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## God's Faithfulness Endures Pandemic Protocols

We have all struggled with the darkness of the Covid-19 virus, concerned about our health and the health of others around us. Our daily lives have been altered and changed based on efforts to reduce the chance of getting and spreading the virus to those we love, work along side, attend school with, or are a part of our social life. Most of us have been tethered to our homes, destined to find alternative avenues of communication, socialization, and entertainment. Additionally, our opportunities of worship, praise, and faith sharing have taken on a new and different look that has seemed counter to how we are created to interact with one another -- in relationship with God by being in relationship with one another. Prayerfully, we are moving back to more opportunities of being closer together in personal experiences and relationship.



Even in the midst of the despair we have experienced for more than a year now, the church has reason to celebrate how God continues to remain faithful, even in the most difficult times for humanity. His abiding love, mercy, and grace for all people never subside, allowing for the continual healing of a broken world to remain the mission of the church. The congregation of First Broad Street has continued to be the conduit of God's faithfulness through the mission ministries of the church through the pandemic, even though the way we serve and respond look different than in the past. We have been blessed with pastors and leadership who have inspired us to remain faithful in our prayers, presence (even though remotely), gifts, service (although limited), and witness. We have found that our virus-induced limitations as a congregation have opened up partnership opportunities in our community. God has responded to the needs of the world in foreign lands through your gifts and resources in new ways, revealing a God of promise to those served and those of us serving.

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Congratulations to **Dalton and Andrea Cradic** on the April 3 birth of their son, **Easton Rex Cradic** (grandson of Tim and Kathie Jennings); **Darren and Eliza Boyce** on the March 25 birth of their son, **Joseph Barack Boyce** (grandson of Joe and Liz Smiddy); **Jake and Brooke Weaver** on the April 8 birth of their son, **William Reed Weaver** (grandson of Tony and Kellie Weaver)



**Karrom, Kelly, and Dulaney Boonsue** joined FBS during the 8:30 Encounter service on Easter Sunday as transfers from another local church.

**In Memory of Our Church  
Family Member ...**

**John Crittenden Umberger - April 3**

*Sympathy is expressed to his daughter, Sarah Umberger.*

**Sympathy is expressed to . . .**

**Macie, Matthew and Micah Riddle** on the April 4 death of their father, **Robert Conley Riddle**;  
**Eddie Simmers** on the April 8 death of his father, **Garnett Edwin Simmers, Sr.**;  
**Rick Witt** on the April 11 death of his mother, **Johnnie Smith Witt**;  
**Johnny, Rodney and Bo Burton** on the April 18 death of mother and grandmother, **Erma Burton**



Congratulations to **Jeff Alexander and Kayla Dean**, who were married on April 3 at Warriors Path; and **Dr. Daniel Paredes and Katie Johnson**, who were married in June of 2020.

**Notes from the Membership Secretary**

1. If a member of your immediate family is graduating from college or graduate school, please contact Darres Carter at [dcarter@fbsumc.org](mailto:dcarter@fbsumc.org) or 423-224-1506.
2. We are continuing to complete our annual check of member contact information. Please get back to Darres Carter if you see a missed call from the church.



Congratulations to **Wes and Chrissy Idlette** on the baptism of their son, **Tyson James Idlette**, during the 10:45 a.m. Encounter service by Rev. Misti McCreary on April 18.

**SingleVision**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, regular dinners and programs remain cancelled. Contact Jane Adams at [jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com](mailto:jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com) or 423-246-1727 for information as it unfolds.

In-person worship is subject to change at any time due to the rise and fall of Covid-19 in the community. Please call the church office at 423-246-4471 or watch your weekly *FBS happenings* emails on Fridays for the most up-to-date information regarding our worship services. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the pandemic.

**LISTEN TO WORSHIP BY PHONE**

Listen to FBS worship service via phone call only.  
1-423-207-1268

Just dial the number and sit back and listen. You can even put on speaker and enjoy at any time of day or night.  
New service available after noon on Mondays.

**Live Wires Sunday School** by dial up telephone. A lesson is presented each week via teleconference. 10:30 on Wednesdays. Please call Linda Morton for information or to join the group (423-416-8317).

**Senior Adult Fellowship and Gatherings** will occur as soon as it is safe to connect in larger groups.

**History of Hymns** excerpt reprinted from [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org) (February 11, 2021 edition)

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* by Cecil Frances Alexander

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult/Of our life's wild restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth/Saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

How does a hymn written for a minor saint's day by a Victorian hymn writer known for her pedagogical hymns for children become one of the most often sung hymns on Christian discipleship?

Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895) was one of the most beloved hymn writers of the nineteenth century. Born Cecil Frances Humphreys in Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland, she married Irishman William Alexander at age 32. Alexander was an Anglican rector who became Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in 1867 and, following her death, archbishop and primate of all Ireland.

Hymnologist Alfred Bailey captures the context of Mrs. Alexander's hymns: "Before her marriage she had been a member of the Evangelical wing of the Anglican Church. That fact shows in her intense devotion to the religious education of children" (Bailey, 1950, p. 352). By contrast, William Alexander was a Tractarian—what might be called a "high church" devotee today—following the ethos of the Oxford Movement. She authored more than four hundred hymns—most of which were written for children before she was married. These were published in several collections, the most popular being *Verses for Holy Seasons* (1846) and *Hymns for Little Children* (1848).

Like many Christian women of this era, Mrs. Alexander was devoted to children's religious education, using hymns as a tool in their education. She included instructions on the seasons and feasts of the Christian year. Inspired by the influential and brilliant Anglican clergyman John Keble (1792–1866) and his collection *The Christian Year* (1827), Alexander prepared *Verses for Holy Seasons* (1846), a book for Sunday-school teachers. The purpose of this collection was to use hymns as "a Christian Year for Children, in which the attempt is made, by simple hymns, to express the feelings, and enforce the instructions, which, in her distribution of the year, the Church of England suggests" (Humphreys, 1846, p. vii).

From *Hymns for Little Children*, a hymnic companion to the Apostles' Creed, we still sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful"—based on "I believe in God, the Father, maker of heaven and earth"—and "Once in Royal David's City"—interpreting "(I believe) in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary." Appearing less often in collections today is "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"—reflecting on the clause, "Suffered under Pontius Pilate."

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" is the exception in that it was not written as a children's hymn and was composed after her marriage. The hymn first appeared in a collection called *Hymns for Public Worship* (1852), published by the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK), Tract No. 15, as a hymn for St. Andrew's Day, November 30, displaying her priority for the Christian year.....

Though not a hymn for children, the language of "Jesus Calls Us," her best-known hymn for adults, is direct and well-crafted to express the calling of the disciples. She composed the text soon after her marriage to William Alexander, who was at that time a priest in the Church of Ireland and living in a remote parish of Trienamongan, County Tyrone (Glover, 1994, v. 3B, p. 549). It is one of the finest hymns on Christian discipleship and commitment....

The hymn is a straightforward, concise narrative of the account in Matthew 4. All but one of the original five stanzas conclude with Christ's imperative to his followers, past and present—"Christian, follow me" (stanza 1); "Christian, love me more" (stanza 3); "Christian, love me more than these" (stanza 4). The hymn writer encourages the hymn singer to make a commitment to Christ in the final stanza. Stanza 5 is, according to Albert Bailey, "A prayer that we may hear the call and make it our heart's desire to be loyal to the Savior" (Bailey, 1950, p. 355):

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies/Savior may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience/serve and love Thee best of all.....*

The tune most commonly associated with this text is GALILEE, written for the hymn by English organist William H. Jude (1851–1922). Paradoxically, this tune is more commonly sung in North America. Several other well-known tunes support this 8.7.8.7 meter, and these may be worth exploring to more fully express both the solemn nature of the call and the imperative—Follow me. For example, RESTORATION from William Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835) or PLEADING SAVIOR found in Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre* (1830) capture a solemn folk-like sensibility by employing a minor mode. David Hurd has composed ST. ANDREW (1980) used in H82 that, though composed in the later twentieth century, employs "a simple folk-like tune built around the tones of a pentatonic scale on F" (Glover, 1994, p. 549).



## VAX for Victory!

“I know that you can do all things...” Job 42:2

As Misti preached in her sermon on Easter, “We have the power!” We are on the verge of stamping down COVID-19, grinding its spread to a halt—all thanks to the vaccines which are now in adequate supply in our country.

With up to 95% efficacy, the vaccines are extraordinarily effective at protecting you and your family from the virus.

Vaccines will help bring the pandemic to an end. The vaccines will help us have prolonged immunity not just the slight immunity gained from the illness itself.

Getting vaccinated will help keep you, your family, your community, the economy, and your country safe and healthy. The vaccine presents minimal risks of complications and those are generally mild and subside quickly. The risks of getting the vaccine are extremely small and most side effects subside within a day or two.

The vaccine can help us return to normal, to be safe and immune.

We look forward to being together regularly and resuming many of our church activities. For now, we still need to follow the protocols related to social distancing and masking, but we are looking forward to times of even more normalcy.

## Working to Stamp Out Racism!

“Seek good, not evil, that you may live.” Amos 5:14

Our church continues to work together to be a church that is transformational in our lives, in our community, and in our world. We stand together against any and all injustice, asking God to guide us as we take steps to put our faith into action.

The Anti-Racism Task Force, led by Lisa Tencer, has been meeting since August 2020. Linda Coffey helped organize eight different book studies where we had the opportunity

to learn together new ways to move forward. We now have a shelf in the church library that is dedicated to these books and others on the topic of becoming anti-racist.

The Task Force is supporting *Juneteenth*, a festival on **June 19** at Memorial Park here in Kingsport. An event that will draw the entire Tri-Cities together, Juneteenth will have a celebratory atmosphere with stilt walkers, wrestlers (thanks, Coach Idlette!), dancers, drummers, food, and kid-friendly activities. We hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this outdoor, COVID-19 safe activity.

Also, check out the video describing the new painting that is gracing our office corridor: [www.upup.world/thehollyfamily](http://www.upup.world/thehollyfamily) or on [fbsumc.org](http://fbsumc.org) under Special Events.



## Spring Blood Drive: First Broad Street Steps Up!

We are having a Spring Blood Drive on Tuesday, **May 18** and Wednesday, **May 19**, 8:30-4:00 both days **AT MARSH REGIONAL** (111 W. Stone Dr, #300). You can drop by, but appointments are preferred just to ease any congestion.

Call: 408-7500 to schedule a time or to ask questions about eligibility. Give blood. Save a life.

## Living Will Seminar

“I came that they might have life and have it to the full.”  
John 10:10

Making end of life decisions sounds kind of morbid, doesn't it? In truth, it can provide you with the freedom of having tackled a tough topic and put it behind you mentally. It can be a gift to your loved ones who won't be left to guess about your wishes for treatment when decision times are compressed and stress is high.

Join your Parish Nurse, Joy Eastridge, in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 19, 1-2 p.m. for a session to answer your questions and fill out your living wills. We will go over the 5 Wishes form, the POLST form and the standard living will. You can fill yours out there or take it home and think it over.

The favor of a response is requested so we can plan. **Call 224-1512 to reserve your spot by 5/17.**

# PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



### Moms Connect

9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month by Zoom  
Casey Johnson will serve as the leader of the group.  
Contact Brandy Robinson at brobinson@fbsumc.org or 423-483-2980 to sign up and receive Zoom information.

### May theme: Jump! Jump!

**Bible Story:** God's way is perfect.

**Memory Verse:** "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31,

**Key Question:** Whose way is perfect?

**Bottom Line:** God's way is perfect.

**Basic Truth:** God made me.

**LAMBS** will continue to meet in May. All 3's and 4's welcome! Masks are still required.



# Children's Ministry

**Camp Bays Mountain** registration is open!  
FBSUMC week will be June 20-25, although feel free to register for any week that fits your schedule. Just go to their website to register and use the code SC46111-9A8N to get a \$200 discount (this applies to all FBS kids).

We are so very excited to be able to offer **VBS** this summer to rising Kindergarten through 5th grade! Rock on over to the Rocky Railway and please join us for a small group **VBS June 14-18** from 9-noon.

Covid policies of small groups, sanitizing, and mask wearing will still be in place. Register at fbsumc.org under Special Events.

### VBS After Hours Camp

**WHEN:** June 14-18

**TIME:** noon - 4:30

**WHERE:** FBSUMC

Due to Covid (we anticipate children will not be vaccinated by June) we will still be keeping groups small, so we are only able to offer 25 spots this summer for the after hours camp. For this summer, we would like to offer the spots to children who would not be able to come to VBS without after hours care. Thank you for understanding, and surely we'll be back to normal next summer!! To register, email kblalock@fbssumc.org. or fill out the form in your Friday *FBS happenings*.

**Kids JAM** will continue through the summer on specific Wednesdays! Please join us!

- May 26
- June 2
- June 9
- June 30
- July 7
- July 21

**Back to School Bash** will be on July 28!



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

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



## Mission Interns Named for Summer of 2021

The Mission Ministry has plans for a busy summer. We will continue in the local mission ministries that have been active during the pandemic. In addition, we will add plans for a mission week for the middle and high school youth as well as opportunities for the college-age young adults to serve in the community throughout the summer.

We are excited to announce the Summer Mission Interns to assist in maximizing the opportunities before us throughout the summer: **Lindsey McCreight** and **Austin Weaver**. Both of these young people have been active in missions through their middle and high school experiences and will be an asset to the congregation during their time with us. Lindsey is a student at Auburn University, and Austin attends East Tennessee State University.

We thank the congregation for the continued support of the Mission Intern opportunity, an experience which enhances the mission ministry of the church, while offering an life-transforming experience for the students who serve as interns. Please join us in praying for Lindsey and Austin as they prepare to be with us this summer, and welcome them to the summer staff.





### Middle & High School Students Targeting Local Missions

The Johns Island and Saltville Trips for the Middle and High School Youth are being planned to begin once again in the summer of 2022, allowing for the opportunity for the students to concentrate on a mission event in our own community this summer. The combined groups will have the opportunity to participate in missions locally the week of **June 7-12** this summer, including a day trip of fun and fellowship to a destination in our region. Each day will begin with devotions at the church and end with vespers and a meal at Wimberly Woods.

We are excited to be able to plan to once again be in mission ministry together as a group, while sharing in spiritual formation and fellowship together. Each student will be required to have four sponsors of \$25.00 each to assist in funding of supplies for the week. Registration is due in by May 2 and can be made on the church website. Please keep this opportunity lifted up as plans continue to be made, and we thank God for His faithfulness to us, and those we are called to serve.



**Mission u**

*There's Far More Here*

THAN MEETS THE EYE

### Holston Conference UMW: Join us for *Mission u* (Online) Save the Dates - July 23-24, 2021

We have known and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything. Could there be, as 2 Corinthians puts it, “far more here than meets the eye?”

*Mission u*, like many activities in our lives, has moved **online**. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God’s grace is still unfolding and life is being made new. Indeed: There’s far more here than meets the eye. Will you join us? At our upcoming *Mission u*, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God’s people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

#### Our 2021 *Mission u* will offer the following studies:

- *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, edited by Erin James-Brown
- *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris
- *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl W. Stephens
- *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders* by Jay Godfrey

Smoky Mountain District *Mission u* team members are Susan Daffron (Dean), Kim Hill (Assistant Dean), Lori Sluder, Tim Jones, Ben Smith, Deborah Carte, Kacye Castenir, Sandra Guinn, Beverly Hayden, Janie Hull, Janet Jonas, and Tawana Teague. **For more information, visit [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).**



**Need some inspiration for cooking the next family meal? Try this one from Janace Grigsby, found in the United Methodist Women's Cookbook.**

**Like what you see? . . .**

**Pick up your copy of the cookbook for only \$12!**



## **Easy Herb-Parmesan Chicken**

1/2 cup Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing  
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese  
6 to 10 pieces chicken (breasts, thighs and drumsticks are best)  
3 to 4 tablespoons melted margarine

In blender grind stuffing into very fine bread crumbs. Measure 1/2 cup to mix with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Place crumb-cheese mix in bowl or bag to use to coat chicken. Remove skin from chicken. Dip chicken in melted margarine and then coat with crumbs. Place in glass baking dish already sprayed with Pam.

Cook for 1 hour at 350 degrees uncovered.



**FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending March, 2021**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pledges	\$ 414,584	\$ 381,750
Other Offerings	\$ 544,023	\$ 357,718
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, etc)	\$ 958,607	\$ 739,468
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 763,064	\$ 754,808
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 195,543	\$ -15,340
<b>Capital Debt</b>	\$ 0	*(696,268) more than required
<b>Cash on Hand (Working Capital)</b>	\$ 1,202,256	\$ 505,988*

## Ways to Give:

- ❖ Mail: 100 East Church Circle  
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- ❖ Text **FBSGIVE to 73256**
- ❖ Church app: "churchlife"
- ❖ Online: [fbsumc.org](http://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 3, by contacting Meredith Brown at [mbrown@fbsumc.org](mailto:mbrown@fbsumc.org) or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.*

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We celebrate together the ability to continue to provide food to the community at a time when many struggle more with finances than ever before. We have had the opportunity to partner with efforts to provide better environments for the homeless in our community, leading to some homeless now have permanent housing. They have opportunities to partner with schools on needs associated with the pandemic, manifesting God's faithfulness in a new and different way. The Home Repair Ministry has continued to respond to emergency needs of wheelchair ramps in a way that allows for distancing and safety. The medical ministries we participate in and support continue to be available to those in the community that have no other option for medical and dental care. Thirty-Four families received firewood to heat their homes through the winter, providing warmth to those who would be cold due to lack of financial resources. Financial assistance has continued to be available through our partnership with Kingsport Community Ministry Center, assisting families with critical needs in difficult times.



Additionally, God has been faithful across our nation and around the globe through your commitment and passion for the needs of those who struggle in poverty, disaster, oppression, war, famine, and spiritual darkness. The lives of the impoverished have been made better; hope has replaced despair in the face of disaster; the oppressed have been set free; the vision of peace is sought in war torn villages; the pains of hunger have been lessened by opportunities of crops and rations; and the Kingdom continues to grow as people in despair and darkness come to know Jesus and praise His Holy Name!



Thank you, First Broad Street, for continuing to remain faithful, manifesting God's faithfulness to the community around us and the world in which we live. May God continue to bless you as you share your blessings so generously in response to the call of the church!

-- Danny Howe, FBS Director of Missions