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# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## A Message from Our Senior Pastor . . .

This Sunday marks the halfway mark in the "It's About The Choices We Make" sermon series. For the last two weeks we looked at the choices of: "Life Over Death," and "Community Over Isolation." This Sunday is the choice of "Fun Over Drudgery." This week we're going to include our Lay Leader, Russ Brogdon in the preaching. Russ will be preaching in the Contemporary Services on January 22, and in the Traditional Services on January 29. It's important that our Lay Leader weigh-in on these choices which are framing the way in which we begin these "Next 100 Years."

Did you know the word "fun" does not appear in most English translations of the Bible? Probably the closest word to "fun" is the word "joy;" and depending on the translation it may appear from 105 – 191 times. So, what does that mean? It means the Bible is a "joyful" book. Paul Nixon who serves as my ministry coach says, "Christianity is an exuberant and happy faith."

We sometimes think of contemporary worship settings being more joyful than the traditional ones. It's not about the style of worship. It's about joy and positive energy! Every person who shows up for worship potentially adds energy; and, people who stay away from worship potentially deprive us of their joy. You've heard me say on a couple of occasions, "some Christians look as though they were baptized in dill pickle juice – notify your face that you know 'the joy of your salvation'."

Again, Nixon writes, "It should be 'fun' to go to worship, regardless of the particular liturgical style." Each and every member, and constituent, of this congregation can make a contribution to our experience of worship by their presence and joyful participation in one of our worship services. Your joyful presence will help to produce a fun environment, a contagious atmosphere.

I look forward to seeing your joy and to seeing you have fun on Sunday morning!

With my love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Senior Pastor mentioned in the text.

P.S. If you're interested in reading the books that have been stimulating my thinking over the last few months, I've listed them below.  
"Bearing Fruit: Ministry With Real Results." Lovett H. Weems, Jr. and Tom Berlin, Abingdon Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-4267-1590-7  
"I Refuse To Lead A Dying Church." Paul Nixon, Pilgrim Press, 2006. ISBN: 978-0-8298-1759-1  
"Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60: Being Church For All Generations." Edward H. Hammett, Chalice Press. ISBN 13: 978-0-827232-54-9.



Join us for the next topic in our sermon series,  
"It's about the Choices We Make."  
On January 22, we will discuss "Choosing Fun over Drudgery."  
We look forward to seeing you.

**Recently Hospitalized . . .**


**Holston Valley:** Irene Osborne, Jane Young, Dale Rogers,  
**Discharged:** Frank Brogden, Trisha Harris, Dan Abbott,  
 Irene Kyle, David Draper, Charles Eberhart, Eunice Hall,  
 Barbara Clark




*Sympathy is expressed to . . .*

to the family of **Wayne Garland** on the death of his  
 mother, **Joan Garland**, who died January 7; and

the **Stuart family** on the death of **Mildred Stuart**, widow  
 of Rev. Ray Stuart (FBS former associate pastor),  
 who died Jan. 11.

 Congratulations to Walker and Danielle Throp on the  
 birth of their son, **Jansen Emmitt Throp**, who was  
 born January 2.

 Congratulations to **Jason Honeycutt and Kelley  
 Matlock**, who were married on January 14 at  
 FBSUMC by Rev. Steve Wells.



**Elizabeth Hope Rose**, daughter of Chris and Jill Rose, was  
 baptized on January 15 at the 10:45 a.m. traditional service.

**Fifth Sunday Offering**

Children and families who are caught up in a life of despair  
 caused from family breakdown or poverty need the loving  
 care of the church and community to turn their lives around,  
 to become what God intends them to become. Lives can  
 be transformed through the ministry of Holston United  
 Methodist Home for Children. Please be generous with your  
 Fifth Sunday gift to Holston Home on January 29.



**College Valentine Gifts**

It is time to sign up for a Starbucks gift card that we will send  
 to our undergraduate college students for Valentine's Day.  
 The student must be in school this semester. We encourage  
 you to sign up as a sponsor for \$15. Look for the table  
 outside the Chapel on January 22 and January 29. For more  
 information, please call Nate Collins at 224-1523 or email  
 him at [ncollins@fbsumc.org](mailto:ncollins@fbsumc.org).



The Chancel Arrangements will be in memory of Steve Rose  
 on his 60th Birthday, given by Cathy, Curt, Jenny and Emma,  
 Chris, Jill and Elizabeth, and Caty Rose.

**January 22, 2012 Worship**

**8:30, 9:40, and 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
 (Sanctuary)

Will Lauderback

**8:30 and 10:45 Contemporary Worship**  
 "The Connection" (Fellowship Hall)

Russ Brogden

**Sermon Series:**

**"It's about the Choices We Make"**

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6: 12-23

**Message:** *Choosing Fun Over Drudgery*

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
 "Joy" TV Ministry: \*see below  
 Radio Broadcast: 10:00 a.m., WKPT (1400 AM)

**\*To Watch JOY TV**

We are broadcasting Sunday 9:30 a.m.;  
 Tuesday 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.;  
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. on Comcast Systems:  
 Abingdon, VA Ch. 2; Bristol and Gray Ch. 14  
 and on Charter Systems:  
 Ch. 13 Johnson City, Kingsport, Rogersville

**Our Father's Place--4:00 p.m. in Chapel**

**Message:** Mickey Rainwater

**Evening Worship--6:00 p.m. in Chapel**

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<b>January 15, 2012 Attendance</b>	
Morning Worship	871
Our Father's Place	12
Evening Worship	31
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>914</b>

**Bring One Items**

Bring One items for the week of Sunday, January 22, will  
 be canned meats such as SPAM, ham, or tuna. The  
 items for the week of Sunday, January 29, will be hearty  
 soups and crackers and/or powdered or evaporated  
 milk. Thank you.

**Jan./Feb. Forever Young Gatherings**

Rev. David St. Clair will present his Mark Twain monologue  
 at our January 24 Forever Young Fellowship. David is the  
 son of the beloved former pastor to FBS, Ben St. Clair. The  
 Feb. 28 Gathering will feature the Patti Quarles Trio. The  
 theme is "love" for Valentine's Day.



## *“Prepare Ye The Way”* Mission Celebration 2012



Bishop James E. Swanson

The theme for our 2012 Mission Celebration comes out of Isaiah 40:3...A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” This prophecy is as relevant for us today as when it was proclaimed almost 1500 years ago. God continues to call us to prepare the world for the presence of Christ Jesus in the midst of all the brokenness, pain and despair of humanity. Plan to join us on March 2-4 as we explore how we can live into this prophecy here at First Broad Street as we are in ministry in our community, our nation and around the world.

Bishop James Swanson will be our keynote speaker for the event, sharing his vision for the mission of the church around the world. He will be accompanied by speakers from missions and ministries including, Mandela Logoge, who is a member of the parliament in South Sudan; Roberto Perez from Alfalit, an education initiative around the world; Bryan and Lois Varenkamp from Wycliffe Bible Translators; the Estonia Mission Team from First Broad Street; Koni Purcell, a Church and Community Worker in the Big Stone Gap District; Ruth Winship from Chihowa UMC in Durant, Oklahoma; and Annisa Little with Clothes For Kids here in Kingsport.

The Mission Celebration, chaired this year by Shingai and Josie Musesngwa, will have workshops and activities for children, youth and adults that will enable us to celebrate where we have been in mission in the past and understand where God may be leading us in the year ahead. Watch soon for the schedule and information on how to make reservations for this annual event. Please mark your calendar for this exciting opportunity!

### **Furniture Ministry Update**

The Furniture Ministry begins the New Year with increasing needs from the community for furniture and household items. The ministry made deliveries to over 300 families and individuals in 2011 and anticipates seeing the needs increase in the year ahead. The list of items they need are clean queen, full or twin beds and bedding (blankets, sheets and bedspreads), regular sofas and loveseats, living room tables and chairs, dining tables and chairs, bedroom furniture, end and coffee tables,

dishes, pots and pans and silverware, small working appliances, towels and wash clothes, small shelf units, recliners that work, lift chairs complete with electrical connections, washers, dryers, and electric stoves in fair/good condition.

We appreciate your continued support of this ministry through your donations and prayers. If you have questions about the ministry or wish to make a donation, please call the Mission Office at 423-224-1531.

## Small Groups Update

***Spirituality and the Arts: Creativity and Transformation.*** Materials and experience will be focused on creativity and art to explore spirituality and deepening our relationship with God. Each group session will have a creative experience with small individual assignments through the week to explore and deepen into their relationship with God.

Tuesdays, February 7 – February 28, 2012 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. in room 233. Facilitated by Sybil R. Smith, LPC-MHSP (info@sybilrsmith.com).

### ***A Prayer Day Away at Jubilee House, Abingdon.***

A welcoming time of prayer and quiet, open to anyone in church or community who desires an opportunity for sustained prayer or journaling, reading or walking the Labyrinth. Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon, VA.

Meet at Jubilee House at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Lunch is at noon. Cost: \$10.00. Please call 224-1513 to register.

### ***From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi.***

This study is for those persons who are thinking of retirement or recently retired (suggested age is 50 – 65). Topics include “Cultivating Wisdom,” “Loving the Self,” “Forgiveness and Gratitude” and “Facing Our Mortality.” Many modalities will be used including music, art, journaling and contemplation. Invite your “Boomer” friends to attend with you! An excellent resource for the second half of life.

Wednesdays, through March 28, 2012 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Room L37. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. John Wilson. Student book: \$12.00

## Single Vision

Join Single Vision on Monday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m. for Dinner and Game Night in Room 141. Call 224-1502 for dinner reservations.

## Safe Sanctuary Training

In 2012, everyone who has been trained in Safe Sanctuary and anyone who would like to be trained will need to attend a class this year to be certified. Training sessions offered are as follows:

Wednesday, February 8 at 6:15 p.m. in room L41. Nursery and children’s activities are available.

Sunday, March 11 (*note: this is a date change from March 4*) at 12:00 noon, in room 234. A light lunch will be served.

Wednesday, March 28 at 6:15 p.m. in room L 41. Nursery and children’s activities are available.

Additional sessions will be announced as needed. Please choose a session and RSVP to Margaret Deans at 224-1513 or [mdeans@fbsumc.org](mailto:mdeans@fbsumc.org). As per our Safe Sanctuary policy, every four years of the program, all adult volunteers with children and youth will need to return to the classroom to be certified, even if you took the training last year. Thank you for your service to our children and youth. First Broad Street UMC could not have the kind of missions and ministry to youth and children without our committed volunteers.

## Wednesday Nights 5:30 p.m. -- Jan. 25

Program: Bays Mountain Planetarium  
Menu: teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, tossed salad, roll, dessert

Make your dinner reservations by calling 224-1502 by noon on Tuesday. Reservations are requested but not required.

Adults: \$6; Children 5-11 years: \$3;

Under 5: Free; Family Maximum: \$25

Feel free to attend the program even if you are unable to come for the meal.



## ***Have you chosen your scripture verse for the year?***

As part of our intentional spiritual growth plan for 2012, we were asked to choose a verse of scripture for this year. It can be a familiar one, or a passage that stood out to us as we were reading our Bible. We asked the Holy Spirit to guide us as we chose, so that the scripture can be our teacher this year, forming us more closely to God’s dream for us.

When you have chosen your verse, and if you are willing to share that with your faith family, please send it to Margaret Deans. We would like to use the verses as part of our Lenten observance. Please include the verse, chapter and book and your name in the email or call. Your verse will be identified with your name. Call 224-1513 or send it to [mdeans@fbsumc.org](mailto:mdeans@fbsumc.org). Thank you!!

## Grief ♥ Recovery

### Winter Grief Recovery Support Group

The winter Grief Recovery Support Group will begin on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have lost a loved one in 2011 (or later) and are having trouble dealing with your grief, Grief Group is a good place to be. There are six required sessions which are facilitated by Ann VandeVate, grief counselor, and John Wilson, former hospice chaplain. Call John at 224-1546 to register.



To connect to ministries or small groups, contact Nancy Tate at 224-1507 or [ntate@fbsumc.org](mailto:ntate@fbsumc.org).

## Come reap the benefits of belonging to the Read 'em and Reap Book Club at FBS!

You are invited to join the Read 'Em and Reap Book Club from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 141 of the Wesley Wing for refreshments and a refreshing discussion of the following books:

- February 16    *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore  
 March 15        *Tomorrow River* by Lesley Kagen  
 April 19        *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall  
 May 17         *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan
- These books are available in the church library.



## Celebrating 9 Years of Stephen Ministry at First Broad Street

In 1974, Ken Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, was serving at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He soon recognized that he could not provide all of the pastoral care needed by his congregation. Inspired by Ephesians 4:12 "... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Dr. Haugk began training and commissioning of lay people as Stephen Ministers to provide an extension of pastoral care to those needing spiritual and emotional support. The efforts in his own church were so successful that Dr. Haugk began making the training available to members of other congregations as well. Today Stephen Ministers serve in 11,000 congregations of more than 150 Christian denominations throughout the world.

Stephen Ministry was initiated at First Broad Street in early 2003 through the efforts of Bill Crawford, Cindy Haskins and Reverend Caryl Griffin and a first class of Stephen Ministers was trained later that year. Remarkably four members of that initial group: Betsy Geiger, Beth Geno, Linda Morton and Retta Overturf are still active as Stephen Ministers. The work begun in 2003 continues today with 12 active Stephen Ministers and 4 Stephen Leaders. Since 2003, more than 55 people, members of FBS as well as non-members, have received caring support from Stephen Ministers.

If you think that you or someone you know would benefit from the support of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Jim Harless, Brad Overturf, Melanie Watson or John Wilson. Also, if you want to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact one of the Stephen Leaders. Additional information on Stephen Ministry is available at [www.fbsumc.org](http://www.fbsumc.org).

We are grateful for those who initiated Stephen Ministry at First Broad Street and for the many people who have supported the ministry over the nine years since then. We celebrate their gift of service and give thanks to those who continue to be the hands and feet of Christ through Stephen Ministry.

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**Coming in February . . .** an event for couples, friends, Sunday School classes, and family! Join us on either **February 10 or February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** for a cost of \$20 per person for the **Johns Island Fundraiser Dinner**. All proceeds go toward the Johns Island Mission trip. This will be our seventh annual dinner featuring Master Chef Sparky Dyson and his amazing menu. Childcare will be provided for free on both nights for children ages four and under. Reservations are due by noon on February 6. Call 224-1502 and indicate which night you will attend and whether you will need childcare (with number of children and ages.)

***Make your reservations soon. We sold out last year!***