

AN ENCOUNTER

with Jesus

APRIL 13 - 15

MISSION CELEBRATION 2018

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Years ago I read a book by Paul Zimmerman entitled "A Thinking Man's Guide to Pro Football." In his book, Zimmerman quotes a physicist who had made an incredible discovery. The man had the facts to prove that when a 240-pound lineman (capable of running 100 yards in eleven seconds) collides with a 240-pound running back (capable of covering the same distance in ten seconds), the resultant kinetic energy is "...enough to move 66,000 pounds (33 tons) one inch." We should also keep in mind that today's players are bigger and faster. That helps explain why some players stagger about the field mumbling to themselves after having their bell rung during a collision. The likelihood is that they have been hit on the helmet by a blow approaching 1,000 G's or 1,000 times the force of gravity. Pilots used to black out at about 20 G's. With unbelievable force, athletes chosen for their abnormal size and remarkable speed, can stun, cripple, and even kill each other upon impact.



But what about spiritual impact? Well, that's a different creature altogether. It's doubtful that any impact, spiritually speaking, could ever be too great. Who can possibly gauge the impact an eighty-year-old Bedouin shepherd named Moses had on Egypt when he stood up against Pharaoh? Or how about the impact Paul had on Agrippa...or Luther had on Rome...or all the God-appointed evangelists like Whitefield, Edwards, Wesley, Moody, and Graham have had on England and America?

And how about your life? Who is it the Lord has used to model His message and challenge you to change, to shake off that tendency to settle for less than your full potential, to stretch, pursue, and conquer new territory you once never dreamed possible? Who is it God uses to collide with us so as to dent our frames and jolt our direction?

In Mission Celebration weekend we pray that the foremost collision you experience is with Jesus Himself. With maximum G-force, may you encounter the King of kings and Lord of lords...and never be the same!

*Blessings,
Rev. Joe Green*

Prayer Mission Celebration Prayer Team

A prayer team will bathe this Missions Celebration in prayer as preparations are being made, and plans are being finalized before the event. Each speaker and workshop leader is specifically being prayed for as well as the ministries they lead and represent.

There will be members of the congregation praying consistently through the weekend as well as volunteers in the Chapel available for

prayer as requested.

We invite you to join this team in your own prayer life, as we seek to truly celebrate where God is enabling First Broad Street to transform the world through mission and ministry, and seeking to know and understand how we can reach out to a hurting world by feeding both physically and spiritually.

Keynote Speakers



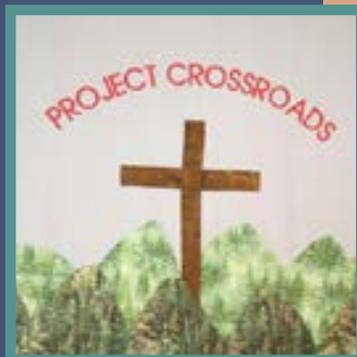
REV. HARRY HOWE
Executive Director -
Project Crossroads

Rev. Harry Howe is the Executive Director of Project Crossroads, a Church and Community Ministry of Holston Annual

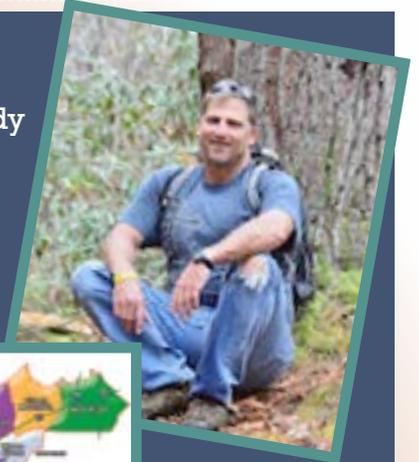
Conference that

addresses systemic needs of the residents of rural Southwest Virginia. Developed in 1993, Project Crossroads has rehabbed and constructed hundreds of homes utilizing volunteer mission teams from around the country. In addition, Project Crossroads has an active Firewood Ministry as well as addressing issues related to poverty and unemployment in the region.

Harry recently returned to school and received his license to practice as a Physicians Assistant, adding rural health to the offering of the ministry, practicing in a free clinic in Marion, Virginia. He is coordinator for Remote Area Medical (RAM) for Smyth County Virginia and teaches in the Physicians Assistant Program at Emory and Henry College. In addition to his coordination of Project Crossroads, Harry facilitates the collection and transport of Holston Conference Disaster Response kits as needed and has been active in the medical component of Holston's work in South Sudan.



REV. TOM HANCOCK
Pastor – Cassidy
UMC and
Holston
Conference
Mission
Ministry Team
Chair



Rev. Tom Hancock currently



serves as pastor of Cassidy United Methodist Church in the Indian Springs Community of Kingsport. Tom is a 2005 graduate of Emory University, Candler School of Theology, and completed his Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Growth and Community Development through Drew University in 2015. In addition to pastoral responsibilities at Cassidy, Tom is currently the Chair of the Holston Conference Mission Ministry Team.

While a majority of his mission experience has involved the Holston Conference mission in South Sudan/Northern Uganda, he has also served in mission in Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, and Zimbabwe. However, Tom believes that

people don't have to travel overseas to be active in mission. He said, "The Scriptures call every Christian to the mission field whether it's

locally, nationally, or globally. Through mission we encounter Jesus' presence at work, transforming the lives of the people we go to serve as well as being transformed ourselves."



Workshop Leaders



MONIKA WILLIAMS
Network Director –
Family Promise of
Greater Kingsport

Family Promise of
Greater Kingsport
Inc. (formerly
known as Interfaith
Hospitality Network

of Greater
Kingsport) is
a homeless
shelter for
families
with minor
children in
the Kingsport
area that
works with a



group of churches to provide overnight accommodations and meals for the guests who are in the program. Monika began her career at Family Promise in 2013 as a Case Manager. She has a passion for helping the homeless population in the Tri-Cities area. First Broad Street has been one of the host churches for many years and welcomes Monika and her staff.

SELINA STRALEY
Terrific Tuesdays
Community United
Methodist Church

Community United
Methodist Church
has long been a
place of worship



and learning. Nestled in the heart of the Gibson Mill Community, Community UMC also has an audience of a large number of children and youth, many of which are only walking distance away. In response to this opportunity, Community offers programs and ministries that invite its neighbors into the life of the church, including Terrific Tuesdays, a program which takes place each Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Volunteers from Community UMC and other local congregations provide Bible study, music, games and crafts, and a meal to the some 120 registered on roll each week of the year. FBSUMC is among those providing volunteers and services. Selina Staley assists Tina Shelton in the activities and planning of Terrific Tuesdays as well as renovations of the church to add more classroom space.



BETSY COOPER
First Broad Street UMC Childcare Center

For more than 70 years, First Broad Street's Child Care Center has provided nurturing Christ centered care for our community's little ones. Begun in 1945 as a Kindergarten, it is recognized as a premier center for infants and preschoolers in the Kingsport area. Betsy Cooper became Director of the Childcare Center in 2015, bringing her passions and skills as an educator to the staff and children of the center, a place where children are cared for, loved, nurtured in Christ, and gain developmental and social skills through activities. Betsy, who currently also serves on The Kingsport Board of Mayor and Alderman is a member of First Broad Street along with her husband, Fred.



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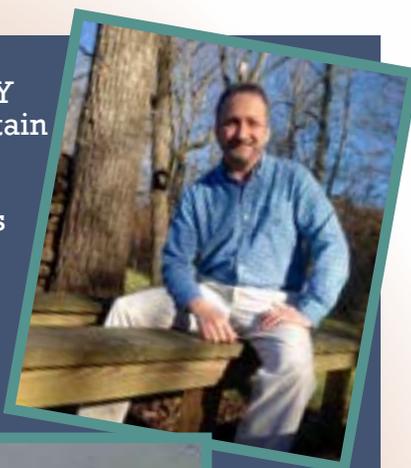
BRUCE SITES
Appalachian
Miles for Smiles

Appalachian Miles For Smiles has a mission of providing quality dental care and eye examinations at no cost to uninsured residents of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, and a vision of promoting healthier lifestyles, improved personal image, and employability. These objectives are accomplished by providing services at events in their mobile dental clinic, a dental facility contained in a tractor-trailer with the ability to be placed in any location. In addition, professional staff and teams of volunteers join together to facilitate professional and affirming experiences. Bruce Sites, member of First Broad Street and Director of Friends In Need Medical Clinic has championed this opportunity for thousands in our region and will be here with the mobile clinic and staff to exhibit how you can become part of this effort in our community.



REV. JEFF WADLEY
Camp Bays Mountain

Jeff and his family became members of First Broad Street after Jeff was assigned as Director of Camp Bays Mountain,



the newest camp of Camping and Retreat Ministries in the Holston Conference.

Jeff, a Holston clergy, has accepted the challenges and opportunities of development of Camp Bays Mountain. His vision has inspired many to become involved in the transformation of the property purchased that will soon be home to those seeking a moment with God in a place of natural wonder and peace.

Jeff transitioned the Kingsport and Johnson City Districts to a new location for the camp after Buffalo Mountain Camp was deemed inoperable after the floods in 2012. Jeff has a unique skill set for the development of the new camp, and he has already involved the congregation in starting that journey. Jeff will also celebrate with us the commitment of our congregation to the construction of the new pool at the camp through our 2016 Christmas Eve offering, while challenging FBS to continue partnering with Camp Bays Mountain as they plan to begin providing camps in the summer of 2018.

Workshop Leaders

DAVID LYONS
Executive Director –
Henderson Settlement



Henderson Settlement, established in 1925, is a mission institution of the UMC located in Frakes, Kentucky. The mission of Henderson Settlement is to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs in Appalachia through God's love. This is accomplished in a number of opportunities, including a work camp program using Volunteer In Mission Teams, community services, a thrift store, a craft shop selling local wares, a food pantry, farm, and age level ministries. David Lyons became the Executive Director of Henderson in April of 2017, bringing with him a variety of skills in economic development and project management. We welcome David to FBS and look forward to getting to know him as we continue to partner with Henderson Settlement.

Rev. MIKE SLUDER
United Methodist
Response to Disaster



2017 will be known as a year of natural disaster, having seen the coastline from Texas to New England devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, along with most of the Caribbean Islands as well. The United Methodist Church has in place response mechanisms that provide instant aid and relief to those affected. As the emergency crews and first responders finish their initial response, opportunities develop for individuals and local congregations to participate in mission teams. The teams partner with families affected to repair and replace their homes while bringing the message of hope.

Rev. Mike Sluder is the Director Of Connectional Ministries for Holston Annual Conference, and in this role, connects Holston with our denominational staff and partners in this effort of hope and restoration. Mike, a clergy of Holston, has long been a supporter and participant in the mission ministries of Holston and our denomination, having led countless teams in mission and being intimately involved in our ministry with the people of South Sudan. We welcome Mike back to FBS to share and update to where the UMC is inviting us to restore faith through responding to natural disaster.



BLAKE & TRACY
STATON
Equip International

Equip embraces the understanding of Scriptures which clearly recognizes that the response of the believer to human need is an integral part of the Gospel. The love of Christ in us and through us must be demonstrated as well as heard as we bear witness. Our mission, therefore, is to prepare, send, and support evangelical missionaries to assist the church around the world to be responsive to the poor, sensitive to the Holy Spirit, focused on personal evangelism, and practically engaged in strengthening the Body of Christ. Blake recently joined Equip International as Vice President of Training. He and his wife, Tracy, both attended Asbury Seminary in Kentucky, and their family has just returned from serving 17 years in Thailand with All Nations.

*Equip International
continued*

Come hear about their vast experience in the mission field and the opportunities ahead in their new roles with Equip.



Workshop Leaders



COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM

A Young Adult Mission Team from FBS traveled to Costa Rica June 23-30, 2017, and partnered with First Broad Street supported missionary, Steve Semlar, in providing upgrades to a home in the community of Tirrasas. While there, the team also provided a Kids Day and visited a Children's Home. The team of nine were led by Russ and Joyce Brogden, both being long time supporters and participants in the mission ministry of First Broad Street. Russ currently serves as Lay Director of the Reaching Out Team on Church Ministry Council and leads the volunteer team for Sunday morning Friendship Diner.



ESTONIA MISSION TEAM

In 2007 First Broad Street sent a team to renovate the first floor of the Vitka United Methodist Church in Estonia and work on the exterior of the building. A team from First Broad Street returned to Estonia in June of 2017 to renovate the second floor of the church and reunite with the congregation and others who become family to our congregation over the last twenty plus years we have partnered in ministry. The team also participated in activities for children and youth at nearby Voru United Methodist Church. The annual Friends of Estonia Gathering was held for the first time on Estonian soil, enabling the team to participate in this historic time of fellowship and planning with United Methodist from around the world. Led by Harry Turner and Foy McIntosh, the team will share their experiences and will provide updates from the United Methodist Church in Estonia.



HEATHER HAYES & PAUL BOWMAN
Holston In South Sudan/Uganda

Holston Annual Conference has been in ministry in South Sudan since March of 2006 when a fact-finding team met with United Methodist leaders in Yei, South Sudan, to create a partnership after a Peace Agreement ending 50 years of war. Over the last 12 years, the

UMC has grown in South Sudan to include churches being established, schools being constructed, medical missionaries providing education and care, wells being drilled to provide clean water, and Grace Home being built to care for 36 orphans. The return of violence and war forced many to flee to neighboring Uganda, with hundreds of thousands now living in IDP Camps. Holston continues to partner with those now living in northern Uganda with education, sustaining the church, and Grace Home being priorities. Heather Hayes, Chair of Grace Home Board, and Paul Bowman, Interim Director of Holston Conference Foundation, will share the story of those in exile, providing a glimpse of the daily reality, the promise of hope, and how we can participate in sustaining the faithfulness of God through the people of Holston.



An Encounter with Jesus . . .

BRISTOL RACEWAY MINISTRIES

Providing The Opportunity for "An Encounter with Jesus"
The spring races at Bristol Motor Speedway are scheduled for April 14 and 15. Bristol Raceway Ministries will be present



as usual with their hospitality and assistance to fans, bearing witness to what God can do in your life through interacting with literally thousands of race fans from near and far. We have been invited again to provide fresh home baked cookies for Raceway Ministries to have available to fans,



opening up conversations and extending God's love through a small but welcome offering. Please join us in bringing fresh baked cookies individually wrapped (one large or two small per bag) to the Friday evening meal and program. There will be a table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall to collect the cookies. This is a great opportunity to support one of our ministry partners as well as offer an opportunity to have "an encounter with Jesus" with someone through the exchange of a cookie and a smile.



Please join Rise Against Hunger in a unique opportunity to pack 21,600 meals or 100 boxes during the Missions Celebration on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger staff member, Troy Henson, will be with us once again, leading us in this wonderful opportunity to provide nutritious meals where malnutrition is depriving



people of livelihood and life.

Go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/Firstbroad2018> and register as a participant for the event as part of our Mission Celebration. This registration is important so that we know how many will be participating, and we can be prepared. Call the Missions Office at 423-224-1531 for more information.

Craft and Resource Vendors

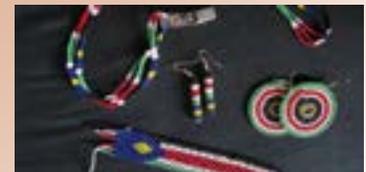
Shop the World Gifts - parlor



Henderson Settlement Crafts - hallway



South Sudan Crafts - outside chapel



Costa Rica Crafts - hallway

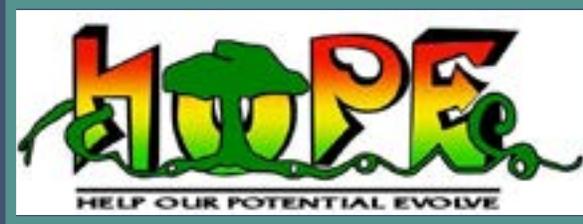


UMW Cookbooks - hallway



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HOPE (Help Our Potential Evolve), is a non-profit community organization designed to connect community resources and assist children and youth ages 11-19 to achieve their goals in Education, Career, and Service. Through a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health, students from HOPE, Greater Kingsport Boys & Girls Club, and other area youth were able to have the opportunity to expand their knowledge about healthy eating and gain resources and information to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The youth also sampled new foods and learned innovative ways for healthy food preparation.



Some of the outcome objectives of this initiative were:

- ✦ Increase the awareness of healthy lifestyle choices
- ✦ Reduce the overall prevalence of obesity through health education interventions
- ✦ Empower youth to learn about healthy eating, healthy cooking, and healthy living with improved food selections and healthy food preparations
- ✦ Engage community partners and participants in youth empowerment

HOPE Treats FBS to Saturday Evening Meal

We are blessed to have HOPE prepare the Saturday evening meal during the Mission celebration, demonstrating what they have learned through the opportunities made possible by the Tennessee Department Of Health and local partners to create healthy and nutritional food purchases and meal preparation. We will be treated to a very nutritional, healthy, and tasty meal prepared and served by HOPE students and staff.



JAMES H. SALLEY, Saturday Lunch Speaker
Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional
Development Africa University

Africa University, a United Methodist Related Institution, aspires to become a world-class university for leadership development in Africa. The mission of Africa University is to provide quality education within a Pan-African context through which persons can acquire general and professional knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, develop sound moral values,

ethics and qualities. James H. Salley, (Jim), has been in ministry with Africa University since its inception in 1985. He serves as the chief advancement officer and fundraiser for the institution, traveling far and wide to share the stories of lives transformed and futures filled with hope for students and their homelands through the generosity and commitment of the United Methodist Church and private and corporate sponsors. We are blessed to have Jim share as our Saturday Lunch Speaker during our Mission celebration weekend.



... “And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them, and greeted them.”

Luke 24:36 The Living Bible



Most of us can relate to an experience in which we really felt the presence of Jesus, in a manner as real as if he were physically present with us. These experiences become the fiber of our faith that begin to bear witness of God, manifested through our actions and responses used to fulfill God's faithfulness to one another, especially in times of need and distress. We all experience God's fullness in creation, the majestic mountains, the transformation of a cocoon into a beautiful butterfly, the endless ocean that connects land to land and people to people; but the one-on-one conversation with Jesus ... the experience of staring into the face of Christ, most powerfully comes when we engage in the ministry of reaching out to others in the name of Jesus.

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church speaks to the humility that enables us to recognize encountering Jesus in our efforts to transform a broken world. He states,

“Our attitudes will change, and we will experience humility in grace only when we truly recognize that Jesus is not brought to places because of our gifts and presence, but that God's spirit is already at work wherever we go.” In this, we recognize, claim, and respond, ensured that an encounter with Jesus is already in place. We all have an invitation to meet Jesus by fulfilling our purpose and participating in the call of the church.

We are reminded of the very real presence of Jesus in the scripture when Jesus reveals His presence to those on the Emmaus Road. We are also reminded of the invitation to find ourselves in those places where the Holy Spirit is already present and waiting on us to join in healing brokenness and celebrating the liberating power of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to this special weekend, a time in which we will be in the presence of those who have made life commitments to respond to the needs of our community and the world. We hope you will join us for an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness ... and to see where you may be invited to experience “an encounter with Jesus” while serving others in the days and weeks ahead.

Blessings,

Danny Howe - Director of Missions, FBSUMC

Children's Mission Celebration Events

A Weekend Full of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning for Kids

There will be an entire weekend full of activities for children from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, all centered on encountering Jesus while responding to the needs of others through the mission opportunities of FBS with their families and in their own daily journeys. Time will be spent with missionaries as well as with hands-on mission activities. Most activities will take place on the 2nd floor of the Wesley Wing unless otherwise indicated. Room 233 will be the pick up point for parents.



First Broad Street UMC
CHILDREN'S
ministries



Children's Schedule of Events

FRIDAY: 5:15 p.m., Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Ice Cream Party with Jeff Wadley, Bays Mountain Camp

SATURDAY:

9:15-10:30 a.m., Bus tour to Bays Mountain Camp

10:30-11:15 a.m., Libby Dearing and Heather Hayes,
South Sudan Children's Home

11:15-noon, Building Disaster Response Kits
with Rev. Mike Sluder

noon, Lunch with Parents in Fellowship Hall

2:00-4:00 p.m., Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging
in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m., Dinner in Fellowship Hall

7:00-8:00 p.m., Mission Movie and Popcorn

SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m., Sunday School with Tom Hancock,
Ishe Anesu, Zimbabwe

Nursery will be provided for children 4 years and younger. You must make reservations by calling Brandy Robinson at 483-2980 by April 11.

Ministry Displays and Tables

Displays interpreting ministries and services to the community, region, and around the world will be set up and available to tour beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, through noon on Sunday, April 15. Displays set up on the first floor of the Wesley Wing on Friday and Saturday will be moved to the commons area on the bottom floor of Wesley Wing for Sunday morning. Please take time to view the displays and receive any information made available.

Calendar of Events

Mission Celebration 2018

Friday, April 13

- 4:00 p.m. Displays Open in hallway
5:00 p.m. Orientation in Chapel (speakers, host, and Mission Committee)
5:15 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall (no cost)*
5:40 p.m. Special music - FBSUMC Childcare Center
6:30 p.m. Children's Time with Missionaries/Children dismissed to room 233
Introductions and Program - Danny Howe, FBS Director of Missions
8:30 p.m. Benediction
Parents, please pick up children, room 233.

Saturday, April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Congregational singing
Devotions in the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Tom Hancock
9:00 a.m. - noon Children with Missionaries (room 233)
9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Workshops
9:45 a.m. - 10:25 p.m. Workshops
10:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. Workshops
11:15 a.m. - noon Workshops
12:15 p.m. Lunch (cost)* **
Special Music
Lunch speaker, Fellowship Hall,
James H. Salley
2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger Packaging
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (cost)* **
Congregational singing and special music
Dinner speaker, Fellowship Hall, Rev. Harry Howe
7:00 p.m. Children will have time in room 233 with missionaries
Parents, please pick up children from room 233



Sunday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. Worship -- Traditional with Rev. Tom Hancock
Worship -- Encounter with Rev. Harry Howe
9:40 a.m. Workshop leaders in Sunday School Classes
Worship -- Traditional with Rev. Harry Howe
10:45 a.m. Worship -- Traditional with Rev. Harry Howe
Worship -- Encounter with Rev. Tom Hancock
noon Lunch -- High School Rooms 305-306 (cost) * **

* Reservations are required for all meals and must be made by Monday, April 9.

** 7.00 per person; \$3 children 5-11; children younger than 5 eat free; special \$20 maximum per family for Missions Celebration. Call 423-224-1502 for reservations.

Nursery will be provided for children 4 years and younger in Room 136 upon request. Please indicate the date(s) and time(s) you need child care, as well as the number of children with their ages when you call Brandy Robinson at 423-483-2980 for nursery reservations. Deadline for nursery is April 11.

