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## Holy Conferencing *How to Disagree in Love*

Our society has never been more divided. On nearly every issue, from how to handle political affairs to how to handle church affairs, we see our society, as well as Christians, disagree. As Christians, does God call us to simply sit on the sidelines and watch others “hash it out?” Does God call us to do nothing as the divide in our society and our church deepens? Does God call us to join in the fight, and tell others how they are wrong, and we are right? The correct answer is none of the above. God calls us in every situation to be persons who display the Fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. So how do people of faith have conversations around things in which they disagree?

### *Holy Conferencing*

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, felt strongly that engaging with those that we disagree with is a holy affair; God works in the midst of the process of hearing a side that we disagree with being explained and then through explaining our own understanding. Wesley listed Christian (Holy) Conferencing as a means of grace, among which we find Holy Communion, prayer, and reading Scripture. This is an important part of our tradition that we desperately need to reclaim. Keven Watson, a Wesley scholar, defines Christian Conferencing as “honest, direct, piercing conversation with other Christians that was intended to help the participants grow in holiness.”

### *Our Opportunity*

On January 28 we will be gathering as a church to begin and continue learning how to Holy Conference together. During our time together we will be learning how to have difficult conversations with one another, and then we will practice together. We will approach topics that are divisive in our culture and among Christians, such as immigration, sexuality, and gun control. This will be a wonderful time together in which we will learn that there is more that connects us than separates us.

#### ***Schedule of Holy Conferencing Event***

When: Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: First Broad Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Lunch: Lunch provided free of cost to participants

Resources: Every participant will be given resources, with additional resources available for purchase.

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## Joy's Best Advice for the New Year

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'" Rev. 21:5

As we launch into 2017, turning over a brand new leaf, here are some health points to consider:

-- Just move! If you do one thing for yourself health-wise this year, make it this. Move. Do anything. Walking works well, but we have to make ourselves walk intentionally every day for about 30 minutes.

-- Eat well. A diet well stocked in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains will pay off big dividends in health effects. When it comes to unhealthy food, we do get something for nothing!

-- Watch what we watch and listen to. Being serious disciples, we have the privilege of walking with Jesus every day. So let's protect our minds and hearts from negativity while being informed and doing our research. Let us not be ignorant, but also not easily swayed. Have you heard the expression: "Be a good Berean?" If not, it's worth looking up... Let's work on getting the mental image of Jesus walking with us all the time, wherever we go. "What would Jesus do" is cliché, but it works great when we want to make decisions that honor him.

-- Best New Year advice of all: Get serious about reading the Bible. We cannot live by a Book that we don't know--our lives will be full of holes and inconsistencies. Let's ask God for strength and discipline and faith to keep learning the Good Book. It is life changing! Happy New Year!

CONTACT-CONCERN



## Contact Concern Needs YOU!

Would you like to be part of a team that helps to provide comfort for people in their time of need over the telephone? We have a group that routinely provides assurance calls and answers the phone to guide people to resources that can meet their needs. Contact Concern is looking for a few good men and women to do just that. Call: 247-7761

## Birthday Gifts for our AT HOME Membership

The Congregational Care Team is starting a new way to help us all stay connected with those who are no longer able to come to the church building because of mobility issues or other concerns. We are going to go to them around the time of their birthdays with a small gift.

Leslie Keefauver is the coordinator for this new ministry and she has help from Cheryl Heisey. If you feel like you would like to help visit a new friend from our church and help them to have an even happier birthday, then let Leslie or Joy know, and we will give you all the information you need. We will be happy to answer questions and provide any training necessary.

## New Year—Serving Up More Love!

Studies show that helping others and giving to others can have lots of good health effects: lower blood pressure, increased self-esteem, less depression, lower stress levels, greater 'happiness' and even longer life! (hopehealth.com) This year, how about getting even more connected with our congregational care? Here are some ways you might join in as we reach out to one another with Jesus' love:

1. Card Ministry
2. Stitch and Pray
3. Caregivers Support Group
4. Casserole Ministry
5. Home Communion quarterly
6. Home visitation
7. Flowers for the hospital
8. Caring Calls
9. Halo Haircuts
10. Crossroads Medical Mission
11. Hospital visitor
12. Weekly blood pressures



## One Answer Fits All Questions:

Remember the joke about the children's sermon when the minister describes a squirrel: "It has a fluffy tail and jumps around from tree to tree." The kids were stumped until one child said, "I know the answer is supposed to be 'Jesus,' but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

Sometimes as an adult, I feel like I forget the obvious answer to life's difficulties: Jesus. He seems too easy, and I struggle along, not taking the hand He so gently offers to me. As we all step forward into 2017, let us take Jesus by the hand and say, "I don't know what all the answers are, but I do know You, Jesus, and You can take care of it!"



### Sympathy is expressed to . . .

**Jim, Maggie, Catherine, and Joseph Potente** on the November 21 death of their mother and grandmother, **Nancy Potente**; ; and **Jason Roberts** (son) and **Nina McComas, Zachary, J.T., Cameron, and Katie Roberts** (grandchildren) on the November 22 death of their father and grandfather, **Howard Roberts**; **Mike Grubbs** (step-son), **Ryon Grubbs, Camille Grubbs, and Tequesse Swinney** (grandchildren) on the December 1 death of mother and grandmother, **Mary Lou Grubbs**; **Kathy Harper** on the November 29 death of her father, **Rev. James Paul Lane**; **Louella Blair** on the December 5 death of her sister, **Pam Bacon**; and **Nathan Flora, Elizabeth and Kate Flora** on the December 7 death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, **Faye Flora**

### In Memory of Our Church Family Members . . .

**James Redding - November 21**

**Kermit Addington - November 24**  
*Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Ann.*



Congratulations to **Joe and Elizabeth Blackwell** on the October 28 birth of their daughter, **Grace Marie Blackwell** (grandparents: Jerry and Cindy Blackwell and great-grandmother, Mary Blackwell);

**Chris and Sarah Cottrell** on the November 22 birth of their son, **Andrew Grigsby Cottrell** (grandparents: Bill and Janace Grigsby);

**Greg and Cate Tershansy** on the November 26 birth of their son, **Jack Reece Tershansy** (grandparents: Barrow and Sandy Turner);

**Dieter and Allison Smith** on the November 28 birth of their son, **August Dieter Smith**; and

**Amanda Dean and Justin Steinman** on the November 29 birth of their son, **Owen Robert Steinman**



**Grayson Roy Backman**, son of **Mark and Mattie Ruth Kramer Backman**, grandson of Steve and Tina Kramer, born December 25, 2015, was baptized by Rev. Joe Green on November 27 during the 10:45 a.m. Traditional Service



## A Word from Our Lead Pastor . . .

### What Does the New Year Hold for You?

The story is told that Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous composer-pianist, was scheduled to perform at a great concert hall in America. It was an evening to remember - black tuxedos and long evening dresses, a high-society extravaganza. Present in the audience that evening was a mother with her fidgety nine-year-old son. Just weary of waiting, he squirmed constantly in his seat. His mother, as any mother, was in hopes that her boy would be encouraged to practice the piano if he could just hear the immortal Paderewski at the keyboard. So - against his mother's wishes - he had come.

As she turned to talk with friends, her son could stay seated no longer. He slipped away from her side, strangely drawn to the ebony concert grand Steinway and its leather tufted stool on the huge stage flooded with blinding lights. Without much notice from the sophisticated audience, the boy sat down at the stool, staring wide-eyed at the black and white keys. He placed his small, trembling fingers in the right location and began to play "chopsticks." The roar of the crowd was hushed as hundreds of frowning faces turned in his direction. Irritated and embarrassed, they began to shout: "Get that boy away from there . . . who'd bring a kid that young in here . . . somebody stop him!"

Backstage, the master overheard the commotion and quickly put together in his mind what was happening. Hurriedly, he grabbed his coat and rushed toward the stage. Without one word of announcement, he stooped over behind the boy, reached around both sides, and began to improvise a countermelody to harmonize with and enhance "chopsticks." As the two of them played together, Paderewski kept whispering in the boy's ear: "Keep going. Don't quit, son. Keep on playing . . . don't stop . . . don't quit."

So it is with us. We hammer away on our project, which seems about as significant as "chopsticks" in a concert hall. About the time we are ready to give up, along comes the Master, who leans over and whispers: "Now keep going; don't quit. Keep on . . .," as He improvises on our behalf, providing just the right touch at just the right moment.

As we enter a new year, there will be times ahead when the road gets long and hope seems to wear a little thin. Open your Bible and read Galatians 6:9: "Let us not lose heart in doing Good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." Then listen to the Master as He wraps His arms around you and whispers in your ear. --Joe Green



### 8:30, 9:40, & 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Rev. Joe Green unless otherwise noted\*

- Jan. 1 *One service at 10:45. Guest preacher, Jeff Wadley*
- Jan. 8 *Guest preacher, Laurie Jo Cranford*
- Jan. 15, 22, and 29 *Rev. Joe Green will preach on the series, Facing Issues that Divide*

### 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Encounter (Fellowship Hall) Rev. Harrison Bell unless otherwise noted\*

- Jan. 1 *One service at 10:45, led by laity.*
- January series: *Facing Issues that Divide*
- Jan. 8 *Sexual Orientation*
- Jan. 15 *Race, Law Enforcement, and Religion*
- Jan. 22 *Practicing Politics, Keeping Faith*
- Jan. 29 *Immigration and the Bible* \*Rev. Misti McCreary

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Radio Broadcast: 10:00 a.m., WKPT (1400 AM)

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



### Valentine Gifts for Our College Students

During the month of January we will be sponsoring Valentines for our 100 College Students. The cost is \$15. Students will receive a \$13 Starbucks card. Sponsors may sign up outside the Chapel on January 8, 15, and 22.

## Children's Ministries



### January Sunday School Theme for Preschool and nursery

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**Key Question:** Who is there when you need Him?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is there when I need Him.

**Memory Verse:** "You are everything I need." Psalm 119:57, NIV

**Bible Story Focus:** Jesus has the power to help me.

LAMBS will begin again on January 11. We will be studying the book *Touch the Water, Taste the Bread*, which is about baptism and communion.



Thank you to all of those who helped make the children's Christmas play a success!! Here are a few photos of the children having great fun performing their roles for the pageant.

### Rotation Sunday School and Kids JAM for January

**Theme:** Knowledge

**Bible Memory Verse:** "Your word is like a lamp that shows the way. It is like a light that guides me." Psalm 119:105.

**Main Idea:** Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

Join us for **Kids JAM** on Wednesday nights beginning January 11 from 6-7:30!



## Forever Young January 17 Program at FBSUMC

Margot Seay, AARP National Volunteer Director, will present a brief program on how to “Disrupt Aging” in our own lives and in our community. Kingsport recently became a member of the Network of Age Friendly Communities under the auspices of the World Health Organization. How can our later years be just as productive, meaningful, and purposeful as our primary working years?

Margot Seay serves as AARP’s National Volunteer Director. She works to ensure the “voice of the volunteer” informs and shapes the work of volunteers across the entire AARP enterprise. She has a breadth of experience in all facets of volunteer engagement with strengths in consensus building, motivation and social media.

In addition, Margot was appointed by Governor Haslem to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability. She also serves on the Healthy Kingsport Board, and the United Way’s Aging with Choices Committee and Hunger Task Force. Margot sits on the Board of the NE Tennessee Second Harvest Food Bank and the Advisory Council of the First TN Area Agency on Aging and Disability. Margot has resided in Kingsport, Tennessee, with her husband, Bunky, since 1969.

Come join Margot as you discern how to make a difference in your own life and in your community.

### January Lunch Bunch

**January 20** - One Acre Cafe

Meet in the Wanola parking lot to leave promptly at 11 a.m. *No church bus available for this trip.*

This is the restaurant where you buy your lunch and then buy some else’s to “pay it forward.”

Call Mary Jane McVey for reservation (392-4229).

### Forever Young Travelers

Forever Young Travelers will be taking a trip to Knoxville to the Tennessee Theatre to see the Broadway production *RENT* on Saturday March 11, 2017. Cost will be approximately \$49. You can begin signing up now.

### Divine Rhythm 2017

**January 27 - 29** Young Adults  
Mills Auditorium, Gatlinburg, TN

Registration is \$55 per person. [www.divinerhythm.com](http://www.divinerhythm.com)

## Wednesday Night Live 5:30 p.m.

*Information regarding the program/menu for January Wednesday Night Live was not available at time of printing.*

*Wednesday Night Live will resume meeting on January 4.*

Make reservations by calling 224-1502. Reservations are accepted until Tuesday at noon.

For your convenience, you may make standing reservations. Standing reservations need to be renewed each August when WNL resumes by calling the reservation line. We only ask that you cancel the reservation if you cannot come on a certain date.

Adults: \$7; Children 5-11 years: \$3; Under 5: Free; Family Max: \$25

**SingleVision** -an interdenominational Singles Ministry providing Christian fellowship and worship opportunities. For detailed event schedules, contact Jane Adams at 246-1727. Note: Programs at the church begin at 7:15 and no reservations are required to attend only the program.

**Jan. 2, 6:30 p.m.-George Washington School Apartments.** (Corner of Sevier and Watauga)- 2nd floor activity room. Snacks, sing-along and games. Church closed. Hostess: Fay Ferguson (423-963-3434). Bring snacks, finger foods, and a drink for yourself. Arrive promptly at 6:30 p.m. as doors are locked. Someone will be there to let you in. If nobody is at the entrance, call Fay or Marlene (423-817-8332).

**Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 3- 2:00 p.m.-Casual afternoon walks.** Meet in the Greenbelt Parking Lot area across from Netherland Inn (2114 Netherland Inn Rd) Those who attend determine the direction of the walk. Afterwards, go for coffee or ice cream.

**Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall.** Dinner and Music with Josh and Christa Wenger. Menu: Fiesta Chicken, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Queso and Salsa with chips, salad, dessert, bread and beverage (\$7). Reservations required by noon, Jan. 6 (423-224-1502). Note: doors are locked at 6 p.m. Enter the first door of the Fellowship Hall.

**Jan. 10, 5:00 p.m. (Kingsport Town Center Mall-2101 Ft. Henry Dr.)** Dinner and a Movie. Senior movie prices at Frank Theaters is \$5.50 on Tuesdays. Meet outside Picadilly Cafeteria at 5 p.m. The group will decide where to eat and movie choice. Hostess: Emma Arnott (423-256-2304).

**Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.-Texas Roadhouse-1221 E. Stone Dr.** Church closed for Martin Luther King Day. Call Bob Smith (423-246-3966) for reservations.

**Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.-Movie Night.** Theater Room, 2nd floor Wesley Wing. Free popcorn. Church doors locked. Come to Wesley Wing doors by 6:30 p.m. and someone will let you in or obtain a cell number to call if you plan on arriving late.

**Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall.** Dinner and program on the Development of Early Kingsport with Ken Marsh. Menu: Hearty chicken, potato and broccoli casserole, tossed salad, bread, beverage, dessert (\$7). Reservations due by noon, Jan. 27 (423-224-1502). Enter church through the first door of the Fellowship Hall.

# January

2017 Due to holiday schedules in December, some items may not be listed on this calendar yet. Please stay tuned to the bulletin calendars each week for updates.

Sunday <small>*see recurring</small>	Monday	Tuesday	Wedi	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, BH 9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Church Closed Happy New Year!</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, Brogdens' 11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239 11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 5:00 p.m. Lay Involvement Team, 241 6:00 p.m. Malachi, Rm 302 Young Adult Small Group, Turners' All Things New, Rm 302</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236 10:00 a.m. Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr. 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06</p> <p>Wednesday Night Live returns</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239 11:00 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 11:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans' Emmaus Reunion (Ruth), 302</p> <p>noon</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 11:30 a.m. Balance &amp; Stretch Class, Rm 239</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, Bright Hall</p>	
Interfaith Hospitality							
College Mission Trip			Returns January 4				
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, BH 9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel 4:00 p.m. Gripp'd by Greatness of God, Rm L06</p> <p>Last day for Holiday Food Bags to Be Turned In</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 9:45 a.m. Halo Haircuts, Rm 138 Monday Morning Bible Study w/ Josie Reid, 141 10:00 a.m. Matin Ringers, Rm 206 12:30 p.m. Silver Bells, Rm 206 1:30 p.m. Sounds of Joy, Rm 108 6:30 p.m. SingleVision, Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 51, 303 New/Newer Members Small Group, Eastridges</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, Brogdens' 11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239 11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group, Turners' All Things New, Rm 302</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236 10:00 a.m. Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr. 11:00 a.m. UMW General Mtg, FH 4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Mtg, Rm 141 UMW Board Mtg, Rm 241 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06</p> <p>LAMBS &amp; Kids JAM resume</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239 11:00 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 11:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans' Emmaus Reunion (Ruth), 302</p> <p>noon</p> <p>Crossroads Medical Mission 8:30 - 2:30</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 11:30 a.m. Balance &amp; Stretch Class, Rm 239</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, Bright Hall</p>	
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<p><b>Recurring Wednesday Night Activities</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Bells, Rm 235 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live, F Art &amp; Soul, 232-233 6:00 p.m. AMP 6th-8th, Rm 305 6:15 p.m. Orchestra, S Men's Ensemble, 108 Gospel Group, L15 6:45 p.m. AMP 9th - 12th, Rm 305 7:30 p.m. Sanct. Choir Rhrls, 108 Contemporary Praise Band Practice, F</p>							

My Notes

## Open Small Groups - Short Term

Group Name	Information	Time-Location-Host
Monday A.M. Study	Josie Reid's Bible Study	Begins Jan. 23, 9:45 a.m., Rm 141
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	<i>Seemless</i> by Angie Smith-Overview of the Bible to show it is one unit with one message. Starts Jan. 10.	Tues. 9-10 a.m. 1501 Dobyns Dr. Joyce Brogden & Joy Eastridge jeastridge@fbsumc.org
Breaking Bread-Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study	<i>The Work of the People</i> -For young women (late 20's-early 40's) sharing food, fellowship, faith, and life together. <u>Childcare is provided.</u>	Tues. 6:30 p.m. 1209 Sussex Dr. Lisa Tencer & Gail Dyson
Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study	<i>Seemless</i> by Angie Smith-Overview of the Bible to show it is one unit with one message. Starts Jan. 11.	Wed. 10-11:30 a.m. 1309 White St Gigi Boggan gboggan@hotmail.com
Men of the Bible Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study	Second half of Acts- Men of all ages are invited to join any week. Starts Jan. 4.	Wed. 7:15-8:15 p.m. Room L06 Dr. Bob Taylor
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	<i>Seemless</i> by Angie Smith-Overview of the Bible to show it is one unit with one message. Starts Jan. 11.	Wed. 6:15 p.m. at FBS, Rm TBA jeastridge@fbsumc.org
Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study	Philippians by David Jeremiah-Consider joining this talkative group of women who welcome everyone. Starts Jan. 12.	Thurs. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Room L44 Terry Tolson 230-0441
Thursday Morning Men's Small Group Study	Topic TBA-Join this group of men who meet to challenge one another and seek out new Biblical truths to apply to their lives.	Thurs. 11:30-12:30 1309 White St. Mike Boggan divedocmike@hotmail.com
Sunday Afternoon Bible Study	<i>Gripped by the Greatness of God</i> by James MacDonald. Based on Isaiah. Jan. 8-April 30	Sun. 4:00-5:30 p.m. Room L06 Workbooks \$13 at first session Gay Aycock 378-3312

### Vince Staten to lead The Read 'em and Reap Book Club at FBS in January

You are invited to join The Read 'em and Reap Book Club at FBS on Thursday, January 19. Vince Staten will lead the discussion of his new book *An Unconventional History of Kingsport: The Colorful Characters who Created a City*, commemorating Kingsport's 100th birthday celebration. Vince is a Metro columnist for the *Kingsport Times-News* and has authored 14 previous books. (\$5.00 coupons available in the church office.) Questions, call Kay Ann Smith at 288-2468.

The Read 'em and Reap Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month in Room 141 at 6:15 p.m. for Mingle and Munch and discussion 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Other book discussions will be held as follows:

February 16 *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith; Gail Preslar discussion leader

March 16 *Where the Light Gets In: Losing My Mother Only to Find Her Again* by Kimberly Williams-Paisley; Joy Eastridge discussion leader

April 20 *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom; Ron Stidham discussion leader

May 18 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman; Myra Danehy discussion leader

### TWO NEW LONG-TERM LIFE GROUPS TO BEGIN

On Tuesday, January 17, a new intergenerational small group, also called life groups, will begin and YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INVITATION to join this group. Sissy and Les Heaton will welcome you into their home weekly on Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 pm. Members will engage in study and discussion, sharing and prayer, support and accountability and fun, fellowship...and food will be provided. Experience shows that members of small groups develop a sense of meaning and belonging, a feeling of intimacy, a spirit of community and hospitality, a long term commitment to each other and a deepening of their faith. We hope you desire to be a part of this special group. **Please sign up by Friday, January 13, 2017.** (limited to 12 members plus the hosts)

The second long-term life group, hosted by Sparky Dyson, will begin later in the winter - a date to be determined. If you are interested in joining either of these new groups or if you have questions and want more information, please contact Retta Overturf at 423-378-4245 or Misti McCreary at 423-224-1507.



## Holiday Food Bags Due January 8

We want to thank the congregation for such a generous response to the Holiday Food Bag Drive this Thanksgiving and Advent Season. The food items provided in these bags will enable us to meet the increased need for food of families and individuals in our communities at once for the most financially stressful times of the year. Please remember to return remaining bags by Sunday, January 8, and please join us in daily prayer for those who depend on this food to have a meal on their table. May God bless each of you as you have blessed so many through your love and generosity!



## 2nd Sunday Lunch January 8

All young adults are invited to network and mingle. Free lunch immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service in Room L06.

## Summer Mission Intern Positions Available

Applications for the two annual Summer Mission Intern positions will be available in the mission office beginning January 15, and will be due back in by April 2. The role of the Summer Mission Intern is to work with the mission staff and volunteer leaders in local mission ministries, as well as the high school and middle school mission trips. This is a ten-week internship. For more information on this position, please contact Danny in the mission office at 423-224-1531.



## Can You Hear the Voices of the Children? Missions Celebration February 24 – 26, 2017



We are excited to announce that Steve and Brandy Robinson and their family will chair the committee presenting the Mission Celebration in spring of next year. Brandy, Director of Pre-School Ministries here at First Broad Street, and her family have a passion for missions and will provide great leadership

and inspiration to this annual opportunity for our congregation.

The theme for the event is, “Can You Hear the Voices of the Children?” and is a theme that will help us to live into our vision of emphasizing ministry with children and youth, especially in our neighborhood and community, as well as around the world. We are pleased to have Rev. Ray Buchannan of Stop Hunger Now and Rev. Lurone Jennings with Youth and Family Development in Chattanooga, TN, will be our keynote speakers, joined by a host of missionaries and workshop leaders from local, national, and global settings.

We hope you have put this annual weekend of celebrating God’s faithfulness to our community and the world on your calendar and plan to join us in praise and celebration as well as a vision where God is leading us in the future. Watch for more information soon that will highlight opportunities for children, youth, and adults throughout the weekend, beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 24 and ending at lunch on Sunday, February 26.

## Johns Island Dinner Moved to March

The annual Johns Island Dinner, provided by Sparky Dyson and the High School Youth, which has been traditionally held in February, has been set for March 17 and 18 this year. The funds received from this event are used to buy building supplies for the High School Mission Team in June. Please place these dates on your calendar and watch for more information about participating in this wonderful meal that reaches far beyond our walls into the lives of others on the Sea Islands of South Carolina.

## Bring One Items

- Jan. 1** Cash or checks for communion offering baskets
- Jan. 8** Canned corn, green beans, peas, and fruit
- Jan. 15** Canned meats such as SPAM, ham, or tuna
- Jan. 22** Hearty soups and crackers and/or powdered or evaporated milk
- Jan. 29** Cereal and/or powdered or evaporated milk



## Paper, Please!

The Food Ministry uses a large amount of paper bags, especially during this season. Please ask for paper when checking out at the grocery store and bring your bags to

the bin outside the parlor. This saves us from having to purchase bags and allows that money to go toward the purchase of food items. Thank you!



## Gatlinburg Relief

We continue to pray with those who lost their homes, businesses, and family in the forest fires in late November, as well as the countless people who have responded to their loss and needs. Recent reports estimate 2400 structures were lost during the wildfires that took only a few hours to create massive damage, injury, and even death for some. It will take years for many to recover and relief efforts have been underway since the day after and will most likely continue for some time.

First Broad Street sent funds from the Faith Promise Offering the week following the fires through efforts coordinated by Holston Annual Conference in response to the victims needs. Thank you for your continued support of the Faith Promise Offering so that we, as a local congregation and people of God, can respond to the needs of those who are broken in our own community and around the globe. In addition, some of you have found ways to become involved in the logistics of distributing donated items to victims.

We are saddened by this tragedy for a people and place that all of us have a story with, but we rejoice in the opportunity to be the presence of a compassionate and caring Christ through our prayers, resources, and our time. May God bless each of you as you claim healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus Christ through the ministries of First Broad Street United Methodist Church each and every day.



*Staff Firewood Delivery in December*





## FBS Mission Team Making Plans for Trip to Estonia

Harry Turner and Foy McIntosh will lead a team to Estonia June 3 – 19, 2017, to assist in renovation of the second floor of the Viitka UMC in Estonia. A team for our congregation renovated the first floor in 2007 and worked on the exterior of the church. The renovations to the second floor will enable the Viitka congregation to continue to grow in ministry and membership, sharing God's abundant love and grace in the southern part of Estonia as well as the Baltic region.

This trip is open to all, and multiple skill levels are needed to assist in gutting, insulating and restoring the second floor for ministry. The team will also participate in activities with children and youth at nearby Voru UMC. Participants will encounter new friends, fellow United Methodist brothers and sisters, old friends, and return with smiles, shared love, and passion in the ministry of the church, and "hearts strangely warmed."

The last four days of the trip will be in lovely Tallin, the capital city of Estonia, gathered with United Methodist from around the world for the first ever-annual Friends of Estonia Meeting held on Estonian soil. The trip will also coincide with celebrating 110 years of Methodism in Estonia. Please pray about how you might participate in this wonderful opportunity to continue in our journey together with the UMC in Estonia.

To learn more about this opportunity or indicate your interest, please contact Harry or Pat Turner at 423-246-3823.



## Young Adults Heading to Costa Rica

A Young Adult Mission Team is forming to work with FBS supported missionary, Steve Semlar, in Costa Rica. The trip is scheduled for June 23 – 30, 2017.

For more information regarding this trip, please contact the Missions Office at 423-224-1531.

To give a memorial in honor or memory of friend or a loved one, please mail your check to the Finance Office at 100 East Church Circle, Kingsport, TN, 37660 and mark "memorial" on the memo line of your check.

## *In Memory Of*

### ENDOWMENT

**Frank Buckles**-by Mr. and Mrs. Klyne Lauderback  
**Julia Bales, Rachel Lanthorn, Bill Clapp, Dan Sewell, Jim Dobyns, Doris Ross**-by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornell

### HOLSTON HOME

**Bill Clapp**-by members of Wesley Class

### GENERAL

**Linda Marcum**-by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hoover  
**Jim Dobyns**-by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Montgomery, Ken Marsh, Dr. and Mrs. Scott Macdonald  
**Frank Buckles**-by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinney, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bray, Mr. and Mrs. James Rowland  
**Bill Clapp**-by Susan Jones  
**Jim Dobyns and Frank Buckles**-by Mary Sue Still  
**Doris Ross**-by Dot Stapleton, Bryson Harding, friends, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Guest, members of the Wednesday Bridge Club, Freida Alexander, The Gosselin Family

### MUSIC

**Dan Sewell**-by Mary Sue Still, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Broach, Dr. and Mrs. E.R. Kidwell

### SCHOLARSHIP

**Doris Ross**-by Darres Carter

### YOUTH

**Dan Sewell**-by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mullins

## *In Honor Of*

### GENERAL

**Gary Popwell's Birthday**-by Mr. and Mrs. John Ralston

**January 1**

Margaret Colley  
Mitzie Busick  
Connie Taylor  
Rives Deaton  
Jenny Feathers  
Maggie Bwawa

**January 2**

Robert Northrop  
Nancy Weikel  
Betty Howle  
Bob Barnes  
Jansen Throp  
Liam Stocker

**January 3**

Ethel Odom  
Roger Hicks  
Carolyn Barnes  
Burr Harrison  
Louise Dickson  
Brenda Edmisten  
Brian Yarosh  
Justin Penley  
Perry Taylor  
Julian Chastain  
Keira Klimes

**January 4**

John Middaugh  
Rod Broach  
Carolyn McCoy  
Johnna Thayer  
John Hereford  
Karen Osborne  
Allison Stewart  
Jay Minani  
Zach Barnes  
Brit Thomas  
Liam Davis

**January 5**

Jody Powell  
Mark Vaughan  
Courtney Strickland

**January 6**

Allison Coven  
Robert Brown  
Miggie Atkinson  
Sherri Knight  
Beth Culhane  
Lori England  
Kellie Weaver  
Beth McRee  
Mendy Simmers  
Chad Heglar

**January 7**

Inge Dobeck

Vangie Montgomery  
Kenna Fogleman  
Tyler Eaton  
Rebecca Spivey  
Victoria Johnson  
Jake Frohlich  
Chloe Mullins

**January 8**

Virginia Forrester  
Helen Cox  
Craig Carroll  
Rick Shaver  
Duane Price  
Becky Brown  
Richard Vickers  
Michelle Estes  
Justin Crawford  
Kimberly Rogers  
Evelyn Rogers  
Presley Williams

**January 9**

Josie Reid  
Betty Lou Morris  
Martha White  
Anita Bausman  
Joseph Powers

**January 10**

Charlotte Ellis  
Carol Thomsen  
David Atkinson  
Ann-Marie Torrence

**January 11**

Frankie Lambert  
Jeff Bingham  
Kaiden Kay

**January 12**

Jo Northrop  
Shirley Houser  
Cathy Springer  
D. Paul Folk  
Mike Harris  
Hannah Duncan  
Stella Brown

**January 13**

Pat Hilderbrand  
Derinda Larkin  
Donna Mullins  
Connie Floyd  
Ally Deason  
Anna Cole

**January 14**

Joe Gibbons  
Lisa Tencer  
Stephanie Wood

Mia Williams

**January 15**

Marsha Carter  
Susie Pedersen  
Karen Chastain  
Hunter Holbert  
Camille Grubbs  
Herb Ladley  
Ryan Blackwell  
Tayla Holt  
Celia Sisson

**January 16**

Bob Thompson  
Otis Bridwell  
Janice Reeves  
Kay Morrison  
Judy Campbell  
Joyce Bice  
Kathy Powers  
Kimberly Price  
Mandy Walker  
Misti McCreary  
Adrian Quan-Vie  
Ben Lively  
Will Everett  
Emma Johnson  
Audrey Estes

**January 17**

Valda Lady  
Bill Ingram  
Gail Preslar  
Virginia Silva  
Alyssa Lovelace  
Erin Lovelace  
Matthew Parnell

**January 18**

Gail Quillen  
Lynne Schreiber  
Dail Blalock  
Rebecca Goad  
Sara LaGuardia

**January 19**

Karen Crowley  
Dorothy Wallin  
Nancy Ankabrandt  
Graham Luethke

**January 20**

Belinda Martin  
Mary Frances  
McCrary  
Mary Schnede  
Mary Vann  
Missy Belote  
Colin Sandidge  
Logan Burton

Marci Heidt  
Caleb Bacon  
Knox Lewis

**January 21**

Ron Cogliano  
Joyce Lee  
Charlene Hogg  
Jody Harnsberger  
Minta Fannon  
Mandy Romance  
Kimberley Brundrit

**January 22**

Hagan Bright  
Charley Brooks  
Mike Grubbs  
Stephen Todd  
Jeff Little  
Connie Strickland  
Dan Hull  
Meredith Humbert

**January 23**

Cora Lauderback  
Dolores Dobyns  
Judy Bowery  
Martin Browder  
David Scruggs  
Kayla Kurzeika  
Lily Hanni

**January 24**

John Kane  
Bill Stuckey  
Emerson Sharpe  
Brenda Heidt  
Mark Mosrie  
Jeanna Jenkins  
Wade Collier  
Audrey Penley

**January 25**

Betty Parise  
Margaret Slempe  
Gracie Carver  
Wil Dunnivant

**January 26**

Gardner Hammond  
Anne Williams  
Margi Page Anderson  
Sandy Turner  
Kelly Livingston  
Drew Johnson  
Katie Todd  
Steven Pedersen  
Victoria Dean  
Graham Owens

**January 27**

Bob Taylor  
Art Ellis  
James Crawford  
Ellen Klug  
Dave Jones  
Lucy Gilly

**January 28**

Juanita Long  
Mike Boggan  
Kent Taylor  
Rod Gemayel  
Mike Hathaway  
Mike Bevins  
Jesse Fritz  
Reed King  
Chandler Shoemaker  
John Kublawi  
Cohen Metcalf

**January 29**

Jim Mosrie  
Bill Bard  
Gary Corson  
Kenneth Roberts  
Chuck Strickland  
Ellen Hall  
Nancy Mahaffey  
Julie Jimenez  
Jonathon Sneed  
Campbell Garver  
Eli Day

**January 30**

Mary Ellen Wright  
Steve Droke  
Lo Shelton  
Sam McCord  
Scarlett Chinault

**January 31**

Kathie Estes  
Lesa Christian  
Anita Vickers  
Leslie Stroud

*A special treat . . . the FBS Child Care Center 3- and 4-year-old classes sang Christmas songs for the church staff!*



### FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending November 30, 2016

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pledges	\$ 1,519,790	\$ 1,512,500
Other Offerings	\$ 1,116,490	\$ 1,125,686
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$ 2,636,280	\$ 2,638,186
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 2,596,545	\$ 2,635,349
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 39,735	\$ 2,837
<b>Capital Debt</b>	\$ 0	*(57,287) less than required
<b>Cash on Hand (Working Capital)</b>	\$ 422,266	\$ 479,553*

*All newsletter articles must be submitted for consideration by the first Monday of the previous month for the following monthly newsletter. The deadline for the February newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 2, by contacting Meredith Brown at [mbrown@fbsumc.org](mailto:mbrown@fbsumc.org) or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.*

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## A Recent Update from Jackson Elementary School

Greetings, If you are a member of FBS, you have many things to celebrate as our church partners with Jackson Elementary. Please allow me to share some recent exciting news.

### Jackson Partnership Review of Activities

November kicked off with Rosalee Sites' invitation to share in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class. A partnership update was presented, several questions were asked and answered, and ideas for future projects were discussed. During this class, more than 20 additional volunteers or interested members were able to add their names to the information sharing list. New volunteers actually began that week at Jackson by helping at the annual Book Fair! That is success!

Students from Jackson Elementary, Katelyn Webb, and RosseMary Chavez, visited FBS on Wednesday, November 9, to share personal stories about The Leader in Me and The Seven Habits. Their families joined our church members in cheering them on as they took the stage to talk to the audience. The students and their families felt an amazing sense of encouragement and support from our congregation.

The Second annual Veterans Day Breakfast was held on Friday, November 11, at 9:00. Not only did FBS have participants at the breakfast who addressed the students, but also provided several breakfast casseroles and hands-on serving assistance to the BRAVES council.

Literacy tutors continue to read with students - their time is valuable and needed. We do have a couple of vacancies in the schedule, so if you are willing give 30 minutes, twice per month, please let me know, and I will share the need.

The Third Saturday work day yielded more than 20 volunteers at Jackson. With the help of FBS members, the following tasks were completed: 40+ bags of mulch unloaded and spread, landscaped areas weeded, 12 new plaza learning boards painted, library sanitized, Seven Habits display boards painted, and teacher workroom and break room decluttered, cleaned, and organized. This effort was appreciated and much-needed! Thank you!

The Leader In Me provided an all-day session to the Lighthouse Team during the month of October. There were several areas of focus for the session: environment, long-term and short-term goals, and communication. Our staff is grateful for the learning and growth that we see in our students and staff already this year.

In your last letter, I shared that Jackson Elementary held a McTeacher Night in October. Donations from this fundraiser resulted in a grand total of \$500, which will help pay for field trips during the school year. To those who supported that event, thank you!

### Upcoming Opportunities

- \* The school clothes closet continues to be popular with the changing temperatures and growing students. Items still needed are: child size shoes (1-4), pants, and belts.
- \* Any interested FBS member is welcome to join the Parent Leadership Team meetings, every second Friday of the month, 7:30-8:15.
- \* If you are able to volunteer or have questions, please email [clendenenjaclyn@yahoo.com](mailto:clendenenjaclyn@yahoo.com) or call 378-2241. Again, thank you for your support! Your help is needed, your care and love are appreciated, and your prayers are heard!

Sincerely, Jacyln Clendenen