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Our Church Ministry Council

you would like to know how the Church Ministries Council works, read on!

Most organizations have a mission statement – a phrase that summarizes why the organization exists. The United Methodist Church has a mission statement: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” First Broad Street has a mission statement: “We help people follow Jesus.” So where do the words “Loving God, Growing Together, and Reaching Out” fit in? They summarize our strategy – the plan designed to help us achieve our mission statement. Another way of thinking about it is that Loving God, Growing Together, and Reaching Out are HOW we hope to help people follow Jesus.

This is where the Church Ministries Council (CMC) comes in. For many years, we helped people follow Jesus by offering ministries and programs under a WINGS structure – Worship, Invite, Nurture, Grow, and Serve. The WINGS Council was made up of clergy, staff, and five lay members representing each of the five areas of WINGS. In late 2014, the WINGS Council recommended we transition to a new leadership body that better aligns with the three facets of our current strategy, and the new CMC was formed in early 2015.

The CMC is made up of three Ministry Teams – one each providing leadership to the Loving God, Growing Together, and Reaching Out areas – plus a CMC Leadership Team made up of the clergy and lay leaders of each Ministry Team, plus the Executive Director and the CMC Chair. In addition to the clergy and lay leaders, each Ministry Team is made up of at least 5 additional lay members to ensure the team is getting considerable input and leadership from lay members. So there are at least 18 lay members on the three Ministry Teams – more than three times the number of lay members on the WINGS Council.

The Ministry Teams have two primary responsibilities: visioning and assessing. In their visioning role, the Ministry Teams are intended to help the church staff and working committees (e.g., Worship Design Team, Children’s Council, Missions Committee) develop a dream of what is possible. This may be done by looking at what other churches are doing, or by researching ideas from various United Methodist resources, or even by gathering to brainstorm ideas for how to make the most of a ministry area. Each Ministry Team has been encouraged to seek team members who are dreamers, those who can envision a future that leads us to better ways to help people follow Jesus.

Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out. We hear these words each Sunday in our worship services. Often we hear them as a way of announcing to our church family all the activities that are planned for the coming week. However, they’re more than that, and the new Church Ministries Council has been put in place to help us ensure they’re MUCH more than that. If

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Get Up and Walk!

John 5: 1-15

Happy New Year! January is a great time to re-visit our spiritual and physical goals and to consider where we are in the ongoing process of accepting the healing Jesus offers us.

In John 5, we read the story of Jesus healing a man who had been coming to the Pool of Bethesda for 38 years. Thirty-eight years! That's a long time. Reading between the lines of scripture, we can conjecture that the pool was a daily (maybe nightly, too) gathering place for the disabled. As their family members headed out to the fields for the day, they dropped off those in need of care at the pool where they watched over each other. The picture that comes to mind is one that would translate to a modern-day adult day care setting or nursing home.

The paralytic had been hanging out there for a very long time. He was in the habit of being sick. Indeed, he was addicted to the narcotic of helplessness, for when Jesus asked him the question, "Do you want to get well?" he didn't answer with a resounding "Yes!" but instead gave a whiny excuse about how he couldn't get to the pool when it was stirred. I wonder how many times I answer the Master's offer of healing with "Yes, but..."

Jesus speaks words of healing into this man's broken life and gives him specific instructions about getting up, taking up his mat, and walking. The mat represents his previous life; as he stands up, he is called to carry that part with him, and forge ahead to new ground. His new life involves freedom to walk, to work, to do the unconventional business of carrying a mat on the Sabbath. By healing the man on this day of rest, Jesus signals to the Jewish authorities that His Law of Love and Grace is higher than their law.

As we look forward to a New Year of promise, let us consider areas where Jesus is offering us healing: physical healing through medical treatments, through adequate exercise and a healthy diet; spiritual healing through immersion in the Word and through regular fellowship with other believers. In 2016 let's be done with our feeble excuses and accept the gift of healing the Lord offers.

LIVEWIRES!

What: A Sunday School class on the phone

When: Every Wednesday morning at 10:30

Who: Everyone is invited to participate, especially those who may find themselves unable to attend on a regular basis.

Contact: George Mayfield (288-4224).

Men's Basketball Team

First Broad Street is sponsoring a men's basketball team for the second year. We have 10-15 younger men involved. They play on the city's Church Rec League. Wayne Garland is the coordinator of the team. Let him know if you would like to be added to the roster for next year so you can get back in the game!

Caregivers Connect Monthly

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen...and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?" Isaiah 58:6,8

Every first Wednesday of the month, folks from our church and community gather to offer one another encouragement and support in caregiving. If you or someone you know is currently caring for a loved one at home, in a facility or even long distance, we invite you to bring your lunch and join us at noon in room 141.

Caring for One Another

In this New Year, you may be looking for a new or different avenue of service. Our church has a variety of ways that we reach out and care for one another. Here is a list that includes a few for you to consider. Let Joy Eastridge, the Parish Nurse, know if you are interested.

- Frozen casserole ministry
- Stitch and Pray (prayer shawls, blankets, baby hats)
- Home visitation/Upper Room delivery
- Delivering home communion quarterly
- Hospital weekend visitation
- Card ministry
- Parish Nurse Team activities
- Stephen Ministry

Hiking Happenings:

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?" Psalm 121:1

Footsteps Hiking Club is now one year old. We have done many exciting hikes—some easy and some not so much! Nancy Tate is now our leader and will continue to help us plan monthly outings. We are going to be out on the trails on most second Saturdays of the month. Join our group on Facebook or contact Nancy for more details about our next trek.



Sympathy is expressed to **Charlie Cox** on the November 19 death of his brother, **John R. Cox**; **Sarah Suits** on the November 19 death of her grandmother, **Ruth Quillen Blakemore**; **Wayne Porter** on the December 7 death of his mother, **Esther Porter**; and **Rob Fannon** on the December 7 death of his mother, **Farrah "Tommie" Fannon**

In Memory of Our Church Family Members . . .

Ivo Padgett - November 23, 2015

Sympathy is expressed to her husband, Don.

Eugene "Gene" Still - December 4

Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Mary Sue.

Cris Moorehouse - December 6

Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Theona, and sister, Sue Cumbow.

Edith Baker - December 8



Congratulations to **Matt and Rebecca Spivey** on the birth of their daughter, **Miriam Spivey**, who was born November 30.



Olivia Ryan Idlette, daughter of Wesley and Chrissy Idlette, was baptized on December 13 in the 10:45 a.m. Contemporary service by Rev. Amanda Dean.



Rich Wright and Linda Sanders were married on November 25.

Recent Graduates

Brad Blackwell, MBA, UT
Lyndsey Brundrit, MBA, ETSU
Joh George, Dr. of Physical Therapy, ETSU
Tim Metzger, BS, Institute of the Arts
Stefani Wilson, BS, NC State

2015 Directory

I would like to thank Lisa Chase, Pat Cox, Sally Currie, Doris Dexter, Mary Ann Foster, Judy King, Cynthia Lewis, Sandra McGinnis, and Linda Price who served on the directory committee. Also thanks to those who served as volunteers when the people came for directory pictures, and those who helped with the distribution.



Feeling called to serve in a ministry area? Check out all the opportunities we have available at our website at <http://fbsumc.org/opportunities> or stop by the front office to pick up a service opportunity catalog.

Volunteers Needed: Monday morning volunteers are needed to enter worship attendance numbers. Also, we need more volunteers to join our Visitation Team to make doorstep visit deliveries with homemade bread (provided by the church) along with church information to first-time guests. Contact Sue Hopkins at 224-1514 or shopkins@fbsumc.org.

Welcome Our Newest Members



Ed and Marjean Montgomery joined as transfers from another local church on November 22 in the 10:45 a.m. Contemporary service. Ed is an electrical engineer and Marjean is a registered nurse. Their hobbies include hiking, biking, and gardening.



Beth Green joined in the 10:45 a.m. Traditional Service on November 22 as a transfer from Wesley Memorial UMC in Cleveland, TN. Beth is married to our Lead Pastor, Joe Green. A retired radio personality, Beth now spends her time sharing her gifts of music, entertainment, and comedy with many different churches and ministry groups. Beth's hobbies include sewing and music.



Hagan and Lindsay Hensley joined in the 9:40 Traditional Service on November 22 by profession of faith and transfer from Jonesville UMC in Virginia, respectively. Hagan is an insurance salesman and Lindsay is a corporate events representative.



A Word from Our Lead Pastor . . .

An elderly man was asked, after flying for the first time: "Well, how did you like it?" To which he replied, "It was all right, but you know, I never did put my full weight on that thing. As we enter the new year, there will be challenges before

us that require our "full weight." The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, "We are God's workmanship, created/wired in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do" (2:10). We are wired to do good, but too often we respond as though short-circuited or overloaded. We need to remember two things: I can't serve God without taking risks, and I am wired to trust.

In the Old Testament, I love the story of Moses in the book of Exodus . . . especially the part where he leads over two million folks out of 400 years of bondage in Egypt. As they departed, they came to God's cul-de-sac . . . that is, they faced mountains on either side, the Red Sea before them, and Pharaoh's army within a dagger's throw behind. Fear begins to set in, and fear causes people to be sarcastic (Exodus 14:11a), to run from responsibility (Exodus 14:11b), to be stubborn (Exodus 14:12a), and certainly to be shortsighted as they cried out, "We'd rather be slaves in Egypt than die in this desert!" What's happening to these people? They were preferring slavery to uncertainty. Why do people stay in destructive relationships or in jobs they hate? Why don't people admit they're addicted to drugs, alcohol, or porn? I believe that one big reason is that freedom brings responsibility.

Think a moment. Perhaps your area of enslavement is not so easily defined. Could it be guilt, resentment, worry, expectations of others, etc.?

Jesus said, "Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag" (Luke 19:26, MSG).

In 2016, how about a new beginning?! Allow me to share SIX STEPS (and scripture you need to look up) that just might open you up to a whole new arena of possibilities in the new year.

1. GET THE FACTS. (Proverbs 14:8,13:6). 80% of new business starts fail in five years because they were begun on uneducated enthusiasm. Even bad leaders can make good decisions when they have the facts.

2. COUNT THE COST. (Luke 14:28) Analyze the risk. Every decision has a price tag. Caution: Never make a decision when depressed.

3. PLAN YOUR STEPS. (Proverbs 20:18; 27:12;16:9) Here you need to get wise counsel, anticipate problems, and pray ("Time to worry; time to pray.")

4. ANNOUNCE YOUR GOAL. Do this because goals are statements of faith. (2 Corinthians 4:13; Proverbs 16:1; James 4:15). We should never confuse the decision-making phase with the problem-solving phase. We can be 100% confident that this is what God wants us to do, and 100% humble that we don't know how to do it yet.

5. LAUNCH OUT IN FAITH. (Exodus 14:15; 2 Corinthians 3:5, Proverbs 16:9). At some point, we have to stop dreaming and start doing. We have to let go of the old.

6. DO IT IN LOVE. (I John 4:18) The antidote to fear is love. Want to get rid of fear? Invite God's love in.

Question: What is the Red Sea in your life? What problem are you looking at daily and saying, "I'm never going to get out of this cul-de-sac!"

Need a new beginning in 2016 . . .
See you in church Sunday.



Church Circle 8:30, 9:40, & 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Church Circle 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Center Campus (BANQ Building) 10:00 a.m.

Unless otherwise stated, Rev. Joe Green preaches the traditional services; Rev. Amanda Dean preaches the contemporary services; and Rev. Harrison Bell preaches at The Center Campus.

Traditional Sermon Series:

People Builders: The Rhythm of Life with a Passion

Contemporary Sermon Series beginning Jan. 10:

May the Force Be with You

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

Our Father's Place 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Jan. 3 Doris Dexter
Jan. 10 Margaret Deans
Jan. 17 Patsy Pilgrim
Jan. 24 Kay Ann Smith
Jan. 31 Linda Bogan

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Jan. 3 Jim Harless
Jan. 10 Lee Ambrose
Jan. 17 Jack Weikel
Jan. 24 Lee Ambrose
Jan. 31 Joe Bettini

Children's Ministries



January Sunday School and Preschool Wednesday Night program theme: Jesus wants to be my friend forever!
 The memory verse is "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Don't forget:

Preschoolers are invited to join Godly Play during the 10:45 worship service.

A new class is now available for 3 and 4 years olds during Wednesday Night Live beginning in this month.

Thanks to all who helped with the **Children's Christmas Program!** The children had a wonderful time sharing "God's word in a fun and funny way," according to Drew Vetter!



The fifth graders had a great time doing **angel tree shopping** in December:



Art and Soul and Rotation Sunday School:

We are learning about what God says about self-control and why it is important. Our Bible memory verse is: "A person without self-control is like a city whose walls are broken through."

Proverbs 25:28, NIV. Watch us as we think about the words we use before we use them!



Amp January 6-20: Battlefield

Think about the last big fight you had. Maybe it was with a friend or a coworker who talked badly about you, or maybe it was when a coach pulled you out of the game for no reason. Maybe for you, the biggest battles happen at home with someone in your family who seems completely unreasonable. No matter where your battlefield is or who you're battling, there's a good chance it stresses you out. No one likes conflict. Even those of us who enjoy the fight don't really like the feelings of regret that come afterward. But what else can we do? If avoiding doesn't work and exploding doesn't help, do we have any other options? Is there a way to win the fight without losing a friend? The truth is conflict has been around since...well, since humans have been around. It affects everyone. Thankfully, the Bible has something helpful to say to all of us when it comes to conflict in our relationships. While there's no guarantee that we'll never face another battle, we can discover how to make our way through it and have stronger faith and relationships on the other side.

Resurrection 2016

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year more than 12,000 come together in Gatlinburg, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally-known speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. This year for Resurrection 2016, we're excited to be moving to a brand-new location in Pigeon Forge, TN. The LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge offers a larger facility, which allows us to have everyone under one roof for one amazing weekend. For many, Resurrection is an opportunity for conversion, decision, and revival. For others, it becomes a moment of realization that their faith needs to grow deeper and more seriously. *The deadline to register is January 3.* You can register online or through paper form available on the 3rd floor.

FBS Student Ministry Winter-Spring '16 Calendar

January 2016

22nd- 24th – Resurrection 2016

February

19-20th – John's Island Dinner

March

4-6th – Confirmation Retreat

18-20th – High School Sterchi Retreat

April

9-10th – Confirmation Weekend

22-23rd – Middle School Spring Retreat

Read 'em & Reap Book Club at FBS

Come reap the benefits of belonging to the Read 'em and Reap Book Club at FBS! Mingle and Munch begins at 6:15 in Room L38 and lively literary discussion begins at 6:30 and ends at 7:30.

Spring 2016 Book Selections and Discussion Leaders
January 21, *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf/Kay Ann Smith discussion leader

February 18, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L Frank Baum/Gail Preslar discussion leader

March 16, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah/Beth Geno discussion leader

April 21, *I Always Loved You* by Robin Oliveira/Linda Gemayel discussion leader

May 19, *A Full Life* by Jimmy Carter/Mary Lee Bagwell discussion leader

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. 4, 6:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall. Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift - new or preferably an unneeded or unwanted Christmas gift. For dinner, bring a food item to share (with serving utensil) and a beverage for yourself. No reservations required.

Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall. Dinner and Humor with Rosalee Sites. Let's start the year out right with a program by Rosalee Sites on humor and laughter, which have been shown to be good for our mental and physical health. Dinner: chicken pot pie, tossed salad, special dessert, and beverage. Cost \$7. Reservations required by noon, Jan. 11 (224-1502). No reservations for program only.

Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.-Restaurant trip to Rush Street, Stone Drive. (1229 East Stone Drive) Call Jane 246-1727. Church closed for Martin Luther King Day.

Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.-Movie Night in the Theater Room. (2nd Floor Wesley Wing) Enjoy a movie based on "life-changing" experiences of noted author, Mitch Albom. Free popcorn. No reservations required.



Marriage Weekend
April 29 & 30
Note DATE CHANGE



At FBS, we value Healthy Marriages, and we seek to enable couples to have God-centered relationships. For some of us, the honeymoon is still going strong. For others, the day-to-day honey do list keeps growing and our relationship seems to have taken a back seat to kids, work, and stress. "The 11-Hour Date: Balancing love and life in marriage" is the perfect event for couples of all ages and life stages. Whether you've been married 5 months or 50 years, make plans to join us for this special marriage seminar.

Our seminar will be led by Rev. Tom Bier. Tom is a Pastor, Teacher, and Pastoral counselor. He's been married for 30 years to Rhonda and has four children, two married, with one grandchild on the way. He's an ordained Presbyterian Minister and has ministry experience in a variety of church settings. Currently he is finishing a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling and Tennessee licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy. He's a Michigan fan, has read through the Bible once for each of the last 19 years, is an avid bicyclist, the Program Director for his favorite sanctuary/retreat experience in the world, Cedar Campus Pastor's Seminar, the Regional Director for Prepare Enrich Marriage Counseling, and loves to help people grow in their relationship with God through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Invest in the health of your marriage by joining us the evening of April 29 and all day April 30. The event is \$60 per couple, which covers dinner on Friday evening as well as lunch and snacks on Saturday. Participants are asked to complete a relationship inventory prior to the event. Access to the inventory will be conveyed upon registration. Childcare is available during the entire event. Pre-registration is required by April 24. Register online at www.fbsumc.org/healthymarriages. For more information or for scholarship information, contact Amanda Dean at adean@fbsumc.org or 224-1517.

Forever Young Fellowship – Tuesday, January 19 – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CSI Kingsport with Mark Addington, Former Chief of Police Kingsport

Mark will share true stories of interesting, funny and possibly tragic cases faced by local law enforcement based on his 30+ years of experience. Enjoy a meal of Chicken and Rice, steamed broccoli, curried fruit, salad, roll and dessert.

Make your reservations by Monday, January 18 by calling 224-1502. See you there!!

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch January 2016

This fun group consisting of anyone, men or women, who is alone due to divorce or death of a spouse, spend great times together during Lunch Bunch each month. The church bus is driven by John Powers, who sings and tells us interesting stories as we drive to our destination. Join us if you love good food, fellowship, and laughter!

The next Lunch Bunch will be held on January 15 at One Acre Cafe in Johnson City. Call Mary Jane McVey at 423-392-4229 for reservations. Meet at 10:45 in the Wanola Parking Lot for our 11:00 a.m. departure.

Spring Greetings for College Students

Donations for "spring greetings" Starbucks gift cards for our college students will be collected on January 10 and January 17 at a cost of \$12 in the hallway outside the Narthex. These will be sent to the students the end of January as a token of our love.

Set Apart:

Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join our Women's Bible Study for the winter/spring session. We will be studying Jessica LaGrone's book, *Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings*. Our group has two different branches, studying the same material. You can choose to join either Tuesday 9-10 a.m. at Joyce Brogden's home (1501 Dobyns) or Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. at Gigi Boggan's home (1309 White St). We will start back on January 12.

Contact Joy Eastridge or Gigi Boggan to reserve your book. The first session will include an introduction to the material and an opportunity to get to know each other.

Wednesday Night Live 5:30 p.m. Starts Back on January 20

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 year 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

Watch your Sunday bulletins and FBS happenings weekly for programs and menu information.

January

Sunday *see recurring

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday *see recurring

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6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, BH
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel
4:00 p.m. SPARK Creativity Group, Rm 305

Last day for Holiday Food Bags to Be Turned In

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9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr.
3:15 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm 302
6:30 p.m. SingleVision Potluck/Gift Exchange, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Zumba, WC 104
Boy Scouts Troop 51, Rm 305

5

11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239
11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239
7:30 p.m. Basketball, WC 104

6

7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236
10:00 a.m. Child Center Chapel, WC202
Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.
7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06

Interfaith Hospitality

College Mission Trip

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6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, BH
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel
4:00 p.m. SPARK Creativity Group, Rm 305

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9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr.
Halo Haircuts, Rm 138
9:30 a.m. Monday A.M. Bible Study, 141
10:00 a.m. Matin Ringers, Rm 206
12:30 p.m. Silver Bells, Rm 206
1:00 p.m. Sounds of Joy, Rm 108
3:15 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm 302
5:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Training -CCC, Bright Hall Group
6:00 p.m. Vesper Bells, Rm 206
Church Leadership Council, Rm 141
6:30 p.m. SingleVision, Fellowship Hall
Missions Committee, L06
7:00 p.m. Zumba, WC 104
Boy Scouts Troop 51, Rm 305

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9:00 a.m. Set Apart, Brogden home
11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239
11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239
1:00 p.m. Flames of Faith, Rm 108
7:30 p.m. Basketball, WC 104

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7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236
10:00 a.m. Set Apart, Boggan home
Child Center Chapel, WC202
Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.
6:15 p.m. Great Figures of the Bible, Rm L36
7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06

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6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, BH
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel
4:00 p.m. SPARK Creativity Group, Rm 305
A Disciple's Heart, Rm L06

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Church Closed
Martin Luther King Day

19

9:00 a.m. Set Apart, Brogden home
11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239
Forever Young Fellowship, F
11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239
1:00 p.m. Flames of Faith, Rm 108
6:00 p.m. The Invisible War, Rm 302
7:30 p.m. Basketball, WC 104

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7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236
10:00 a.m. Set Apart, Boggan home
Child Center Chapel, WC202
Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.
6:15 p.m. Great Figures of the Bible, Rm L36
7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06

Wednesday Night Live, Children's Ministries & AMP resume

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6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, BH
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel
4:00 p.m. SPARK Creativity Group, Rm 305
A Disciple's Heart, Rm L06

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9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr.
Halo Haircuts, Rm 138
9:30 a.m. Monday A.M. Bible Study, 141
11:30 a.m. The Artisan Soul, Rm 302
6:00 p.m. Vesper Bells, Rm 206
6:30 p.m. SingleVision Movie Night, Theater Room
7:00 p.m. Zumba, WC 104
Boy Scouts Troop 51, Rm 305

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9:00 a.m. Set Apart, Brogden home
11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239
11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239
6:00 p.m. The Invisible War, Rm 302
7:30 p.m. Basketball, WC 104

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7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236
10:00 a.m. Set Apart, Boggan home
Child Center Chapel, WC202
Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.
6:15 p.m. Great Figures of the Bible, Rm L36
7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06

United Methodist Men
6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, BH
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel
4:00 p.m. SPARK Creativity Group, Rm 305
A Disciple's Heart, Rm L06

Recurring Sunday Activities

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, (F)
Traditional Worship, (S)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class
9:40 a.m. Traditional Worship, (S)
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship, (F)
Traditional Worship, (S)
10:00 a.m. The Center Campus, Banq
11:00 a.m. Godly Play, Rm 240 and Preschool Worship, Rm 137
*no GP or Preschool Worship on 1st Sundays
4:00 p.m. Our Father's Place, (C)
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, (C)

2016

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.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

My Notes

<p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239 11:30 a.m. Childcare Music, Rm 232 7:30 p.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 Basketball, WC 104</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 10px;">District Pastors' Enneagram 8:30 to 5:00, Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">January 3 - January 9</p> <p style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">January 1 - January 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Closed Happy New Year!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 10:00 a.m. Child Center Chapel, Chapel</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, Bright Hall</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfast, Bright Hall</p>
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Recurring Wednesday Night Activities

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Bells, Rm 235
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live, F
- 6:00 p.m. Art & Soul, 232-233
AMP 6th-12th, Rm 305
- 6:15 p.m. Orchestra, S
Men's Ensemble, 108
Gospel Group, L15
- 7:30 p.m. Sanct. Choir Rhrl, 108

Location Abbreviations

- BH Bright Hall
- C Chapel
- F Fellowship Hall
- L Library
- P Parlor
- S Sanctuary
- WC Woodyard Center
- WW Wimberly Woods
- Wel. Ctr. Welcome Center



Permit Secured for Construction of Chihowa-Okla UMC in Durant

A team of three recently traveled to Durant, Oklahoma, to work with the leadership of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC) and the Chihowa-Okla UMC in finalizing requirements that will open the door to set a date for construction of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and classrooms for the congregation. The congregation currently meets in the Community Center for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

After a day of worship and fellowship with the congregation, meetings were set up with all of the stakeholders in the process of getting approvals from the municipalities necessary to begin construction. After a lot of preparation by church leaders prior to our arrival and a series of meetings and conversations, we bought the permit for construction.

We celebrate this milestone for the opportunity that was so generously supported by First Broad Street several years ago, an opportunity halted by issues with donated land that had to be overcome before plans could be put into action. With the green light to move forward, we will now work with potential partners from other congregations across the country and the leadership of OIMC in setting a date for construction and mission trips to build the church.

Please be in prayer with the congregation and all who will be a part of the next steps in realizing this vision for the United Methodist Church in Durant, Oklahoma. Watch for details soon on projected dates for a team from First Broad Street to travel to Durant to partner in making this dream and vision a reality. We thank you for your generosity and patience in this opportunity of transformation in southeast Oklahoma for the people of the Choctaw Nation.



United Methodist Reach 90% Of Goal in Preventing Deaths by Malaria

United Methodists from across the connection have responded to the opportunity to end death by Malaria by raising, to date, \$68 million in cash and pledges. This is 90% of the goal established as part of the *Imagine No Malaria*, an initiative that began in 2008 with the goal of ending death by Malaria in Africa by 2015. This is to be accomplished through education, communication, and treatment.

Members of Holston Annual Conference were faithful to this effort by raising more than \$1.1 million dollars as part of the Conference Mission Offering in 2013. First Broad Street contributed \$16,741.00 to that effort that will be a part of providing life and livelihood to thousands of men, women, and children on the continent in Africa.

As we enter a new year full of opportunities to partner with God in the ministry of healing and wholeness, may we also celebrate God's faithfulness to our brothers and sisters in Africa who may now lead a life with a future free from the grip of this deadly, but preventable, disease.

Thank you First Broad Street for your faithfulness! May God bless you in 2016 with the ability to continue to respond to God's call to heal a broken world through Christ Jesus!





Congregation Responds to Food Ministry during Thanksgiving and Advent

The congregation responded in a great way to the ministry of Holiday Food Bags, an annual opportunity to provide food at a time of year when families and individuals in our community struggle to have food on the table.

We thank you for enabling First Broad Street to be in ministry through the provision of food each Monday and Friday, creating opportunities for an encounter with Christ as for all that enter.

Please continue to pray for and remember this ministry as we move into a new year of opportunity. If you have a bag still out, you may continue to bring those in during January.



Third Saturday Workdays Scheduled through 2016

We are excited to announce that the Third Saturday Home Repair mission opportunity is scheduled to continue in 2016. We have had good participation from children through senior adults in this outreach ministry. Please be in prayer about becoming a part of this transformational ministry in the year ahead as we repair homes and build wheelchair ramps, while sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ through our presence in the community. The day begins each third Saturday, meeting at the church in the Chapel at 8:30 am for devotions, and then going to the home. We are generally finished by 2:00 pm at the latest, some leaving earlier if necessary. It is a great opportunity for families, children, youth, and adults of all ages and gender. We look forward to seeing you on January 16.



Furniture Ministry Needs Furniture and Volunteers Moving into 2016

The Furniture Ministry desperately needs furniture donations to meet the needs in the community and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ through this ministry of love and compassion. Possibly, you have purchased or received furniture during the holiday season, and have items you no longer use. Most needed items include twin, full and queen bedding; sofas and loveseats that do not make beds; kitchen table and chairs; end tables and coffee tables; dressers and chest of drawers; washers and dryers; stoves; dishes and pots and pans, linens; and lamps. We thank you for the continued support of this twenty-eight year ministry of First Broad Street.

The ministry also has opportunities for volunteers to meet with those applying for furniture and assisting in the application process. This is a great ministry opportunity, and training is provided as well as interviewers always work with another person. If you have furniture items to donate or would like to find out more about assisting with this ministry, please call the mission office at 423-224-1531.



Save the Date Missions Celebration 2016

March 11 - 13

Keynote Speakers:

Thomas Kemper and Rev. Fred Dearing

Workshops will be held by various other missionaries and leaders from ministries within our community, from the region, and around the world

“Where in the World Is God?” Being Faithful Where the Holy Spirit Is Present Mission Celebration 2016

Please plan to join us for the 2016 Mission Celebration, scheduled for March 11-13, 2016. We have a host of workshop leaders and speakers from mission settings within our own community and around the world that will be a part of celebrating God’s faithfulness through the mission ministries of First Broad Street and exploring where is it that God is leading us in the future.

Phil and Virginia Marshall will chair the Mission Celebration this year. Please be in prayer with them and those assisting as they make plans and preparations for the event. There will be activities and workshops for all ages, children through adult. Activities will include another packaging event for Stop Hunger Now to provide nutritional food to areas of the world where starvation and malnutrition are prevalent. Watch soon for a complete schedule of the weekend as well as those who will be joining us.

If you have questions about this mission opportunity, please call the mission office at 423-224-1531.



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!

Bring One Items

- **Jan. 3** Cash or checks for the communion offering baskets
- **Jan. 10** Canned corn, green beans, peas, and fruit
- **Jan. 17** Canned meats such as SPAM, ham, or tuna
- **Jan. 24** Hearty soups and crackers and/or powdered or evaporated milk
- **Jan. 31** Cereal and/or powdered or evaporated milk

To give a memorial in honor or memory of a friend or 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

CARPENTER'S HELPERS

Skip Hale-by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones

ENDOWMENT

Mary Ann Heaton-by friends

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

James Matthews, Skip and Marcia Hale, Shirley Jackson, Dianne Blachowski, Mary Ann Heaton, Luther Stapleton, Patsy Clapp-by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas

GENERAL

Mary Ann Heaton-by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hoover, members of Wells Fargo Advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ligon, Callie and Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Easley, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nations

Patsy Clapp-by Jane Adams

Penny Simonds-by Hermitage Manor III, Vivian Brown

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Mary Ann Heaton-by Dr. and Mrs. Tim Martin

JOHNS ISLAND

Inez Bennett-by Dr. and Mrs. Tim Martin

LIBRARY

Luther Stapleton-by members of UMW

MISSIONS

Carol Wilkerson-by friends

Len Spadafino-by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chandler, Ann Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. Al Stone,

MUSIC

Luther Stapleton-by Jane Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Al Stone

Doyle Moore, Terri Dubberly and Luther Stapleton-by friends

Martha Bird-by Dr. and Mrs. Tim Martin

SCHOLARSHIPS

Carl Marcum-by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mullins

In Honor Of

ENDOWMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Turner and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Brock-by friends

January 1

Mitzi Busick
Rutendo Bwawa
Margaret Colley
Rives Deaton
Jenny Feathers
Connie Taylor

January 2

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

January 3

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

January 4

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

January 5

Amber Cobble
Jody Powell
Courtney Strickland
Mark Vaughan

January 6

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

January 7

Inge Dobeck
Tyler Eaton
Kenna Fogleman
Jake Frohlich
Victoria Johnson
Glenn Milhorn
Vangie Montgomery
Chloe Mullins
Rebecca Spivey

January 8

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

January 9

Anita Bausman
Betty Lou Morris
Joseph Powers
Josie Reid
Martha White

January 10

David Atkinson
Charlotte Ellis
Carol Thomsen
Ann-Marie Torrence

January 11

Jeff Bingham
Kaiden Kay
Frankie Lambert

January 12

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

January 13

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

January 14

Joe Gibbons
Lisa Tencer
Mia Williams
Stephanie Wood

January 15

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

January 16

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

January 17

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

January 18

Dail Blalock
Rebecca Goad
Sara LaGuardia
Gail Quillen
Lynne Schreiber

January 19

Nancy Ankabrandt
Karen Crowley
Graham Luethke
Dorothy Wallin

January 20

Caleb Bacon
Missy Belote

Logan Burton
Marci Heidt
Knox Lewis
Belinda Martin
Mary Frances
McCrary
Colin Sandidge
Mary Schnede
Mary Vann

January 21

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

January 22

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

January 23

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

January 24

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

January 25

Gracie Carver
Wil Dunnivant
Betty Parise
Margaret Slempp

January 26

Margi Page Anderson
Victoria Dean

K Gardner Hammond
Drew Johnson
Kelly Livingston
Graham Owens
Steven Pedersen
Katie Todd
Sandy Turner
Anne Williams

January 27

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

January 28

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

January 29

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

January 30

Scarlett Chinault
Steve Droke
Sam McCord
Lo Shelton
Mary Ellen Wright

January 31

Lesa Christian
Kathie Estes
Leslie Stroud
Anita Vickers

A Message from the Executive Director . . .

Are you considering a New Year's resolution to your church? As always, I will encourage you to know that there is a place for you in this church. God desires to see you serving others as a part of your calling. The staff and leadership stand ready to assist you in finding out how God can best use your gifts and service in our church. We are at our best when everyone is actively involved and committed.

As members of this congregation we are called to faithfully participate in this church's ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. As you may consider your involvement in these ways at First Broad Street this year, I want to share with you an article to help guide your thinking.

Question: "What sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make?"

Answer: The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be...

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God honoring and/or is not in agreement in God's Word, we will not receive God's help in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

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FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending November 30

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$ 1,471,692	\$ 1,503,333
Other Offerings	\$ 1,048,664	\$ 1,160,613
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$ 2,520,356	\$ 2,663,946
Expenses	\$2,607,286	\$2,660,582
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (86,930)	\$ 3,364
Capital Debt	\$ 199,220	
Cash on Hand (Working Capital)	\$ 325,647*(\$158,631) less than required	\$ 484,278

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 4, by contacting Meredith Brown at mbrown@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.

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Our Church Ministry Council

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The ministry teams are also intended to assess all the activities going on in their ministry area. This includes reviewing and approving plans for possible new ministries, and assessing current ministries. The Ministry Teams will be asking questions about each ministry or program like these – Is this ministry working as it was intended? Is it effective? Does it need more resources to make it effective? Is it time for a new approach? Has it outlived its usefulness? Each Ministry Team has been encouraged to seek team members who will provide an honest voice -- people who will provide candid feedback on how effective our ministries are and where changes may need to be made.

The Ministry Teams are NOT intended to take the place of working committees. Most of the working committees are focused on planning activities and events over the next several weeks or months, and ensuring that all the resources are in place to ensure the success of those activities and events. These teams are very busy planning and implementing these activities; it would be asking a lot of them to do more than they're already doing. So the

Ministry Teams are intended to help with resources and planning to do the visioning and assessing described above.

Members of the Ministry Teams were recruited during the 1st quarter of 2015, and an initial orientation was held in April 2015 to introduce the Ministry Team concept to the new members. The teams began to work at different rates and are at different places along their journey to being effective teams. The Loving God team has been led in 2015 by Cindy Haskins and initially Rev. Mickey Rainwater, then Rev. Joe Green. The Growing Together team has been led by Elise Egan and Rev. Harrison Bell. The Reaching Out team has been led by Lisa Tencer and Rev. Amanda Dean. These leaders spent many hours during 2015 working to get these teams started, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

The Ministry Teams are still in their infancy, and they have a ways to go in order to be operating as effectively as possible. Please pray for these teams and their leaders throughout 2016 as they provide leadership to our church family as we all endeavor to help people follow Jesus by Loving God, Growing Together, and Reaching Out.

- Buddy Bounds, CMC Leader