



September 2020

FCUMC Family,

We pray that you continue to stay healthy and safe as summer comes to an end. As we seek to be in communication with one another, the Finance Committee, Church Leadership, and Staff are providing this financial update.

Our Church continues to serve both our congregation and our community. Much effort is going into our video production and sharing, creating a way for all ages of our congregation to worship together. Our preschool will begin operations soon and our youth are beginning to gather together for outdoor activities. Our Celebrate Recovery community will start outdoor worship and limited small groups in the near future as well.

Your continued financial support and faithfulness allows our ministries to persevere *Making Disciples* and *Changing Lives*. Our Stephen Ministers, Congregational Care Committee, and Adults 50+ Team have continued their outreach. Our children and youth keep experiencing the lessons of God's power through Fountain Kids packets and videos and Youth Zoom calls.

We understand that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our church families in different ways and we pray that God's hand will be on your situation.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our Church finances. **Through August our giving is short \$134,000** (13.2%) of our 2020 general budget. Our Church Staff is working diligently to control expenses and have been able to decrease spending. Through August our expenses have been reduced by more than \$55,000 (5.8%) compared to the same time period (January – August) of last year (2019).

Please keep our Church finances in your prayers so that we can continue to serve God through our mission of *Making Disciples, Changing Lives*.

We have several convenient ways to give:

- **Online** at www.fountaincityumc.org – Look for {Give Online} at the top of the webpage
- **Mobile** thru the Realm® app – Please contact the church office if you need to get setup on Realm
- **Text** *giveFCUMC \$amount* to 73256
- **Mail** your check to the church office at 212 Hotel Road, Knoxville, TN 37918

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