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## Rosalee Sites Servant Leader

When Rosalee Sites retired from nursing after 45 years of dedicated service on August 1, 2020, she left a shining example of servant leadership. She has served our community and our church for many years with an exceptional record of dedication to helping others, especially the “least of these brothers of mine.”

Here at First Broad Street, where she and Bruce are faithful members of Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class, she continues to serve as a member of the Altar Guild, the Wednesday Night Live Program, the Card Ministry and the Congregational Care/Parish Nurse Team. While her service to the Lord through the church has been far reaching, the impact of her professional career on our community is even harder to gauge.

She has had a strong leadership role in a number of important community institutions:

- Key leader in bringing Trauma Level 1 care to Holston Valley Hospital where she served as Director of Emergency and Trauma Services.
- Leader in inception and construction of Children's Advocacy Center
- One of the founding members of the Board of Directors for Friends in Need
- Long term involvement with Leadership Kingsport
- Founder of the Parish Nurse Program (1997-present)

The list of her work accomplishments and professional awards is long and telling of her single-minded devotion to making the world a better place for all. Among many other awards, she received recognition as a Distinguished Leader in Kingsport, the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary, and a Health Care Hero Award.



Rosalee Sites has been my “boss” in Parish Nursing since 1997 when I joined the first class of Parish Nurses in orientation at Holston Valley Hospital. She has always been a great encourager, seeking to help Parish Nurses be and do our best. Her support and mentoring are the reason that Parish Nursing has grown in our area to encompass over 30 churches.

--Joy Eastridge, BSN, RN, Certified Lay Minister  
Parish Nurse

Altar Flowers (shown left) honoring Rosalee, August 2





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

**Mary Louise Highsmith - July 29**  
**Laura Christine "Tina" Stuckey - August 3**  
*Sympathy is expressed to her daughter, Kellie Weaver, and  
grandsons, Austin and Jake.*

**Sympathy is expressed to . . .**

**Peggy Honaker** on the July 25 death of her sister,  
**Sandra Carter Murray**;  
**David Lovelace** (Conference Member) on the July 25  
death of his sister, **Virginia Mae McMahan**;  
**BJ Jolley, Stephanie Jolley, and Thomas Jolley** on the  
July 28 death of mother and grandmother, **Mary Ann Holt**;  
**Kathryn Bowden** on the July 28 death of her sister,  
**Mary Sue Fisher**;  
**Mark Wellington** on the recent death of his sister,  
**Brookelyn Latham**;  
**Cindy Ellington, Derek Absher, and Erica Whitaker** on  
the August 7 death of husband and father,  
**Phillip Lee Ellington**;  
**Mary Jane Alley** on the August 11 death of her brother,  
**Jim Holtzclaw**;  
**Jeanne Reid and Kailyn and Toy Reid** on the August 10  
death of their mother and grandmother,  
**Betty Rose**;  
**Darrell and Jill Rich** on the August 13 death of their  
grandson, **Griffin Rich**;  
**Vicki Frye** on the August 14 death of her father, **James  
Stephens**; **Anne Sorrell** on the August 17 death of  
her brother, **Lynn Harris**.

**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!

You do NOT need a personal Facebook page to do  
so. Follow these steps:

1. In your search bar type: First Broad Street Facebook.
2. When you get to the Facebook page scroll down to the  
bottom where you will be able to click "x" to ignore the  
log-in prompt.
3. Scroll past all the photos and videos that will appear first  
and you will eventually come to the live posts.

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!



Congratulations to **Zack and Sarah  
Fleming** on the May 18 birth of their  
daughter, **Blair Jordan Fleming**; **Scott  
and Ashley Mattison** on the July 23  
birth of their son, **Nathan Gene Matti-  
son** (great grandson of Mary Sue Still); **Matt and Rebecca  
Oliver** on the July 29 birth of their daughter, **Mattilyn  
Jain Oliver** (granddaughter of **Debbie Oliver**); **Robert  
and Hayley Witt** on the August 6 birth of their daughter,  
**Lainey Elizabeth Witt** (granddaughter of **Rick and Beth  
Witt**)



Congratulations to **Richard "Rip"  
Ripley and Edwina Anderson**, who  
were married on July 26.



Congratulations to Owen Click, who graduated  
with a BS from UTK.

**Let's celebrate! Lillian Guenther** will be 100  
years old on September 20.



**SingleVision**

With the rise in Covid cases regionally, we will continue  
to not meet for the foreseeable future. Please contact Jane  
Adams at jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com or 423-246-1727 for  
updates.

**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  
involves praying for individual needs/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, contact 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!

**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. 423-247-4882.

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

## History of Hymns: “Bind Us Together”

**Bob Gillman**

Article by C. Michael Hawn, reprinted from [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org) (June 2020)

Hymns of Christian unity are essential to the life of the church. Sometimes we are the cruelest to our brothers and sisters in Christ—our siblings in faith. “Bind Us Together” is a story of seeking unity amidst theological and liturgical diversity. Those who are old enough may have had experiences like those of the composer. While the issues that seek to divide us today may be different, the message of unity is the same.

“Bind Us Together” was the result of a revelation in the early 1970s. Composer Bob Gillman describes the larger context for the song: *Back in the late 1960s and early 70s, great changes were taking place in churches across Great Britain. Many Christians were experiencing the new spiritual awakening sweeping the land. This became known as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (with reference to the Pentecostal experience of the early disciples) and was evidenced by the presence of the gifts of the Spirit, as listed in the New Testament. Believers were experiencing such gifts as prophesy, healing powers and speaking in tongues, to name but a few. Most Christian denominations were affected, although, interestingly, one of the earliest churches affected was the Church of England at All Souls, Langham Place, and it inspired its minister, Michael Harper, to write a couple of booklets about the experiences he and other people were having, and the biblical basis for it* (Email, 2020, n.p.).

In many cases, a local vicar or minister of a congregation, not having received a blessing from the Holy Spirit, was unable to support members of the congregation who were participating in this spiritual movement. Some members of the congregation were seeking changes in the liturgy, incorporating more spontaneity and freedom in the established structures that were, from their perspective, inspired by the Holy Spirit. As a result, a house church movement developed echoing the practice of early Christians. As Bob Gillman notes, since house gatherings were a part of the history of Christianity, “there wasn’t really a lot the traditionalists could disagree with—although some tried to argue against this, seeing it as subversive and a threat to traditional order.” It was out of this broader context that “Bind Us Together” (1974) was composed.

A smaller group was meeting on Tuesday evenings in a home to which Bob Gillman was invited. As he notes, “I was hungry to learn more about what God was doing through this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I was immediately struck by the warmth and vibrancy of the people who came from various churches in the area.” Their unity was solidified by the joy they experienced because of their profound encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Bob Gillman describes the story behind the song: *I was in my 20s and had been writing songs since I became a Christian at the age of 13. One evening in 1974 at Ken and Maureen’s house, I remember a group of us were all praying together; I had such an emotional feeling*

*come over me, and I felt a real need to do something concerning the unity of God’s people. It was then that the words “Bind Us Together” dropped into my mind; they were immediately followed by “With cords that cannot be broken,” and “Bind us together with love.” Also, a tune popped straight into my head, and I stood up and sang it out to share it with everybody. Afterward, Ken said, “Bob, I think there’s more to come.” He was right, but it seemed the Lord wasn’t going to do everything for me, and it took a few weeks of meditation before the verses came to me as well. Around this time, I was also involved in a multichurch Christian musical, which was on tour in the London area. After one performance, when the choir was sitting around relaxing, I sang “Bind Us Together;” to my surprise, they all joined in. It kind of took off after that, and thenceforth was passed from person to person and church to church. (Email, 2020, n.p.).*



This succinct text is undergirded by many scriptural passages. Perhaps most notably is Jesus’ prayer for unity, John 17:22-23: “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (NIV)

Gillman wrote three original stanzas; the second and third do not usually appear in hymnals in the United States. The composer notes that others have occasionally added stanzas of their own. The first stanza, available in all sources, paraphrases the final verse of the passage cited above (Ephesians 4:6): “one God,” “one King,” “one body.” The last verse of this scripture passage reminds us that through our baptism, we are all children of God—siblings in faith—because we share one parent. The final phrase of the stanza—“that is why we sing”—articulates a theology of congregational song as a way of expressing and encouraging Christian unity, a message that never is out of date.

Stanza two emphasizes Christ’s redemption, we are “purchased by his precious Son”—perhaps taken from Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (NKJV). Because of Christ’s redemption, we were “born with the rights to be clean, / for Jesus the victory is won.” Stanza three echoes the theme of the family of God in stanza one, this time in the second-person voice, “You are the family of God.” He concludes the third stanza with the evocative phrase, “You are the glorious new wine,” a reference to Luke 5:37-38.

Dr. Hawn is distinguished professor of church music at Perkins School of Theology. He is also director of the seminary’s sacred music program.



## Mental Health Alert!

COVID-19 has been tough on our mental health. More people are depressed, overwhelmed, and anxious than ever. If you find yourself struggling to cope, don't hesitate to call and talk with the Parish Nurse or one of the pastors. Also, be aware of our Stephen Ministry program. As

careful listeners, Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with their care receivers through times of trial.

Let's continue to be more alert to help one another during this hard time.

## Zoom Meetings and Studies: Staying Connected!

As we step into fall, it is with sadness that we reflect on the fact that the virus has not subsided. As a result, we will continue to engage on Zoom and do our best to stay connected. If you are not a fan of Zoom, we all understand! But we encourage you to keep trying or to find alternate ways to maintain your small group connections. We offer:

- Caregivers Support Group (1st Wednesdays at noon)
- Good at Grief (first Thursdays at noon)
- Life Groups and Sunday School classes meeting regularly online.

If you would like to be a part of Sunday School class, a Life Group, or one of the support groups, contact [jeastridge@fbsumc.org](mailto:jeastridge@fbsumc.org). We will be happy to point you in the right direction!



## Task Force on Racism

“Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to Him.”  
(Rom. 12:2, CEV)

Our church has a new group that is diligently working to set up opportunities for education about racism and its effects in our lives and in the community.

Randy Frye, Nathan Flora, Susie Pedersen, Betsy Cooper, Wesley Idlette, Shingai Musesengwa, Joy Eastridge, Stella Robinette, Lisa Tencer, Nancy Tate, Linda Coffey are all members.

We are launching a reading program and suggested movies for anyone who would like a guided course of study on the racism many continue to endure in our society. In September, we will read *Beyond Racial Gridlock: Embracing Mutual Responsibility* by George Yancey. Nathan Flora will lead our discussion on Zoom on Tuesday, September 22, 7-8 p.m. Please call/email the church office for Zoom numbers.

We plan to hear from Bishop Swanson and Randy Frye, new art, a sermon series, and a Lenten Study. We are looking ahead to establish a plan that will carry us all forward in our knowledge, in repentance where necessary, and in moving forward with great love.

## How to Read with Kids about Racism

Racism is a systemic issue that affects children as well as adults. If you would like a way to begin the discussion with your children or youth as the new school year begins, here are some suggestions from the Racism Task Force:

### To read with elementary age children:

*Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson wonderfully shows how we treat others can make an impact on everyone around us.

*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson beautifully illustrates how we need to learn from each other instead of making fun of each other.

*A Kids' Book About Racism* by Jelani Memory uses easy to understand words to define a very hard subject.

### To read with Middle and High Schoolers:

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. This book is a remix of Kendi's original book, which was written as a story that tells the history of racism in a way that will keep any reader turning pages to learn more.

With the continued rise in Covid-19 cases regionally, we are awaiting permission from the District to resume in-person worship services. Until then, we hope you will continue to join us for worship on Facebook Live Stream. Join us for Encounter at 8:30 and Traditional Worship at 10:45 a.m.



# Children's Ministry

**Here are some things happening in FBS Elementary in September!**



*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*

**CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN**

Jim Harless by members of Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class

**FOOD MINISTRY**

Russell Taylor, Bill Stuckey, Lloyd Kirk, Patsy Bales, Max Adams, Frances Hovdesven, Ruby Mays by Darres Carter

**GENERAL**

Bill Stuckey by Bill and Janace Grigsby, David and Janet Carr

Patsy Bales by Jack and Sue Ann Greene, Cora Trent, Bernice Stafford, Tom, Cindy, and Frances Sellers, Allen and Frances King, Tom and Netty Bird, Allen and Pam Johnson, Aland and Cindy Luttrell, Mary Krutak, Foy and Nancy McIntosh

Nancy East by Margaret Moore

Betty McDavid by Laura Chumley, Elaine Hatch

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

**September 1**

Darres Carter  
Joyce Rolston  
Nancy Tate  
Brenda Crumley  
Randy Frye  
Taylor Pendleton  
Lauren Lemons

**September 2**

Ralph Wingett  
Richard Thomas  
Dale Rogers  
Harry T. Morris  
Nathan Flora  
Ross Ladley  
Brody Ketron  
Adam Bays  
Kenzie Haney

**September 3**

Liz Allen  
Linda Lamb  
Sarah Pietruszka  
Victoria Cooper  
Aiden Oliver

**September 4**

Linde Hanes  
Casie Grubbs  
Madi Codispoti

**September 5**

Russ Jackson  
Ann Conklin  
Harry Turner  
Rebecca Scott  
Rick Wright  
Holly Hopson  
Justin Murphy  
David Broach  
Anna Katherine  
Johnson

**September 6**

Laura Bussey  
Lisa Hilton  
Tibby Tesfayohannes  
Nathan Lodien  
Trevis Cleary  
Lexi Keese  
Raegyn Collier

**September 7**

Lois Dobyns  
Penny Smyth  
Brian Himelwright  
Alan Still  
Steph Cox

Jimmy Hale  
McKenzie Todd  
Drew Vetter  
Benjamin Shafer

**September 8**

Mary Louise Carroll  
Lenora Ferguson  
Dwight Debow  
Bert Hale  
Cinnamon Thayer  
Bennett Little  
Daniel Pond

**September 9**

Walter Miller  
Doris Ahern  
John Johnson  
Charles Ladd  
John Jewett  
Meaghan Wolfe  
Jessica Newhart  
Katie Johnson  
Shannon Nave  
Hannah Greene  
Hayden Collier  
Abbey Gilly  
Evelyn Rose

**September 10**

Cathy Forrester  
Jim Mercer  
Alice Page  
Robert Lin  
Josie Musesengwa  
Clay Carter

**September 11**

Betty Mathieson  
Jimmy Dexter  
Janie Jarvis  
Tory Coggins  
W. Michael Thomas  
Megan Hensley  
Lorelei Chestnut

**September 12**

Yvette Beutel  
Anne Sorrell  
Kitty Howe  
Lin Price  
Kevin Cooley  
Mason Carver  
Easton Burton

**September 13**

Frances Stras  
Fred Howe  
Susan Dukart

Donna Carver  
Brooks Pond  
Sawyer Miller  
Charlie Browder  
Nolan Colobro

**September 14**

Claudia Tustin  
Libbie Jester  
Deborah Goodman  
Theo Minani  
Chris Torrence  
Ryan Hammonds  
Robert Hogg  
Myles Gamble  
Zoey Rowe

**September 15**

Maynard Tedder  
Vivian Todd  
Susan Quay  
Wyliene Geska  
Brent Day  
Ruth Leonard  
Alan Hobbs  
Jacy Richardson

**September 16**

Barbara Johnson  
Marilyn Hammonds  
Ellen Grimm  
Amy Roberts  
Adam Metzger

**September 17**

Sherry Spadafino  
Jim Cornell  
Fred Hilton  
Duke Dukart

**September 18**

Joe Jefferson  
Pat Sarver  
Beverly Thetford  
Danny Hutchins  
Bob Morriss  
Jessica Cox  
Emerson Sharpe  
Caitlin Colley  
Gavyn McGhee

**September 19**

Jim Wallin  
Liz Jones  
Delaney Compton  
Bonnie Irvin

**September 20**

Lillian Guenther

Frances McConnell  
Linda Martin  
Tim Edwards  
Tony Valk  
Shari Williams  
Caroline Mason  
Elizabeth Flora  
Val Gaudrone  
Laylie Haney  
Noah Servilla

**September 21**

Jack Greene  
Ford C. Quillen  
Sue Cumbow  
Susan Taylor  
Linda Larkey  
Leslie Ridings  
Julie Eldridge  
David Haseltine  
Stephen Cawood  
Cory Seguin

**September 22**

Florence Clemens  
Jerry Dotson  
Kristy Williamson-  
Jackson  
Brian Haney  
Adam Dunn  
Robert Morriss  
Joey Carlton  
Riley Morrell  
Campbell Hensley

**September 23**

David Lively  
John D. Harrison  
Owen Eastridge  
Brooks Dove

**September 24**

Robert Montgomery  
David Findley  
Jim Cobaugh  
Elise Egan  
Trish Crawford  
Stefanie Cooley  
Hannah Hunt  
Caitlyn Heglar  
Grant Simmers

**September 25**

Cathy Rose  
Lee Ann McConnell  
Bobby Reynolds  
Brad Bounds  
Emma Anthony

**September 26**

Alice McKee  
Barbara Cogliano  
Mike Morley  
Jennifer Bingham  
Lea Cooley

**September 27**

Blanche Patterson  
Stefanie Woods-  
Weakley  
Toy Reid  
Tori Baldock  
Elise Rogers  
Hannah Yarosh  
Rebecca Carter  
Jack Steele  
Ayes Bateman  
Keira Marschner

**September 28**

none

**September 29**

Dorothy Shepherd  
Ralph Buck

**September 30**

Samantha Smawley  
Betty Koffman  
Ron Coven  
Bob Edmisten  
Russ Parise  
Martin Rogers

# Best wishes

## Mission Interns Returning to School

Both Hannah Yarosh and Elly Hull have finished their Summer Mission Internship and are headed back to school. Hannah attends the University of Lynchburg, and Elly attends Texas A&M. They had a fruitful summer in ministry, even though Covid 19 prevented many of the traditional mission opportunities from being available to them. We appreciate their passion for ministry and hard work during the summer! Both Hannah and Elly have shared a few thoughts below from their summer with us as they prepare to leave. Please keep them both in your prayers as they transition back into school. We thank you for making these life-changing opportunities available to our college-age young adults each year.



*This summer has been an amazing learning experience. While we weren't able to go on mission trips like we usually would have, I still learned so much about our ministries here at home.. From helping deliver furniture, to splitting firewood, to building ramps, there was so much that I got to explore. I was able to not only learn more about the inner-workings of the church's ministries here in Kingsport, but I got to see the difference it makes in the lives of those we serve. I am so grateful for the relationships I got to foster this summer with the volunteers who make it all possible. It was wonderful to listen to people's passions for various ministries and how they are using their gifts to best serve His*

*Kingdom. I got to grow so much this summer, not just through the work, but through the time spent in fellowship and community. This summer opened my eyes to see so much more of what it means to live out your faith. Thank you, Hannah*

*Over the summer, serving as an intern at First Broad Street was a wonderful and enlightening experience. Working and bonding with different types of ministries and volunteers created friendships for a lifetime. This summer taught me to enjoy little things more, level porches and pickets correctly, laugh about everyday mess -ups, file photos the proper way, and grow in fellowship despite the current state of the world. Being a summer intern gave me the knowledge of what it truly means to serve others through troubling times. It also taught me no matter how small something might seem, like a bag of food or a 6-foot ramp, it could mean the world to someone else. I will cherish my experiences and memories from my internship at First Broad Street.*

*Thank you, Elly*



### Mission Committee Builds 2021 Budget on Zoom

The Mission committee continues to meet by Zoom, facilitating the mission and outreach ministries of the congregation. Although mission teams have been suspended for the time being



and larger groups are unable to participate in local mission projects and opportunities, much is happening through your prayers, efforts, and resources. Missionaries are in the field at a critical time walking beside those they have been called to serve. Mission settings, agencies, and ministries continue to be active in the lives of those they serve, having adapted to the new normal during the Covid Pandemic. God's people are still being physically healed, fed, clothed, and educated.



The church continues to grow and be vital in the lives of people in parts of the world affected by disaster, war, and oppression. Hope in, and through, Christ Jesus is in the



hearts of many in our community and around the world where despair and loneliness have reigned for too long.

*God is yet alive in our darkest hour!*

It is with great excitement and anticipation that the Mission

Committee expects to fully engage in the opportunities for the congregation to heal brokenness in our community and around the world as we look toward 2021. Some opportunities that have long been a part of our congregation will resume, while God will guide us into and through new experiences together with



those we are called to serve. The world is, and will continue to be, a better place because of your passion, obedience, and generosity to the mission ministries of FBS. Thank you for your commitment in the past, and for your commitment in the weeks and months ahead. We look forward to the revelation of God's faithfulness to all people in our journey together as we move forward together.





**Need some inspiration for cooking the next family meal while stuck at home? Try this one from Jo Brock, found in the United Methodist Women's Cookbook. This is a great recipe for small family gatherings this summer. Here's to hoping you get a picnic soon!**

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

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

### Pecan Bars

1 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup butter

Sift first three ingredients together. Cut in the butter. Press into square pan and bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees.

1/4 cup brown sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
2 eggs, beaten  
3/4 cup dark corn syrup  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Blend the sugar and flour. Add the eggs, syrup, salt, and vanilla. Pour over baked layer and sprinkle with the nuts.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut into squares while warm.





**FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending July, 2020**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pledges	\$ 949,058	\$ 912,420
Other Offerings	\$ 700,513	\$ 901,081
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$1,649,571	\$1,813,501
<b>Expenses</b>	\$1,641,478	\$1,811,459
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 8,094	\$ 2,041
<b>Capital Debt</b>	\$ 0	*((\$53,139) more than required)
<b>Cash on Hand (Working Capital)</b>	\$1,071,615	\$ 518,476*

## Ways to Give:

- ❖ Mail: 100 East Church Circle  
Kingsport, TN 37660
- ❖ 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 October newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 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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## Let's Beat Covid-19

Nick Grabar started a community group to help stop the spread of COVID-19. He issues the following reminder:

Do you remember when we had the freedom to worship, work, play, socialize, shop and attend large events unrestricted? Those were the days before the Covid-19 pandemic: B.C. days. We can return to those days if we ALL take these preventive steps to show we love God, ourselves and our neighbors. Show you care.

Be responsible: mask-up, wash-up, maintain safe distance, and avoid crowds.

You can go online to the Sullivan County Health Department page at [sullivancounty.org](http://sullivancounty.org) to explore current numbers. In addition, check out your weekly *FBS happenings* emails on Fridays. In the "Staying Healthy" section, you may also click the button provided to view the most up-to-date information on confirmed cases, new cases, and new fatalities both statewide and broken down by counties. A second button offers a quick-reference color coding for risk assessment.

*Together, we CAN beat Covid!*