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Worship Online with Us:

8:30 and/or 10:45 through our Facebook Page.

Even if you do not have a personal FB page you can follow these steps:
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Weekday Daily Online Devotions:

At 8:00 a.m. every morning (Monday-Friday) we are providing online devotions on our Facebook page.

Online Prayer Service:

We encourage you to be a part of our online prayer service each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook.

Mental Health Chats:

Pastor Misti will offer mental health chats for anyone needing encouragement (through Facebook, Zoom, or by phone.) Simply message the church on the Facebook page or call the church office at 423-246-4471 to get connected with her.



Sympathy is expressed to . . .

Lewis Stubblefield, Elise Egan and Ella and Christopher Egan on the **March 30** death of wife, mother, and grandmother, **Brenda Stubblefield**

Cynthia Lewis on the April 1 death of her father, **James Bennett Lewis**

Katie Beth Boggan on the April 1 death of her grandmother, **Martha Maddux Walker** (and cousin of staff member, Linda Murphy)

Richard Leftwich, Missy Quillen, and Cheyenne Patrick on the April 7 death of wife, mother, and grandmother (and FBS Child Care Staff), **Jo Leftwich**

Kandy Childress on the April 18 death of her father, **Wallace Gene Grills**

Nathan and Zelda Ridgeway on the April 19 death of their daughter, **Leanne Ridgeway Hannah**



With the Safer at Home measures in place, it is probable that SingleVision will not be able to meet in May. However, please contact Jane Adams at jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com or 423-246-1727 for updates.

**Running low on sanitizing wipes?
Here's how to make your own!**



Place one roll of Bounty paper towels plus one quart of water and four tsp. of Clorox in a plastic coffee container with a lid.

Cut the paper towel roll to fit inside the plastic container to make your own wipes.

This is the CDC recipe, but you can add a little more Clorox if you like.

Our Newest Members . . .

John and Kristy Rowe joined on March 29 as transfers from Sulphur Springs UMC. Their children are **Brennan and Emmalynn** (both baptized).



Congratulations to **Wesley and Chrissy Idlette** on the April 15 birth of their son, **Tyson James Idlette** (grandparents: **Wesley and Joy Eastridge**)



WAYS TO PRAY . . .

Prayer Requests may be reported by:
Calling the Prayer Line -- 423-224-1544
Emailing shopkins@fbsumc.org

Please consider joining the Email Prayer Team, which simply involves praying for individual needs/prayer requests shared with the church. Emails are sent daily (Monday-Friday) that include these requests as well as a list of those whom we are aware are in the hospital or members who have had deaths in their families. If you would like to be added to the Email Prayer Team to help the feeling of connectedness to our church, you may email or call Sue Hopkins (shopkins@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1514).

Don't forget to download your **monthly Prayer Guide** offered in your FBS happenings emails each Friday!

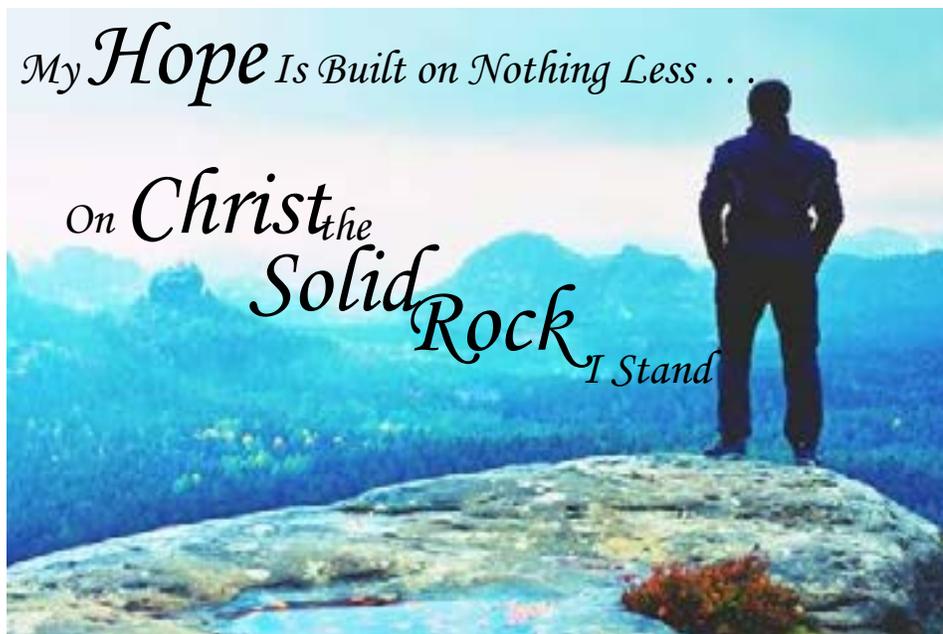
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES . . .

We encourage you to plug into Facebook to watch our Livestream worship services at 8:30 and/or 10:45 a.m. OR you can watch the video at your convenience later. We are also offering Monday-Friday devotions and a Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service so be sure to check those out!

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If you run into problems watching, please let us know by calling 423-246-4471. While our offices are operating from 9 a.m. to noon, our staff is working from home full time to continue ministries for FBSUMC. We are here to help you in any way we can!



History of Hymns: "My Hope Is Built" by Edward Mote

~ reprinted from umcdiscipleship.org
(June 2013)

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Edward Mote (1797-1874) falls into the rare category of hymn writers who grew up without religious training and whose parents were pub owners. He was apprenticed at a young age by his parents to a cabinetmaker, but found faith when he heard the preaching of John Hyatt at the Tottenham Court Road Chapel in London at age 15.

Living in Southwark near London, he established a successful cabinet-making enterprise and became a Baptist minister in 1852, at 55 years of age. He ministered for 21 years at Strict Baptist Church in Horsham, Sussex.

Singing hymns was of great interest to him. The master cabinetmaker became a prolific hymn writer, composing more than 100 hymns. He published his hymns with selections by others in 1836 in *Hymns of Praise, A New Selection of Gospel Hymns*. Hymnologists note that this is the first time the now common term "gospel hymn" appears.

American Methodist hymnologist and hymnal editor Robert Guy McCutchan notes that the hymn was probably written in 1834 and originally began, "Nor earth, nor hell, my soul can move." The original title was "Jesus, my All in All." Mr. McCutchan cites the origin of this hymn narrated by the composer as it appeared in a London periodical, *The Gospel Magazine*:

"One morning it came into my mind as I went to labour, to write an hymn on the 'Gracious Experience of a Christian.' As I went up to Holborn I had the chorus, *On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

"In the day I had four verses complete, and wrote them off.... On the Sabbath following... by the fireside [I] composed the last two verses... Brother Rees of Crown Street, Soho, brought out an edition of hymns (1836) and this hymn was in it."

Baptist hymnologist William Reynolds summarizes the rest of the story: "The next Sunday [Mote] visited the home of some fellow church members where the wife was very ill. The husband informed Mote that it was their custom on the Lord's Day to sing a hymn, read the Bible, and pray together. Mote produced the new hymn from his pocket, and they sang ["The Solid Rock"] together for the first time."

UM Hymnal editor Carlton Young notes in his *Companion* that the hymn is of uneven quality. Indeed, the version in our hymnals today is the result of careful editing of the original six stanzas into four, choosing the most coherent lines from the original.

One can quickly see how the best lines of Mote's two original stanzas were combined to make a much more articulate whole in the stanza cited at the beginning of this article.

Dr. Young comments on the revised product: "[This hymn's] compelling topic—the parable about the security of building a house on rock, as opposed to sand (Matthew 7:24-27)—and subsequent redaction and setting to a simple, repetitious, foot-stomping tune have merged to form a hymn of faith that over the generations has proved useful and comforting to many in their daily spiritual journey."

The "foot-stomping" tune was composed by American gospel song composer, William Bradbury (1816-1868), a fellow Baptist, for Mote's text in 1863 and appeared during the American Civil War in Bradbury's *Devotional Hymn and Tune Book* (1864).



God Is with Us

“My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.” Haggai 2:5

COVID-19 has inspired a lot of memes on social media. A funny one I saw last week said, “How many weeks has it been since last Monday?” Although we laugh, we can all acknowledge the level of disruption, pain, anxiety, grief—not to mention severe illness—that this novel coronavirus has precipitated. As humans, we know our lives are fragile and that we are here on earth for a short time, but in more “normal” times, we often go around like we might just live forever! We don’t spend our energy and time well, and we sometimes disregard important aspects of life.

COVID-19 has led many of us to re-think our present and re-consider our future. Admitting our fragile state and the transient nature of life on this earth can have the positive effect of helping us refocus on what really matters: showing love, caring for one another, and seeing God’s grace and mercy. God is with us. We do not need to be dismayed.

--Joy Eastridge, Parish Nurse



Re-thinking Connection

Social media, Zoom, email, phone calls, texting, even letters—we are finding new and more ways to stay connected during this time of physical distancing. Whether you are a natural introvert or a flaming extrovert, these times of staying home are challenging for us all. As the church, we are re-thinking our connections and helping one another stay healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

Many groups are adapting to meeting on Zoom, an app that allows for participants to share the same screen and “see” each other. Last week a group of young adults played games on Zoom! Additionally, Bible studies and Sunday School groups are starting back.

We are blessed to be experiencing this pandemic during a time when technology can help. But let’s be clear: technology doesn’t substitute for actually being together. Let’s continue to be prayerful for one another and to commit ourselves to going out of our way to send a card, make a phone call, or do something to brighten up another person’s day.

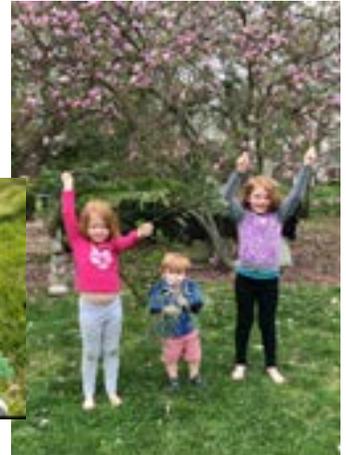


Staying Healthy While Staying In

- ✓ Wear a mask. “Your mask protects me. My mask protects you.”
- ✓ Spend time in spiritual growth: Bible reading, devotionals, and prayer.
- ✓ Go easy on yourself. In this time of stress and grief, our ideas of “getting things done” may have to wait.
- ✓ Talk it over. It can be very helpful to share our feelings with others. No matter how you look at this whole thing, it is really awful! Acknowledging that reality and sharing it, can free us to find the hidden blessings in the time of COVID-19.
- ✓ Count your blessings. Having an attitude of gratitude is important anytime. Right now, it can mean the difference between thriving and being discouraged.

palm
Sunday

Children's Ministry



FBS children waved palm branches at home, and their parents submitted videos to the church to make a video shown in online worship in Encounter. Thanks, everyone, for adding this festive element to worship on Palm Sunday!

Here are just a few snapshots to show you how our families with children made the most of Easter at home. We are proud of you all for celebrating our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

EASTER



FBS kids also participated in an Easter scavenger hunt that did not require social interaction (other than family members), utilizing the outdoors, technology, and some creative storytelling to help families engage with the Easter story. Families found each "clue," then took a selfie! Here is an example of a clue: With your family, find something like a barn and take a selfie together beside it. Think about what it meant that Jesus wasn't born rich or mighty, but as a humble baby, just like us.

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

ALTAR GUILD

Jody Powell by Bob and Dot Dorr

GENERAL

Bob Hawk by Tim and Linda Martin

Shirley Ratcliff-Carlson, Jody Powell, Birdie Proctor by friends

Crandell Craft by Jerry and Wanda Lifford

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jody Powell by Dottie Newsome, Dan and Jane Dove

Celebrate Our Birthdays by Calling Someone on the List -- contact info available in the churchLife app or in your printed church directory.

<p>May 1 Bill Kirk Bob Winstead Pete Miller Pam King Kathie Jennings Nick Colobro Maecy de Nobriga</p>	<p>May 8 Bennett Himelwright Mike Rothrock Kim Pendleton Jessica Gray Ben Culp Megan Butcher Eve West</p>	<p>Jeff Bark Aiden Jimenez Lily Trent</p>	<p>Sutton Marschner</p>	<p>Spencer Pinney Evelyn Kitzmiller Amelia Harnsberger</p>
<p>May 2 Grace Cripe Chris Heglar Jeff Honeycutt Margaret Gall Daniel Wells John Deason Greer Long</p>	<p>May 9 Vicki Clark Nancy Berry David Pendleton Evelyn Jackson Margaret Julian</p>	<p>May 15 Jill Mayhew Wesley Idlette John-Michael Cole Ella Egan Samuel Browder</p>	<p>May 22 Joe Morley Claire Lovelace Gigi Boggan Steve Holt Andy Montgomery</p>	<p>May 29 J P Kish Daniel Martin Faith Kestner Copeland Crews David Randolph</p>
<p>May 3 Tom King Kris Murphy Andrea Cradic Kevin Marcus JT Roberts</p>	<p>May 10 John Abbott L. Gordon Porter Philip Bailey Heather Whited Aaron Moore David Geno Lindsay Hensley Andrew Paulonis</p>	<p>May 16 Pamela Carter V. Wilson Goodlett Eric Fritz Nancy Siner Matthew Thayer Brody Brooks Olivia Hong</p>	<p>May 23 Bill Campbell Judy Shoun Cheryl Heisey Greg Hauk Tucker Holt Maggie Allman</p>	<p>May 30 Connie Stone John Dunnivant Martha Funke John Ehrenfried Kelly Hall Morgan Lamb Alex Bright Mark Sago Emily Foster Paisley Seckler</p>
<p>May 4 Carol Guest Sue Moricle Ellen Robbins Julie Johnson Belvin Clapp Ryon Grubbs Katie Beth Boggan Mila Harville Malia Idlette Emersyn Cradic</p>	<p>May 11 Jim Beutel Opal Gilson T.A. Smith Dan Deason Terry Kaylor Farah Williams Joe Milam Betty Starnes Beth Paton</p>	<p>May 17 Patty Holbert Caroline Glover Laura Metcalf Hannah Smith</p>	<p>May 24 Judy Edwards Jerry Hurley Al Dietrich Klaus Schnede Edward Mechem Carter Lovelace Jordan Jewett Connor Herlong Josh Still Hannah Frye Samuel Harnsberger</p>	<p>May 31 Carolyn Kingdon Kirby Moore Meredith de Nobriga Jerry Stewart Chad Baker Casey Williams Zachary Battleson</p>
<p>May 5 Wes Moricle David Larkey Jake Weaver Brantley Coggins Chloe Yarosh Hailey Cooley</p>	<p>May 12 George Penn Tiffany Lasky Chelsea Strickland George Taylor</p>	<p>May 18 Mayme Pecktol Valerie Joh Bradley Blackwell Stephanie Naegle Mosley Hauk Cade Johnson Hudson Brown</p>	<p>May 25 Cindy Wagner Harry Fontaine Jack Weikel Frances Robinson Oliver Trent Blakely Lett Laurel Stocker</p>	
<p>May 6 Geri Taylor Catherine Bailey Thomas Sams Benjamin Thayer</p>	<p>May 13 George Taylor J D Anderson Halston Hale Mara Searcy Olivia Goad Sadie Pietruszka</p>	<p>May 19 Doris Poe Bob Viers Steve Kramer Amanda Ayala Jon Britt Jackie Musser Ciara Rigg</p>	<p>May 26 Roger Thayer D. Lynn Sorrell Paul Jones</p>	
<p>May 7 Rondy Lambert Robert Williams Paul Penland Vince Goodman Christine Cooper</p>	<p>May 14 Witt Langstaff Betsy Geiger Margaret Counts Barrow Turner Bob Funke Jeff Luethke Dena Anthony</p>	<p>May 20 Nancy Ketron-Tedder Jim Poe W. Clay Smith Martha Braden Lisa Chase Amy Wenk</p>	<p>May 27 Linda Droke Patti Miller Jill Rich Jacki Wolfe Lauren Haun</p>	
		<p>May 21 Martha Wilkerson Patsy Brooks Colton Marcum Kinsley Paque' McKenna Paque' Bo Blackwell</p>	<p>May 28 Ella Jane Fogleman Gary Keefauver Pam Hutchins Bruce Mullins Tim Lorimer Amy Ramey Matthew McHorris</p>	

Summer Missions in the Midst of Coronavirus

The two mission experiences that are traditional each summer for our congregation are the High School and Middle School trips to Johns Island SC and Saltville VA, respectively. We know enough now that we have already met and decided to postpone the High School Trip the first week of June. The safety of our youth, adult leaders, and those where we go to serve is always our concern, not to mention our families and friends when we return home. Additionally, we are entering planning stages that would require us to not comply with the stay at home/distancing protocol. We will be looking at possible alternative dates for a mission experience, possibly in July if the virus threat is over and dates are open to do something. John Rowe and Ralph Jeffers will be monitoring youth schedules for us as we look for opportunities. We have not postponed the Middle School Trip to Saltville as of yet. We will evaluate this at the first of May and make a decision. It is possible that we would have to postpone and/or change the look of the Middle School Mission Trip as well.

Please know that these mission trips for the youth are not only a tradition of the congregation, they are a very high priority! We will be very diligent in monitoring the situation and offering opportunities accordingly. All funds that have been raised for the trips through fundraising efforts will remain in accounts to be used for the age level trips/experiences.

Additionally, we have postponed the In Mission Together Mission Trip in June to Hungary. A later date for this trip will be determined, possibly during Fall Break.

Please pray with us as we navigate a different path; a path full of opportunity, but also one in which we must allow God to lead us in new directions. Thank you for your continued support of the mission ministry of First Broad Street. God's light to the world continues to shine through your passion and generosity!



Ministry Preparations Continue in Season of Despair

It seems that everything has come to a standstill, especially in our ability to be personally involved in the daily ministries of our congregation. Social distancing is hard; we are created to be in relationship with one another connected through sharing and serving together. But, in this season of distancing and staying away, God is at work preparing for a better day, a day in which we will be once again liberated to join together in ministry face to face and hand in hand.

We have been in the process of transitioning the Firewood Ministry from its current location to the Wimberley Woods property on Bloomingdale Road. This has taken some time to pull together, but progress has been made during the interim caused by the Coronavirus. A new fence has been installed and a slab has been poured where a pavilion will be built soon for the volunteers to work under and store equipment.

This will be an ideal location for the ministry and make it easier for volunteers to become involved. We celebrate the continued outreach of this ministry of 33 years, a ministry that delivers about 300 pickup loads of wood each winter in our surrounding community to heat the homes of the low income and elderly. We thank you for your support of this ministry and look forward to joining together to warm the homes of our community and the hearts of those who serve and receive.

When We All Meet Together, What a Day of Rejoicing that Will Be!

Renovations to Room L06

Thanks to General Memorial Gifts to the church administered by the General Memorials Committee, soon FBS will have a dedicated meeting space available to use. Significant progress has been made in recent weeks. Audio Visual and Computer technology remain to be installed in coming weeks. Enjoy the sneak peek at this upgraded space for our church.





Need some inspiration for cooking the next family meal while stuck at home? Try this one from Darres Carter, found in the United Methodist Women's Cookbook.

Like what you see? . . .

Once the Safer at Home orders have been lifted, pick up your copy of the cookbook for only \$12!

Crock Pot Meat Loaf

1 egg
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef or chuck
1/4 cup of milk
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 slices bread, torn in small pieces
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
2/3 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/4 cup catsup



Mix egg into meat. Add milk and bread and work together thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients except catsup. Mix well. Shape mixture into an oval and place in the bottom of slow cooker. Spread with catsup. Cover cooker, set on low and cook 7 to 8 hours. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending March, 2020

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$409,983	\$391,037
Other Offerings	\$345,954	\$386,178
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$755,937	\$777,215
Expenses	\$740,210	\$775,915
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 15,727	\$ 1,300
Capital Debt	\$ 0	*(284,881) more than required
Cash on Hand (Working Capital)	\$803,357	\$ 518,476*

Ways to Give:

- ❖ Mail: 100 East Church Circle
Kingsport, TN 37660
- ❖ Text **FBSGIVE to 73256**
- ❖ Church app: "churchlife"
- ❖ Online: fbsumc.org - Give Tab

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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 June newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, by contacting Meredith Brown at mbrown@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.

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WHAT IS NARNIA? NARNIA is an intergenerational program designed to allow you to experience the world of NARNIA through story, adventures, and a spirit of imagination. **Safer at Home is a great time to read or re-read the books. We hope to begin the new program in June, but at least you can prepare in the meantime!**

WHAT WE DO: NARNIA is for everyone, whether you've yet to read the books or you're a long-time Lewis fan. Come "further in" to the fun this summer with adventure sessions led by seasoned guides from First Broad Street United Methodist Church's NARNIA program, which began in 1981. In each of the seven adventure sessions everyone has the opportunity to participate in the hands-on adventures, including: Caving, River-crossing by starlight, Lake Day, Compass Orienteering, and Narnian Creation Planetarium Show! All will join in one of the discussion groups, which are offered at different levels of engagement and experience with Lewis's books and scripture.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ... "Once you get to NARNIA, your Christian faith will never be the same. It will be more alive, more real – something you can put your hands on, examine, and say, "This is what I believe." -Sparky Dyson
"Aslan tells Lucy and Edmund that they were brought to Narnia to get to know him a little there, in order that they could know him better in their own world. For us, NARNIA has been the same - a doorway through which we see and hear and smell and taste things that we suddenly realize are deep and true and are a part, not of a book, but of real life."



NARNIA

- Karen Grisenti



**Sessions for NARNIA begin at 4:30 p.m.
and end by 9 p.m.**

Locations and registration guidelines will be available at fbsumc.org soon. Questions, email fbnarniaprogram@gmail.com.

June 7 - The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (1950)

June 21 (Father's Day)- Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia (1951)

July 19 - The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (1952)

August 16 - The Silver Chair (1953)

September 13 - The Horse and His Boy (1954)

October 4 - The Magician's Nephew (1955)

October 25 - The Last Battle (1956)

November 1 - graduation