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Christmas Tree Lighting December 3, Church Circle, 6 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant, "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" December 4, 6 p.m. The children will also present this pageant at Wednesday Night Live on December 7.

The Scriptures Sing of Christmas Cantata 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on December 11. 9:40 traditional regular worship. Encounter Services as usual at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Handel's Messiah, December 18, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. performances at First Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Services

1 PM – Baysmont Service
3 PM – Family Christmas with Blessing of Babies
5:30 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve
5:30 PM – Encounter Christmas Eve
10:30 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Service

10 AM Unified Worship
No Sunday School or other activities

Church Closed: Monday-Saturday, December 26-31 (A skeletal staff will be present for essential duties Tuesday – Friday 12/27-12/30) – please plan accordingly for any end of year gifts or needs.

New Year's Day Services

No 8:30 services.
9:40 Sunday School will meet.
10:45 both Traditional & Encounter Services will meet, led by laity.

Church Closed on Monday, January 2, for New Year's.



Posture Matters

“But Moses and Aaron fell facedown...” Num.16:22

I like to listen to TED talks when I’m out walking or driving somewhere. One time I listened to Amy Cuddy’s talk on the importance of body language. Her studies reveal the importance of our posture and gestures in our non-verbal communication. One point she makes is that prior to an important interview, we should go somewhere alone and practice holding our arms up high over our heads in a victorious stance. Before you laugh too hard at this picture, you might perceive a nugget of truth in it and how helpful it might be in providing that boost of confidence.

Contrasting that approach to scripture, we see a stark difference. Moses, “the humblest man that ever lived,” was known for falling on his face before God to implore for his rebellious people. Repeatedly, we see instructions to bow before the Lord, to pray in our closets, to serve and to “not think more highly of ourselves than we should.” God’s way and the way of the world are vastly different.

As we live for Jesus, let us bow in prayer and service and in intercession for each other so that we can, in the end, hold our arms up high in ultimate victory. --Joy Eastridge



Fall Festival “Special Needs” Fun

We had about 30 special needs kids/adults with their families participate in our Fall Festival fun. With a special hour set aside for them, they were able to have more focused time with less stimulation so that they could really enjoy the games and treats. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible!



Stitch and Pray

It is time for Operation Warm Winter 2016. Stitch-N-Pray is once again collecting newly purchased or handmade scarves and hats. A basket to collect these items has been placed downstairs next to the Stitch-N-Pray display case. During December the items will be distributed to those individuals at Halo Haircuts and Friendship Diner. We would also like to make a donation of some of the scarves to a Veteran’s outreach program at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. They only want homemade scarves, and they must be labeled with the fiber content and the washing instructions. If you want your scarf to be in consideration for this part of the project, please label the scarf. I will put a special tag on it tell them about our mission, too. Thank you for your continued support of this project. – Marcia Lin

Miles for Smiles and Crossroads Winning Combo!

Our church is hosting both Crossroads Medical Mission and Miles for Smiles on December 8 & 9. We already have full dental appointments booked up, and we plan to offer a fellowship meal to all the volunteers and the patients those two days. If you would like to help, just give Joy a call and she will find a spot for you (224-1512).

Our ongoing ministry, Crossroads Medical Mission, which is led by Mary Smith, RN, provides FREE medical care every second Thursday of each month. They will be here at the same time as Miles for Smiles, as will Dr. Joe Smiddy’s truck with the xray machine to screen for lung cancers and other problems.



Gifts for “AT HOME” Members

We work to stay connected with our members who are not able to come on a regular basis. We would like to give each of them a gift during the month of their birthday. If you are interested in helping with the gifts or the delivery (one month a year) then let Joy know and she will give you the details (224-1512 or jeastridge@fbsumc.org).



Sympathy is expressed to . . .
Marion Carney and Nancy Odiorne
 on the October 30 death of their sister,
Louise Garland; Sherry Spadafino
 on the October 30 death of her sister,
Janice Hannon; and
Cora Lee Lauderback on the November
 20 death of her sister, **Kathleen Bays**

In Memory of Our Church Family Members . . .

Doris Yancey Ross - November 5
*Sympathy is expressed to her daughter, Mary Lynn
 Barnes, and her granddaughter, Meredith Barnes.*

Emily Daniel - November 18

Welcome Our Newest Members

**Bobby, Rebecca, Clara and Moses
 Reynolds.** Moses will be a baptized
 member; Bobby, Rebecca and Clara
 transferred from another local church.



Congratulations to **Brad Province and
 Julie Griffett**, who were married October
 15 in Big Canoe, GA; **Tyler Rizzo and
 Samantha Hoskins**, who were married on
 October 31 at Millstone in Limestone, TN



SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition Scholarship Program

The College Tuition Scholarship Program at FBSUMC is funded by gifts to the Scholarship Memorial, the General Memorial, and the Maggart Scholarship Designated Accounts. The Christian Education Scholarship is funded by a bequest. Criteria for the scholarship assistance include financial need, a desire to learn, and maintenance of at least a "B" grade point average while carrying a normal course load. A normal course load is considered to be at least 12+ hours per semester. Students applying for scholarship assistance for the spring term should submit grades from the fall semester to the Memorials-Committee by Saturday, December 31. Grades should be submitted to the church office. **NO GRADES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31.**

A NEW application is required for each school year. So, if the student did not apply for the fall 2016 semester, an application would be due, along with grades for the last semester of college work, or high school senior year. Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be returned to the church office to the attention of the Memorial-Scholarship Committee. We are proud of the 24 students who received scholarship assistance in the fall, and we greatly appreciate those generous individuals who have made the scholarships available.

If you have any questions, contact Melodie Stice at 423-247-8088 (mike_melodie@hotmail.com) or Nathan Flora at 423-224-1511 (nflora@fbsumc.org).

Notes from the Membership Secretary . . .

If you have an immediate family member graduating from college or graduate school in December, please contact Darres Carter at 423-224-1506 or email dcarter@fbsumc.org.

Please be sure the church has an emergency contact name and phone number for you. Contact Darres Carter at 423-224-1506 or email dcarter@fbsumc.org.

If you bring magazines to be taken to the hospital, please do not bring any that are over a year old. The only religious magazine they will take is *Guideposts*. Please do not send *Upper Rooms*.

FBSUMC Organist Position Filled



We are pleased to announce that after a lengthy search and interview process, Anne Sorrell has been hired to fill the position of Organist at First Broad Street UMC.

A long-time affiliation with and love for FBS coupled with talent and experience makes Anne a natural fit for this role. She has been a member of FBS since her family moved here during her college years. Her father was a District Superintendent in the building during those years. She and her husband, Lynn, who is currently a pastor of Cross UMC, were married in the FBS sanctuary with Louise Ammons playing for the wedding. Later their two children and then grandson, all of whom are members of FBS, were baptized at the same altar.

Anne sang in the FBS choir for many years, and she frequently enjoyed playing piano and organ music for services, weddings, and funerals with her good friend, Louise Ammons. Anne considers her two great passions to be playing for worship and teaching piano out of her home studio.

Anne has served as the organist and pianist for Mafair United Methodist Church for 16 years. While she views that time as precious, she says "it is a real joy to be coming back home!" Please join us in welcoming Anne when she assumes her role as our Organist sometime after the New Year.



A Word from Our Lead Pastor . . .

DIVINE CONDESCENSION

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Philippians 2:5-7

Those verses are a little difficult to get a handle on. The Creator of the universe humbled himself on our behalf. A favorite writer of mine, Lee Strobel, referred to this as the “divine condescension.”

C.S. Lewis explained:

“The Second Person in God, the Son, became human Himself: was born into the world as an actual man – a real man of a particular height, with hair of a particular colour, speaking a particular language... The Eternal Being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a foetus inside a woman’s body. If you want to get the hang of it, think how you would like to become a slug or a crab.” (From the book “Mere Christianity,” pg. 179)

He did it for us (Philippians 2:8-11)...so that we could know him and live with him forever – as our forgiver, leader, and friend.

On behalf of the staff at First Broad Street, we are so blessed to share the Good News of the divine condescension on a daily basis with the Kingsport community, and we say, “Thank you for that special privilege.” I do want to remind you that the Christmas Season is an awesome opportunity to invite your friends to church. It just might change them forever.

From Beth and me, to each of you...

Merry Christmas,
Joe



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

Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Rev. Joe Green unless otherwise noted*

Series *The Scriptures Sing of Christmas*

Dec. 4 *Concert in a Field*

Dec. 11 *Christmas Cantata* at 8:30 & 10:45;
9:40 sermon: *An Old Man Sings*

Dec. 18 *Song of Wondrous Mystery*

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

Rev. Harrison Bell unless otherwise noted*

Series *The Scriptures Sing of Christmas*

Dec. 4 *Concert in a Field*

Dec. 11 *An Old Man Sings*

*Rev. Misti McCreary

Dec. 18 “Bluegrass Christmas”

Song of Wondrous Mystery

Special Service on December 25

One unified service at 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Joe Green

Christmas Eve Services

1 PM – Baysmont Service

3 PM – Family Christmas with Blessing of Babies

5:30 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve

5:30 PM – Encounter Christmas Eve

10:30 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

OFP will not meet on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

Evening Worship will begin meeting at its regular time and location again on January 8.

Dec. 4 Children’s Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

Dec. 11 No Evening Worship

Dec. 18 *Messiah* at First Baptist at 4:00 and 7:00

Dec. 25 No Evening Worship

Advent Devotion Books

The Scriptures Sing of Christmas

This year’s Advent devotion book are available for a suggested donation of \$7.50 outside the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

Children's Ministries



December Sunday school theme

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Why is Jesus special?

Bottom Line: Jesus is God's Son.

Memory Verse: "I bring you good news of great joy." Luke 2:10, NLV

December 7th is the last LAMBS class for the year. The children will sing and then have a Christmas party.

We will have a Baby Blessing on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 p.m. Family Service.

We will not be providing nursery care for the Christmas day combined service. All children and babies are welcome and encouraged to attend the worship service with their family!

First Broad Street UMC seeks part-time nursery worker for Sundays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and occasional evening shifts during the week. Previous experience working with children from birth to preschool age preferred. Candidates will be required to undergo Safe Sanctuary training and background checks. Please contact the Coordinator of Preschool Ministries, Brandy Robinson, to inquire at brobinson@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1507.



Kids JAM:

Please join us on Sunday, December 4, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for the FBSUMC Children's Christmas Musical "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" Hot chocolate bar and refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful way to experience the JOY in the story of Christmas through the eyes of a child. Please let our children know that you support them with your presence! The children will also share parts of this musical on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.

5th Grade Service Project: Wednesday, December 14, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Katie Blalock at kblalock@fbsumc.org.



Rotation Sunday School:

We have had record attendance for the months of October/November, so let's keep up the momentum! Bring a friend this December and share the JOY of the season!!

Theme: JOY: Put a Bow on It

Missions:

The Missions Rotation class is putting together food bags for our food pantry this month.

Fourth and Fifth graders are making homemade laundry detergent to give away.

All children K-5th grades are collecting money to buy a sheep this Christmas season.

Remember: 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve is a family friendly service, so children please come and bring your parents. Children will be able to interact in the service!

Student Ministries Chaperone Fall Retreat

On December 2-4 we will be having our annual Fall Retreat, and we need some parents to help to engage our students throughout the weekend. Fall Retreat chaperones are important to the experience of trips like these not only because it helps us provide supervision throughout the weekend, but more importantly, gives opportunities for our students to build inter-generational relationships with their church family. If you would be willing to help during Fall Retreat please email John Rowe at jrowe@fbsumc.org.



CHRISTMAS MOMENTS for December UMW Luncheon /Meeting

Our presenters for December 14 at 11:00 a.m. UMW Luncheon and General Meeting will be our very precious children from the FBSUMC Child Care Center under the direction of Vikki Welch. They will present Christmas joy through song. It's always a delight to have the children share with us!

Long-time FBSUMC member Angela Dotson will be our storyteller. She worked previously as FBSUMC Middle School Director, taught at Robinson Middle School, and earned her Master's Degree in storytelling from ETSU. She is currently a horse woman, gardener, and potter. She will share humorous, warm, and fuzzy stories that will put us in the Christmas spirit!

Don't forget to call your reservation, 224-1502, by noon Monday, December 12. Invite a friend to attend with you.



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.

Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.-Theater Room, 2nd floor Wesley Wing. Movie Night. Join us for a family friendly Christmas movie. Free popcorn. No reservations required.

Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.-Room L44. Potluck dinner with Carols and Stories with John Powers and Daryl Stephens. Bring a food item to share with serving utensil and a beverage for yourself. The program will get us in the Christmas mood. No reservations required.

Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.-Fellowship Hall. Dinner and Christmas Concert with Cross Wise Gospel Quartet. Menu: Pork roast, apples, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, bread, beverage, dessert. Cost: \$7. Reservations required by noon, Friday, Dec. 16 (224-1502).

Dec. 26, noon, Rush Street Neighborhood Grill (1229 E. Stone Dr.). Church is closed so we are taking a restaurant trip. Call host John Powers (423-357-8891 or 423-335-5697).

Tuesdays Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 2:00 p.m.-Greenbelt Walks (Meet across from Netherland Inn (2114 Netherland Inn Rd) for casual afternoon walks.

December Forever Young Fellowship

Forever Young Fellowship will not meet in December.



Forever Young Travelers

We are planning 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 anytime.



December Lunch Bunch

December 16 - MeadowView Convention Center
 Meet in the Wanola parking lot to leave promptly at 11 a.m. to ride the church bus.
 Call Mary Jane McVey for reservation (392-4229).

Exploring First Broad Street Class

December 18

Interested in becoming a member of First Broad Street or just want to know a little bit more about the church? Join us on the third Sunday of each month for our Exploring FBS Class.

If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Rev. Harrison Bell at 224-1504 or hbell@fbsumc.org. We will meet in the Welcome Center at 9:40 a.m. to begin the class and will take a tour of the facilities. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Live 5:30 p.m.

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

December 7 Program: Children's Christmas Pageant, "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?"

Meal: Chicken casserole, peas, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, dessert

December 14 Program: Special Night of Advent Music

Meal: Grilled chicken salad plate, roll, dessert



December 21 No program. Just enjoy the meal and good fellowship!

Meal: Christmas Dinner - ham and pineapple casserole, sweet potatoes, broccoli, roll, salad, dessert

See you in the New Year!

December

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Sunday <small>*see recurring</small>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday <small>*see recurring</small>	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Recurring Sunday Activities</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Encounter, (F) Traditional Worship, (S)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class Traditional Worship, (S)</p> <p>9:40 a.m. Encounter, (F) Traditional Worship, (S)</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Encounter, (F) Traditional Worship, (S)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Godly Play, Rm 240 and Preschool Worship, Rm 137 <small>*no GP or Preschool Worship on 1st Sundays</small></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Our Father's Place, (C)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, (C)</p>			<p>Recurring Wednesday Night Activities</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Bells, Rm 235</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live, F Art & Soul, 232-233</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AMP 6th-8th, Rm 305</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Orchestra, S Men's Ensemble, 108 Gospel Group, L15</p> <p>6:45 p.m. AMP 9th - 12th, Rm 305</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Sanct. Choir Rhrl, 108 Contemporary Praise Band Practice, F</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Tolson Bible Study, Rm L44 Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans' Emmaus Reunion (Ruth), 302</p> <p>noon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 11:30 a.m. Balance & Stretch Class, Rm 239</p> <p>Student Ministries Fall Retreat Doe River Gorge, Dec. 2-4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, Bright Hall</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Footsteps: Hiking Club</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, S</p> <p>Building Staff: Fred Howe Saturday Volunteer: Cinammon Thayer</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00 p.m. Church Circle</p>	<i>My Notes</i>
<p>4</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, BH</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel</p> <p>Children's Christmas Program 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary</p>	<p>5</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</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Matin Ringers, Rm 206</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Silver Bells, Rm 206</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Sounds of Joy, Rm 108</p> <p>5:00 p.m. District Ministers Christmas Banquet, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Stephen Min. Supervision, Rm 241</p> <p>6:30 p.m. SingleVision Movie, Theater</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 51, 303 New/Newer Members Small Group, Eastridges</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, Brogdens'</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Circle 2, Rm 141</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Lay Involvement Team, 241</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Malachi, Rm 302 Young Adult Small Group, Turners'</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.</p> <p>noon Caregiver Support, Rm 141</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intergenerational Small Group, Rm L41</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Romans Bible Study, L44</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Tolson Bible Study, Rm L44 Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans' Emmaus Reunion (Ruth), 302</p> <p>noon</p> <p>Miles for Smiles December 8 and December 9</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 11:30 a.m. Balance & Stretch Class, Rm 239</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, Bright Hall</p> <p>Building Staff: Gary Lodien Saturday Volunteer: Carolyn Barnes</p>	
<p>11</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, BH</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel</p> <p>Christmas Cantata 8:30 & 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Young Adult 2nd Sunday Lunch noon, Rm L06</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. Parish Nurse Christmas Lunch, Rm 305</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study w/ Josie Reid, 141</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Matin Ringers, Rm 206</p> <p>noon Circle 6, Rm 241</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Silver Bells, Rm 206</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Sounds of Joy, Rm 108</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CLC Meeting, Rm 141 Missions Committee, Rm L06 Pairs & Spares Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 p.m. SingleVision Potluck, Rm L44</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 51, 303 New/Newer Members Small Group, Eastridges</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Flames of Faith, Rm 108</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Malachi, Rm 302 Young Adult Small Group, Turners'</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Circle 4, Rm 302 Circle 5, Rm 141</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Furniture Min., Wel. Ctr.</p> <p>11:00 a.m. UMW Luncheon, FH</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intergenerational Small Group, Rm L41</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Romans Bible Study, L44</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Rm L06 Children's Council, Rm 241</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Tolson Bible Study, Rm L44 Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans' Emmaus Reunion (Ruth), 302</p> <p>noon</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr.</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, Bright Hall</p> <p>Building Staff: Chuck Williams Saturday Volunteer: Judy King</p> <p>Third Saturday Local Mission Project</p>	
<p>18</p> <p>6:00 a.m. Friendship Diner Bkfst, BH</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Sounds of Joy Rehearsal, Rm 108</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks, Chapel</p> <p>Handel's Messiah 4:00 & 7:00 at First Baptist</p> <p>Exploring FBS Class 9:40 Welcome Center</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Food Ministry, Wel. Ctr. 9:45 a.m. Halo Haircuts, Rm 138</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Matin Ringers, Rm 206</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Silver Bells, Rm 206</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Sounds of Joy, Rm 108</p> <p>6:30 p.m. SingleVision Christmas, FH</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 51, 303 New/Newer Members Small Group, Eastridges</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Flames of Faith, Rm 108</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Lay Involvement Team, 241</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Malachi, Rm 302 Young Adult Small Group, Turners'</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Contem. Prayer, Rm 236</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intergenerational Small Group, Rm L41</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Romans Bible Study, L44</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Tolson Bible Study, Rm L44 Thurs. Morn. Prayer, Parlor Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Advanced Yoga, Rm 239</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Intermediate Yoga, Rm 239 Emmaus Reunion, Rm L12 Men's Bible Study, Boggans'</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight <i>Services</i></p> <p>1:00 p.m., Baysmont</p> <p>3:00 p.m., "Blessing of the Babies," Sanctuary</p> <p>5:30 p.m., Services in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 p.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	
<p>25</p>  <p>Joint Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary</p> <p>No Sunday School Today</p> <p>No Our Father's Place or Evening Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>SingleVision Restaurant Trip- noon</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

Church Offices Closed
December 25 through January 2
*Finance office may be contacted the week following Christmas at nflora@fbsumc.org or 224-1511.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



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.

Due to complexity in the logistics of this trip, we need to know the interest level of those going by the end of December. To learn more about this opportunity or indicate your interest, please contact Harry or Pat Turner at 423-246-3823.



UMCOR Cleaning Buckets Delivered to South Carolina

Hurricane Matthew brought destruction to many parts of the Carolina coast and inland recently as it made its way up the Eastern seaboard. Damage was moderate to severe, depending on timing and location, but flooding was a major issue with the storm that struck in October.

Cleaning Buckets from First Broad Street, along with buckets from across Holston, were delivered by Holston to Edisto Island, one of the hardest hit areas on the coast of South Carolina. In total, 385 buckets were provided for families and individuals to have needed cleaning supplies to begin recovery from the storm and salvage as much of their belongings as possible. On behalf of these families and individuals, and the South Carolina Conference, thank you First Broad Street for your continued generosity as you respond to where God calls to heal brokenness in the world. Please continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Matthew as they struggle to recover and restore.

Bring One Items

- **Dec. 4** Cash or checks for communion offering baskets
- **Dec. 11** Beef stew and/or chicken and dumplings
- **Dec. 18** Peanut butter, jelly, and/or canned fruit
- **Dec. 25** Spaghetti sauce and noodles



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!

Holiday Food

The annual Holiday Food Bag Drive began in November and will run through Sunday, January 8. The bags are available in the hallway outside the fellowship hall along with an attached list of ingredients requested to be in each bag returned. This is an excellent ministry opportunity for families to do together as well as individuals and small groups. We thank you for your support of this ministry opportunity each year, and may God bless you in the coming holiday season as you bless others in our community.



Third Saturday To Build Ramp

The Third Saturday Home Repair team will be building a wheel chair ramp on Center Street here in Kingsport for the December project. The date for the project is Saturday, December 17th, and we will begin at 8:30 am in the chapel at First Broad Street with devotions. We hope you will plan to join us for this reaching out opportunity, one that is available to men, women, and children, skill or no skill. For more information about this mission experience, please call the mission office at 423-224-1531.



2nd Sunday Lunch December 11

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

Furniture Ministry Seeking Donations for Holiday Season

The Furniture Ministry has expressed a need for increased awareness of furniture needs during the holiday season, a time when we all have busy schedules and sometimes don't concentrate things normally in front of us. This is also a time when we tend to see an increase in applications for furniture, especially bedroom and living room needs. We thank you for your continued support of this ministry, and please keep the furniture ministry in mind with your no longer needed furniture and household items and keep all in prayer that struggle to provide the comfort and necessities of home for their families.



Mission Celebration 2017

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Mission Celebration, scheduled for February 24 – 26. Rev. Ray Buchanan and Rev. Lurone Jennings will lead the event as keynote speakers, joined by a host of missionaries and workshop leaders who will share stories of transformation and healing from local, national, and worldwide missions. Ray is no stranger to FBS, having participated in past events with Stop Hunger Now and known for his role in development of Stop Hunger Now and Society of St. Andrews. Lurone, known as "Coach," has led workshops with us in the past as Executive Director of The Bethlehem Center in Chattanooga; he currently works with the City Of Chattanooga in Youth and Family Development.

This event will have something for all ages and is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness through the congregation of First Broad Street and to see where God is leading us in the future. Please watch for more information soon.



College Mission Trip to Johns Island

The College Mission Trip to Johns Island is scheduled for **December 28 through January 4**. We will join Rural Mission in repairing homes and facilities on the Sea Islands, along with our partner churches, St Johns Parish and Rockville Presbyterian. This is a wonderful opportunity for the college age young adults to share in fellowship, spiritual renewal, and service to those we are called to serve. Cost per person is \$90. Applications will be available on the church website, in the hallway outside of the fellowship hall or in the mission office. Please call the mission office at 423-224-1531 for more information about this mission opportunity.



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.



FBS Partners with Friends in Need to Sponsor Miles for Smiles

First Broad Street will sponsor a two-day event with "Miles For Smiles," a mobile dental facility, on December 8 and December 9 in the parking lot at the mobile unit. Sixty people in our community will receive dental care during this two-day event, and additionally, Dr. Joe Smiddy will have his x-ray truck available. Please call the Mission Office at 423-224-1531 if you are interested in assisting with this outreach opportunity.

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

BILLY SCHULZ MEMORIAL GARDEN

Dan Sewell-by Jane Schulz

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Dan Sewell-by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor

CARPENTER'S HELPERS

Julia Bales-by Dr. and Mrs. Jim Mosrie

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Frank Buckles-by Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor

FURNITURE

Jim Dobyms-by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorr

GENERAL

Frank Buckles-by Mr. and Mrs. Chad Correll, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Mosrie, Dr. and Mrs. Gene Archer, Peg Norris, Robert C. Hart, Col. Patrick Shull, Myra Danehy, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keefauver, Nancy Gideon and Sally Warburton, Anne Butcher, David and Rachel Butcher, Charles Butcher, III, ECOM USA, LLC, Memphis and Dallas Friends, Dr. and Mrs. Locke Carter, friends, Joe Ann Ketron, members of New Fidelis Class

Bill Clapp-by Dot Stapleton, Jean Ellington, Dr. and Mrs. David Johnson

Jim Dobyms-by Mr. Charles Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Dunn, Betty Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Addington, Mr. and Mrs. John Aycock, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lynn Johnson

Frank Buckles and Jim Dobyms-by Dr. and Mrs. Jim Mosrie, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dexter, Dolores Dobyms

Frank Buckles, Jim Dobyms, Len Spadafino-by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hammond

Jim Dobyms and Bill Clapp-by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Grabar

HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN

Frank Buckles-by Alice Page

MUSIC

Frank Buckles and Dan Sewell-by Dr. and Mrs. Art Wyker, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Hawk

Dan Sewell-by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Grabar, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ledford, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schrader, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stoots, Dr. and Mrs. C. Mack Patton, Myra Danehy, friends, Dr. and Mrs. Locke Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Gemayel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montford, Mr. and Mrs. Les Heaton, Cindy Vineski, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Jernigan, Betsy Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Deavenport, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Mize, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Mather, Lee Hemphill, Peg Norris

ORCHESTRA

Ron Bussey-by members of the Pterodactyl BMW Motorcycle Club

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jim Dobyms, Sara Kay Collins, Dan Sewell, Bill Clapp, Frank Buckles, William Robinette, Joyce Warr, Aubrey Howe, Louise Garland, Ethel Cradic, Ron Bussey, Sue Shaver, Fred Lawson-by Darres Carter

Frank Buckles-by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorr

In Honor Of

UMCOR

Friends-by Celia Cox

December 1
Roger Merritt
Jean Shetterly
Patsy Sides
Tina Kramer
Margaret Deans
Dwain Arnold
Denise McCreight

December 2
Roy Geno
Sarah McKee
Catherine Potente
Quinton Buchanan
Andrea Burdge
London Seal

December 3
Malcolm Dunn
Fred Himelwright
James Haun
Charlotte Matthews
Danny Harper
Kimberly Guy
Tyler Singler

December 4
Vivian Caffey
Beth Witt
Kim Blessing
Lisa Fogleman
Nathan King

December 5
Judy King
Miles Burdine
Jennifer Goddard
Colin Cleary
Lucinda Taylor

December 6
Betty Roller
Bob Jones
Chris Baker
Roger Powell
Rachel Guy

December 7
Linda Thompson
Carol Jackson
Erica Whitaker
Curt Rose

December 8
Ann Meade
Joel Stice
Sam Merritt

December 9
Reva Cochran
Gary Fielden

Zelda Ridgeway
Charles Carty
Meredith Barnes
Michael Parham
Brett Penley

December 10
Charles Lambert
Pat Corson
Ron Stidham
Steve Cook
Gus Trupiano
Leigh Anne Hoover
Jason Johnson
Angie Ramey
Stella Marshall

December 11
Betty McLain
Linda Draper
Janice Duncan
Bruce McKee

December 12
Patsy Repass
Debra Oliver
Leanne Potente
Bailey Dyson
Quilla Belote

December 13
Mary Ann Randolph
Fred Richard
Glenna Epperson
Karen Coleman
Maggie Carter
Harper Dunn

December 14
Charlton Devault
Bob Jenkins
Derry Nichols
Nancy McIntosh
Mark Eversole
Kailyn Reid
Aliza Dixon
Clara Reynolds
Camden Singler

December 15
Ann Sturgill
Gina Pinney
Christie Sutton
Jason Nanney
Peyton Nanney
Benjamin Irvin

December 16
Louella Roberts
Jack Mahaffey
Amy Doran

Scott Taylor
Lee Fish
Brandon Wargo

December 17
Bernice Christian
Fred Wallin
Bob Estes
Carolyn Kestner
Melanie Harris
Daniel Aycock
Jordan Brown

December 18
Ruth Albrecht
Judy Archer
Suzan Spurrier
John Faust
Jerry Bark
Chuck Greene
Sarah Johnson
Casey Johnson
Saraya Shoemaker
Warren Ehrenfried
Matthew Culp
Taylor Christian
Sophia Wood

December 19
Bettie Vincent
Kathy Shipley
Zeb McReynolds

December 20
Frances Howe
Bob Green
Kitty Frazier
Andy Arbaugh
Brandon Willingham

December 21
George Stevenson
Mary Shortt
Chris Campbell
Jennifer Shafer

December 22
Roma Harrell
Toombs Kay
Steve Lane
Mike Lick
David Rose
Natalie Hale
Shelby Clark

December 23
Lorain Hicks
Patty Hale
Andy Taylor
Beverley Perdue
Amy Montgomery

Greg Foster
John Minani
Hudson Bipes

December 24
Ross Kern
Lucille Reed
Patsy Pilgrim
Jerry Tustin
Lyle Musesengwa

December 25
Aldean Giles

December 26
Bruce Cunningham
Phyllis Large
Darby Ratcliffe
Bobby Reed
Katie Jones
Candith Bailey
Micah Riddle

December 27
Mary Ann Randall
Ella Winegar
Cathy Kilgore
Dustin Dobbs
Derek Chambers
Karissa Yarosh

December 28
Edgar McDaniel
Suzi Little
Brook Langley
Jesse Turner
Caylor Harrison
Justin Gooch
Amanda Taylor
Malik Gamble
Katie Roberts

December 29
Leslie Owen
Travis Leonard
Justin Steinmann
Chris McCreary
Ryan Herlong

December 30
Franklin Welder
Lynn Greer
Mark Bragg

December 31
Michael Coggins
Ruth Montgomery
Bob Scott

Happy Birthday

A Message from the Executive Director . . .

Christmas Eve Offering: Life-changing gifts for children... *the tradition continues*

Christmas gifts are special for everyone but especially for children. On the very first Christmas God gave a gift, a child that grew up and forever changed the world, history, and each of our lives. We are called to be like God, and it is especially significant for us to be Godly at Christmas time when the world might be most sensitive to our witness.

Two years ago on Christmas Eve First Broad Street gave a life-changing gift to children in South Sudan by building them an entire school. Last year on Christmas Eve First Broad Street gave a life-changing gift to children in our own backyard at Jackson Elementary School by enabling the Leader in Me project to impact a generation of teachers and students over the next four years and beyond. This year the tradition of giving life-changing gifts to children continues. First Broad Street will dedicate its Christmas Eve offering to Camp Bays Mountain. We want to help provide a zero entry pool to contribute to the joyful experience and life change that occurs for children during summer camp.

In the last five years of our local camp, 250 children made first-time decisions to follow Christ. In that same time, more than 500 campers re-dedicated their lives into deeper discipleship. Also during that time, nine students received and confirmed a call into full-time Christian ministry. Church camp is a significant opportunity for evangelism.

Since the flood of 2012 our region has not had the influence of our church camp. We have been missing an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship. The good news is Camp Bays Mountain will open with initial lodging and summer programming on June 4, 2017...that is less than seven months away!

One of the items we want to bless the camp with is a swimming pool. The cost will be about \$225,000 and the camp has already raised in cash and/or pledges about \$45,000. First Broad Street hopes to raise the remainder at our Christmas Eve offering.

Here is the special thing about the pool...it will be a zero-entry pool which means children in wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and even non-swimmers will have access to the pool with no steps, ladders or a mechanical lift assist. That means every camper, no matter their ability, can enjoy the pool with no hindrances!



A display of drawings and renderings are in our lobby and there will be more information about this gift each week prior to Christmas Eve. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to our Christmas Eve effort to give a life changing gift to children in our community. This is an opportunity to give and impact others in our community and beyond. This is also an opportunity to show others as much love as we show to those with whom we are closest this Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Nathan Flora

FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending October 31

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$ 1,405,030	\$ 1,375,000
Other Offerings	\$ 1,010,083	\$ 1,024,056
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$ 2,415,113	\$ 2,399,056
Expenses	\$ 2,361,100	\$ 2,397,880
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 54,013	\$ 1,176
Capital Debt	\$ 0	*((\$44,566) less than required
Cash on Hand (Working Capital)	\$ 434,987	\$ 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 January newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, by contacting Meredith Brown at mbrown@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.

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- I wish to purchase a Chrismon kit in **memory** of _____
- I wish to purchase a Chrismon kit in **honor** of _____

Donor _____
Phone Number _____

I am enclosing \$20.00.

Please complete *separate* order forms for each donation.

Return order forms to the Church Office no later than noon on December 5.



Poinsettia Order Form

- I wish to give a poinsettia in **memory** of _____
- I wish to give a poinsettia in **honor** of _____
- Yes, I will pick up the poinsettia after the 10:45 service on December 18.
- No, I would like for my poinsettia to be delivered to the hospital.

Donor _____
Phone Number _____

I am enclosing \$15.00.

Please complete *separate* order forms for each donation.

Return order forms to the Church Office no later than noon on December 5.