Weaver, II**, son of Tony and Kellie Weaver, will be baptized at the 10:45 traditional service on Feb. 21.

### Drama on March 14

First Act, First Broad Street Drama Ministry, will sponsor a trip to the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, NC. on Sunday, March 14, 2010, to see a presentation of Liturgical Drama and Organ Music for Lent. The event is a collaboration between the American Guild of Organist and Friends of the Groom, a liturgical drama troupe. The Cathedral of All Souls was built by George Vanderbilt as the parish church for the village near Biltmore House and was consecrated in 1896. The trip will include a stop for lunch prior to the four o'clock performance and a small charge to defray the cost of gasoline. To reserve a spot on the bus, please call the reservation line (224-1502). Call Louella Blair (357-5233) if you have a question.

### Chancel Arrangements . . .

The altar is adorned with greenery and dried arrangements to reflect the mood of penitence. Credenza flowers are from the wedding of Kimberly Ankabrandt and Nathan Rogers on February 20, 2010.

## WORSHIP

### First Sunday in Lent February 21, 2010

#### Contemporary Worship Services

Fellowship Hall – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**Scripture:** Mark 14: 12-25

**Sermon:** *The Last Supper*

Andrew Amodei

#### Traditional Worship Services

Sanctuary— 8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Scripture:** Luke 4: 1-13

**Sermon:** *Playing on Our Hunger*

Clark Jenkins

**Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.**

**“Joy” TV Ministry: 9:30 a.m. \*see below**

**Radio Broadcast: 10:00 a.m., WKPT (1400 AM)**

To Watch JOY TV

**COMCAST SYSTEMS:** We are broadcasting on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m..on the following stations: Abingdon, VA Ch. 2; Bristol & Gray Ch. 14.

**CHARTER SYSTEMS:** We are broadcasting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Ch. 13 for Johnson City, Kingsport and Rogersville.

#### St. Mark's United Methodist Church

9:30 a.m.

**Message:** Lay Speaker

#### *Our Father's Place*

4:00 p.m. in Chapel

**Message:** Patsy Pilgrim

#### Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in Chapel

**Message:** John Bardsley and John Wilson

After Hours “On Call” List for the Week

**Sunday, February 21** Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

**Monday, February 22** Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

**Tuesday, February 23** Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

**Wednesday, February 24** Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

**Thursday, February 25** Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

**Friday, February 26** Jack Weikel (292-9000)

**Saturday, February 27** Margaret Deans (276-698-0812)

### Lunch Bunch—February 19

Lunch Bunch will go to Red Lobster in Johnson City on February 19. The bus will leave the Wanola parking lot at 11:00 a.m.

February 14, 2010

Morning Worship	879
<i>Our Father's Place</i>	14
Evening Worship	29
Total Worship Attendance	922
Sunday School	568

# Spotlight on Missions



## Through FBSUMC at Home and Around the World

### **“Amazing Grace” Sudan Summit and Mission Celebration 2010**

Remember to mark your calendars for these two events with the Sudan Summit beginning on Thursday, March 11 at 10:00 AM and running through Friday, March 12 at 3:00 PM. This will be an event to bring together the General Board of Global Ministries, UMCOR, Holston Annual Conference, East Africa Annual Conference, Sudan leadership and other annual conferences wanting to be in mission and ministry in southern Sudan. This will be an historic event in the life of the denomination as well as for southern Sudan. It is open to anyone wishing to participate and information on cost and reservations will be coming soon. Included in this event will be the “Lightnin’ Charlie” concert that will be a fundraiser for building wells in Sudan.

The Sudan Summit will transition into the Mission Celebration at 5:30 PM on the evening of Friday, March 12. This will be an exciting event that will run through lunch on Sunday, March 14. We will host speakers and missionaries from local, national, and global mission settings. The two keynote speakers will be Rev. Jim Gulley (an advisor in Agriculture and Community Development with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and General Board of Global Ministries in Cambodia and Haiti) and David Malloy from the (General Board of Global Ministries Advance Special Office.)

Please begin praying for these two events and all who will be here to share with us God’s vision for bringing wholeness to a broken world. Watch for details soon, and call the Missions Office at 423-224-1531 for more information.

### **Health Kits For Haiti**

There was a tremendous response to the Health Kit drive for Haiti after the devastating earthquake that struck last month. An estimated 250,000 people lost their lives with close to two million displaced. With a destroyed infrastructure and daily needs at an optimum, emergency response is significant in preserving life and quality of life.

We celebrate the generous response to the plea by the United Methodist Committee on Relief for financial resources and Health Kits. The congregation at First Broad Street brought in almost 600 kits and donated over \$22,000.00 to go to Haiti relief. May we celebrate together this awesome response to our brothers and sisters in Haiti at a time of deep need, and may we also celebrate the work of United Methodist Committee On Relief, where every cent of each dollar we donate goes directly to the need.

### **Food Ministry Continues to Feed Many**

We continue to see high numbers of individuals and families who need assistance providing food for the table. Many who come to our door are here for the first time and we find that they are struggling to afford many basic daily needs, with food being just one. We are thankful for your continued support of the Food Ministry, which aids in feeding families and allows them to use their resources for some of these other needs. Please continue to remember the hungry, those who Jesus lifted up to the church, as you shop for your family.

# Spotlight on Missions



## **2010 Lenten Time Apart**

All persons, especially UMW members, are invited to the annual Kingsport District Lenten Time Apart program which will be held at Rock Springs UMC on March 7, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. Speaker for this event will be Rev. Susan Arnold of the Rogersville Circuit. Hope we can have a large attendance from First Broad Street UMC. Contact Doris Dexter (288-2973 or [byarsdex@yahoo.com](mailto:byarsdex@yahoo.com)).

## **First UMW General Meeting of 2010**

All ladies are invited to our first general luncheon meeting of 2010, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall on March 10 at 11 a.m. Our program sounds like it will be something that you will not want to miss. My Ladies Tea Society from Bristol, Virginia, will visit with us. The ladies will explain the history of tea and kinds of tea in a tea party setting. They will include Bible references for our contemplation. Everyone is asked to bring your personal favorite teacup and saucer to savor a cup of tea while listening to the program. The ladies request that you bring one can of food as a donation to a food bank in lieu of payment for their services. You do not have to be a member of UMW to attend — we welcome all guests. Contact Doris Dexter (288-2973 or [byarsdex@yahoo.com](mailto:byarsdex@yahoo.com)).

## **2009 Communion Offering**

The congregation responded to the economic needs of our community in a powerful way for the 2009 year. Each time Holy Communion is celebrated at First Broad Street, baskets are made available for participants to provide an offering to be used in the outreach ministry of the church to the community. This outreach is administered through various opportunities that assist individuals and families at a critical time in their life.

First Broad Street is one of a number of congregations in Kingsport that support Kingsport Community Ministry Center through providing volunteers and financial resources. In 2009 we provided funds totaling \$24,200.00 to KCMC. We provided \$500.00 to Good Samaritan Ministries, \$452.50 for bus tickets in emergency situations, \$978.22 for medical assistance, \$2,161.68 to families for help with funeral expenses, \$2,754.96 for housing assistance, \$2,344.00 for help with utilities, \$8,499.88 to subsidize the Food Ministry, \$825.00 for assistance to families with children for Christmas, and another \$1,730.18 on other needs of the community. The total of financial resources provided from the communion offering in 2009 was \$44,446.87.

On behalf of the many in our community who struggle daily with the basic needs of life, thank you First Broad Street for “doing unto the least of these” through your gifts of love and grace in the communion offering.

## **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

First Broad United Methodist Church has received a certificate of appreciation from Interfaith Hospitality Network recognizing with gratitude the hospitality and compassion provided to homeless families.

# Forever Young

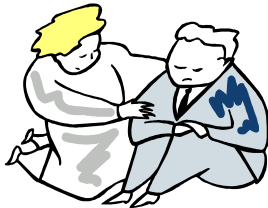


## Lunch Bunch to Red Lobster

The Lunch Bunch will go to the Red Lobster in Johnson City on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart from the Wanola parking lot at 11 a.m. If you are a widow or widower, have never tried Lunch Bunch and would like to check it out, please call 224-1502 for a reservation and join us!

## Bob and Jan Garver to Perform at Forever Young Fellowship

The Garvers will bring the program for the Forever Young Fellowship on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come find out about our newest staff member and his family. This will be Retta's last meeting as the Director of Forever Young Ministries and I would love to see everybody for lunch and the program. Menu- TBA. Call 224-1502 for a reservation.



## Grief Recovery 2010 Begins February 23<sup>rd</sup>

A 6-week session of Grief Recovery begins Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and will meet for 6 consecutive Tuesdays until March 30<sup>th</sup>. If we have enough participants to do so, we will add a daytime session, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in addition to the regular meeting time of 5:30- 7:00 p.m. Please call Retta at 224-1546 or Linda Akard at 224- 1524 to reserve your spot and let it be known, at that time, which time slot you prefer. This ministry is free and open to the public.



## Towne Squares to perform for Art Nights- City Lights

On March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., The Towne Squares (Louise Ammons, Lauren Chapman, Tammie Davis, Martha Funke, Retta Overturf and Tammy Porter) return to the Renaissance Center stage as part of Art Nights - City Lights sponsored by the Cultural Arts of the City of Kingsport. The Squares will take the audience on a SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

through each decade of song starting with the 1920's. The musical styles include vocal jazz, Celtic, doo-wop, and pop. The "Squares" bring moments of laughter and cheer as they share their love for mankind through music. The proceeds from the program will be donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

## Seniors Golf League of Upper East TN

Join the Seniors (age 55+) Golf League of Upper East TN. and play 23 public and private courses with reduced green fees for twice a week league play from March 22 thru November 1<sup>st</sup>. Current handicaps of members range from 2 to 36. For more information contact Hal McHarris at 245-9833 or HALINKPT@aol.com or visit the golf website at seniorsgolfleague.com.

## Ten Promises for Later Life

Is there any news in the "Good News" for older adults? Facilitated by Lynn Sorrell, learn from Jane Marie Thibault's sensitive study how to make the most of God's gift of longer life. It began on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and goes thru March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 -5:30 p.m. in room 141. Cost of book is \$10.



## Writing Your Own Story

Back by popular demand is Billie Chesney and Writing Your Own Story. Billie will help you find the right words and offer you tips and encouragement for passing down important stories to your family. There is no book for the class but there will be homework. Tuesdays, March 2 – March 23 from 10 -11:30 a.m. in room 141.

## Festival of Flowers at the Biltmore Estate

Visit Biltmore Estate during the month of April and be dazzled by the colorful array of thousands of tulips in full bloom! Partnering with Biltmore Estate, Lake Junaluska is offering a special package for only \$151 per person, double occupancy. This package includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner and 1 admission ticket to the Biltmore. This package is available April 3 – May 16, based on availability and your place may be reserved by calling 800-222-4930.

## **WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

As most of you know, February 24<sup>th</sup> will be my last day at work as the Director of Forever Young Ministries. My tenure with FBS began as the full time Director of Older Adult Ministries in October of 1988 and continued until I married Brad in January 1991. I came back as the interim director in October 2003 and became a permanent part time staff member in mid 2004. I have thoroughly enjoyed this ministry and plan to always be in ministry as a lay person. Many kudos go to the hundreds of volunteers that have made me look very good and have developed this ministry into the "model" it is today and will be in the future. I can not take credit for the service that has been given this church; however, I will forever be grateful for all God's people have taught me and the multitude of blessings God has graciously bestowed upon me. The love of Christ is shown through the servant hearts of many people here at FBS. As the transition begins, these friends are serving on the Forever Young Council in 2010 and will ensure the ministries continue. They all deserve our sincere prayers of Thanksgiving.

## **FOREVER YOUNG COUNCIL**

Forever Young Council Co-Chairs	Jack & Nancy Weikel
Forever Young Fellowship Chair	Nancy Weikel
At Large Members	Phyllis Hill, Judy Sadler, John Middaugh, Jim & Mary Ann Harless
FBS Golfers Co-chairs	Jim Hutchins
FBS Travelers Chairs	Peggy Davis
Grief Recovery Reach Out & Support	Debbie Wallace
Home Visitation	Irene Osborne
Lunch Bunch	Irene Osborne & Jack Greene
Live Wires Sunday school	Jane Schulz
Over 70 Luncheon	Beverley Perdue

## **FOREVER YOUNG CALL COMMITTEE & CARD MINISTRY**

Forever Young Fellowship, the monthly luncheon with a program on most 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, is successful largely because of the call committee- a terrific group of ladies who contact participants to remind them of the upcoming program and who take their reservation over the phone every month. If you are not now receiving a call and would like to receive a call, please let Nancy Weikel or Linda Akard (224-1524) know.

Edith Baker  
Frances Brockman  
Rhoda Gray  
Mary Ann Harless  
Shirley Helton  
Margarette Johnson  
Betty Lou Morley  
Frances Smithwick  
Mary Sue Still  
Joelle Thomsen  
Midge Umberger

Joelle Thomsen and Linda Morton oversee the card ministry for those experiencing grief or illness.

## **LIVE WIRES SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Live Wires is a Sunday School "class" for those who no longer can physically come to FBS. Basically a conference call that works anywhere in the US and from one's own telephone, a group of folks "meet" every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If you would like to join this class, please give Jane Schulz a call at 239-9018. These faithful teachers have been very dedicated to this ministry.

Chair- Jane Schulz  
Linda Morton  
Sharon Miller  
Fred Richard  
Margarette Johnson

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## Single Vision—Mary Brugh, Storyteller

Monday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Join us in Room 141, Wesley Wing, for an exciting evening of stories. Storyteller, Mary Brugh, who delighted us with scary stories in October, is returning to entertain us with tales of love and relationships. A dinner of beef tacos with all the fixings will be available for a cost of \$4.00. Please bring a February type dessert to share (e.g. chocolate, cherries, cheese cake, or anything you wish). Reservations for dinner are requested by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, by calling the church reservation line at 224-1502.

## Singles/Young Adult Volleyball

Meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays in Woodyard Gym

Join friends for fun and exercise.

Contact: Tony Clark 378-5299

## Make Plans to attend the Living Last Supper

The Drama Ministry of First Broad Street United Methodist Church also serves as an outreach program to our community. Last year, both performances of the Last Supper were very well attended by our church members as well as many guests. For this reason, we are adding a third performance as our **Wednesday Night program on March 31 (6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.)** This additional performance is planned primarily for members of First Broad Street. We are requesting that our church family members come to the Wednesday night performance if possible, and leave the two performances on Maundy Thursday for our guests. If you are unable to join us for Wednesday dinner, please come to the program immediately following in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Should you be unable to attend on Wednesday evening, of course we would welcome you and your guests to one of the two Thursday performances. The performance times are 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

## Directory Prayer Ministry

Every day a member of the Directory Prayer ministry team is praying for you and every other member of FBSUMC. New lists from the most current membership directory are distributed quarterly to a team of folks who pray daily for each one by name. More participants are always needed and welcomed to this ministry. If you have questions or would like to join this important ministry, please contact Alice McKee by email at richardandalice@charter.net or by phone to 239-4594 no later than Feb. 21. All members of this prayer team will receive their assignments by March 1.

## Wednesday Nights 5:30 p.m.-- February 24

**Program:** The Not-So-Newlywed Game and Honoring Couples Married 50+ Years

**Menu:** pork roast, dressing w/ gravy, sweet potato, broccoli, congealed salad, wedding cake

**Make your dinner reservations by calling 224-1502 by noon on Tuesday. You must call 224-1502 to set up standing reservations.**

Adults: \$6; Children 5-11 years: \$3;  
Under 5: Free; Family Maximum: \$25

*Please feel free to attend the program even if you are unable to come for the meal.*

## “Bring One” Items

The Bring One items for the week of Sunday, February 21, will be canned corn, green beans, peas, and fruit. The items for the week of Sunday, February 28, will be canned meats such as SPAM, ham or tuna. Thank you for your support.



## Safe Sanctuary Training

For NEW volunteers or staff working with children and youth

📅 Wednesday, March 10, 2010

In room L45 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

📅 Thursday, March 25, 2010

In room L45 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

For all volunteers/staff trained in 2008 and 2009, please fill out and submit the Participation Covenant Statement. Go to [www.fbsumc.org](http://www.fbsumc.org). Click “Main Site” and click the “Leadership” tab. Download the “covenant” statement, fill it out and mail it to: First Broad Street UMC, c/o Margaret Deans, P.O. Box 1346, Kingsport, TN 37662

## Large Print Bulletins Available

Along with hearing amplification devices and large print hymnals, we are now offering large print bulletins for those who desire them. Contact an usher as you enter traditional worship to obtain one of these items.

### Membership and Financial Report

January YTD -- 2010

Membership - January 1, 2010		2475
Membership - January 31, 2010		2475
	Actual	Budget
Pledges (Actual)	\$128,729	\$145,833
Total Revenue	\$209,409	\$239,703
Expenses	\$218,403	\$241,476
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (8,993)	\$ (1,773)
Balance Due on Capital Debt		\$806,461
Faith Promise Balance		\$ 17,837

A MESSAGE  
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### Have You Visited Your Website Lately?

Several months ago, I wrote about a new capability that is available to you for finding information about ministries and programs at your Church, for registering for events, and for making contributions. A number of you have used this new tool, but most of you haven't. It is simple and easy to use, and I think it will help you quickly find information that you might need and save you time. I thought I would review it in a little more detail in this article.

You can begin this journey by going to our website, [www.fbsumc.org](http://www.fbsumc.org). When you have accessed our home page, you will see three red tabs on the top right. The center tab says "Member Log In". If it is your first time entering the church database, it will ask you to enter your name and create a password. To get in the system, the name you enter must be the same as the one in our data base. So if you enter your name and it tells you it can't find you, try some variations. Most people are in the system with their first name and middle name or initial. If you can't match it, please call Sue Ann Greene at 224-1509. You also have to create a password and the system likes fairly complex ones. It will require you to use both letters and numbers so come up with something that you can remember that is more complex than your spouse's or one of your children's names.

Now that you have entered our database, there are a number of things that you can do. Your Home page can be set up to display a variety of information. The drop down tab under Home has My Profile which lists information about you that the Church has in its database. Please check this and if there is anything incorrect, you can create a change request which is forwarded to the System Administrator. There is also a Personal Preference tab that lets you decide what can and cannot be shared with the congregation. Please take a moment and check these boxes. The next tab is Groups and this lists the ministries, programs and activities that you have said you wanted to participate in. Under Available Activities, you will find activities that you can sign up for on line. Right now, we are not utilizing this function very well, but we are working to get most activities that require signing up listed on this page. The next tab is Calendar, and it has two similar sections. The Calendar View shows the month with abbreviated list of activities on each day, and the second is a table that lists all of the activities by day and time for the entire month.

The Giving tab will provide you with information about your pledge(s) for 2010 and about what you have given to date. The area provides you a couple of options that have not been available in the past. You can go to the Give To window on the lower left side and drop down a list of all accounts to which you can make a gift. These range from the Budget to Building to Faith Promise and on and on. You can make your contribution from this page by selecting the area in the Give To options, entering the amount in the Amount box and clicking Give. This will take you to a secure section that will allow you to make your gift using a VISA or MasterCard. We have to pay a fixed amount for this capability so the more use it has, the more economical it is. If this



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capability would be a benefit to you, we hope you will consider using it.

Church is still about worshipping and serving our Lord, but modern technologies can sure help us communicate and participate in the Body of Christ at First Broad Street. Hope to see you online.

*Mike McIntire*

### Retta Overturf Retiring

Retta, who has served as Director of Forever Young Ministries for the last seven years, will retire on Sunday, February 28. If you would like to contribute to a Love Offering for Retta, please make your check out to First Broad Street UMC and put Love Offering for Retta on the For line.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has formed a Search Committee to fill this position and has developed a Job Description and Application for Employment which are available in the Church Office shortly. If you have any questions about the position, call Margaret Deans or Mike McIntire.

### The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club

You are invited to join The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at FBS. Mingle and munch begins at 6:15 in the church library followed by a lively discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 of the following books: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (March 18), *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges (April 15) and *Julie and Julia* by Julie Powell (May 20). For more information, you may contact either Beth Geno at [iegeno@embarqmail.com](mailto:iegeno@embarqmail.com) or Kay Ann Smith at 288-2468.