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**Coming Up In Worship**

Summer Sundays with Saints and Sinners

What can we learn from these men and women of the New Testament—some well-known to us, some not so, some clearly saints, some clearly sinners, and some, like the rest of us, a little bit of both?

June 14	Mark 6:19-28	Herod Antipas
June 21	Acts 4:32-37, 9:26-28	Barnabas
June 28	Acts 8:9-24	Simon Magus
July 5	Luke 7:36-50	A woman of the city
July 12	Acts 5:27-39	Gamaliel
July 19	Acts 19:23-32	Demetrius the Silversmith
July 26	Luke 8:1-3 (and more)	Mary Magdalene

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**North Georgia Annual Conference Set to Convene**

On Tuesday, June 16, Bishop Michael Watson will call to order the 143rd session of the North Georgia Annual Conference. Among the 2,000 delegates gathering in Athens will be our lay delegates Don Germano and Charlcie Neal, along with clergy delegates Mark Westmoreland and Kristin Scarboro.

For three days (one-half day was eliminated this year) the delegates will hear reports on conference ministries and vote on such items as the conference budget for 2010 and 32 constitutional amendments presented to the annual conferences by the General Conference of 2008. New clergy will be ordained and retiring clergy recognized. Delegates will gather in worship together each day; old acquaintances will be renewed; and we will be reminded once again that we are a connectional church sharing ministries that reach across our state and around the world. Finally, before the session is adjourned, the clergy appointments will be finalized for 2009-10. Both Kristin and Mark will be reappointed to Fayetteville First for another year.

Each year at Annual Conference a special offering is received to benefit a state or world ministry. This year our gifts will assist retiring clergy in poorer nations of the world. The Central Conference Pension Initiative will help make life a little more secure for the 9,300 clergy serving more than 3.5 million church members in the central conferences—conferences outside the United States.

For clergy who serve in the central conferences, retirement is a difficult decision. Seven conferences in three regions—Africa, Asia and Europe—have nearly tripled in membership over the last decade, and in many of those areas, clergy serve despite dire local conditions such as poverty, political instability and threat of violence. Since they often will not have government-funded pensions, they may have no financial support in retirement without church involvement.

The goal of the Central Conference Pension Initiative is to raise at least \$20 million in gifts and pledges to establish pension programs across the central conferences. More than \$15 million has been raised already, and now we can help the church reach its goal. This offering is a powerful reminder that we are a part of a worldwide church and that the Holy Spirit is very much at work to grow churches under the most difficult of conditions.

We will receive our conference offering on June 7 and 14. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

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## Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members into the life and work of Fayetteville First UMC

**Chuck & Tish Hasty**, 318 Hambrick Park, Fayetteville, GA 30215-5268, 770-460-3117. We welcome Chuck & Tish along with their children Turner (7) and Madison (5). The Hastys join by transfer from Peachtree City UMC.

**Gloria Housholder**, 261 Otter Circle, Fayetteville, GA 30215, 770-719-3585. Gloria also transfers from Peachtree City UMC.

**Bob & Shirley Looney**, 120 Pamela Court, Fayetteville, GA 30214, 770-461-0528. We welcome Bob & Shirley by transfer from New Day Church of the Nazarene in Riverdale.

### Note of Thanks:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words when my father passed away. It was comforting to know that so many were praying for my family during our time of need. Becky Adams

Thank you to our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, and support you have shown during the illness and passing of Helene Barge Graves. Thank you for caring. God bless you.

The Graves Family and The Barge Family

### Attendance:

May 3	May 17
Worship: 628	Worship: 655
Sunday School: 323	Sunday School: 308
May 10	May 24
Worship: 616	Worship: 479
Sunday School: 301	Sunday School: 288

Church Membership:  
1997

### Our Giving for May 1-24:

Budget: \$102,501.10  
Building Fund: \$3,780.00  
2009 Budget: \$1,424,006.00  
Shortfall: \$52,079.16

## About Our Church Family

### In Memoriam:

Helene Graves May 4, 2009	Gerald Gingerich May 8, 2009
Edd Simmons May 5, 2009	Robert D. Smith May 19, 2009
Aubrey Varner May 25, 2009	

### In Sympathy:

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Watson and family and Mr. & Mrs. Doug Barge and family in the death of Helene and Doug's sister, Helene Graves, on May 4, 2009.

Mrs. Fay DeLoach and family in the death of her husband, Don DeLoach, on May 4, 2009.

Mrs. Norma Simmons, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lindsey and family and Mr. & Mrs. Allen McCullough and family in the death of Norma's husband, and Nancy and Lynette's father, Edd Simmons, on May 5, 2009.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cole in the death of Suzan's mother, Betty Wade, on May 11, 2009.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Smith in the death of Allen's father, Harry Smith, on May 14, 2009.

Mr. Scotty Smith in the death of his father, Robert Smith, on May 19, 2009.

Mrs. Jane Varner and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cole and family in the death of Jane's husband and Deb's father, Aubrey Varner, on May 25, 2009.

### Keep Them In Your Prayers

Joe Byers	Megan Sams
Herman Miller	Bob Pittner
Gaye Anderson	Bill Weinmeister
Carolyn Croft	Buddie Drew
Ambrose Burch	Millie Arnold
Annis Harrell	Robert Kyzer
Mary Pierson	Billie Hester
Jimmy Watkins	Betty Dorsey

## Youth News

### Summer Youth Activities

We have an exciting summer ahead for youth ministry! Check out all of our activities below. All students are welcome to join us!

June 3	Encounter
June 7	Summer Concert Series at It's A Grind
June 9-12	IMPACT
June 17-21	Atlanta Fest
June 22-26	VBS (with lunch and activities in the afternoons for youth)
June 24	Encounter
June 28	Summer Concert Series at It's A Grind
July 1	Encounter
July 8	Encounter
July 13-17	Daytona Beach Trip
July 22	Encounter
July 26	Summer Concert Series at It's A Grind
July 29	Encounter
Aug. 2	Summer Concert Series at It's A Grind
Aug. 7	1999 Welcome Event

Recommended Summer Reading... Crazy Love by Francis Chan  
Recommended Summer Music... Remedy by David Crowder Band

### Youth Pictures Online

Keep up with our youth ministry this summer by checking out our photo album. Pictures are updated regularly. Go to [www.flickr.com/ffumcyouth](http://www.flickr.com/ffumcyouth). Bookmark it!

### Encounter

Encounter is a worship experience with 20 participating churches in Fayette County. We meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., grab dinner, and head to Heritage Christian (this year's host) for worship. We return to the church at 9 p.m.

### Summer Concert Series

We will host a series of four concert nights at It's A Grind Coffee House for popular song writers to perform for our students. We will have some favorites returning from last year like John Waller, Reuben Bidez, Carson Thaxton, and Evan Trivett. Plus we will have some new faces like Ryan Holder (from Glisson fame). Concerts will run 6-9 p.m.

### We Salute Our Military

If you have loved ones in the military and would like to include them on the military pages in our new pictorial directory, please submit their picture with name, assignment and current rank to Laura Cox at the church office by June 12.

Kristin's Kids Korner

With VBS right around the corner, we are still in need of your re-cyclables! The following items can be dropped in the marked bins in the basement room across from Joan's music room:

- Newspaper (no more than 1 week's worth per family)
- Magazines
- Old towels, shirts, and bed sheets
- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper towel rolls
- Plastic bottle caps
- 2 liter bottles (cut in half; we only want the bottom half)
- Shoe boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Plastic bags



Invite your children and grandchildren to help you remember to save these items. And, if you are not already recycling items in your home, call your garbage collection company to find out about recycling options for your neighborhood.

FLIP Pajama Party Update

Thank you to all the children who participated in our second Kids FLIP Pajama Party. We were able to donate 17 new sets of pajamas to Gracie's Closet!

Ridin' the Ark Day Camp

Although Wednesday night programs are suspended in the summer, children still have a place for fellowship, learning, imagination and play! Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to join Noah on the ark every Thursday in July from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will play games, do crafts, and learn all about Noah, his family, and the special role God called him to fill. The cost is \$5 per day. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center, the kiosks, and at the church office.

Summer Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, June 7, children's Sunday School will be combining ages. Preschool through 1st grade will meet in Room C-160. 2nd through 5th grade will meet in the gym. The younger children will continue with the Rock Solid curriculum while the older children will explore some of the Wonders of Worship themes.

Vacation Bible School

VBS!



Get ready to get your hands dirty as we dig into God's Good Green Earth! This year during VBS we will be learning about God's good creation and how we are called to take care of it. We hope you will join us for a week of bible study, games, crafts, music, and excitement! VBS will take place June 22-26 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 if you register before June 1st and \$10 after June 1st. The cost includes a t-shirt and music CD. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center, the kiosks, and at the church office.

Summer Sack Program

As the school year concludes, the Summer Sack Lunch program is gearing back up. Each Tuesday from June 2 to August 7, we will be making a special impact on the in-need children of Fayette County by providing them with lunch. This year marks the 6th anniversary of this program and we expect to serve more than 2000 lunches this summer!

As with all programs, the Summer Sack Lunch program is not possible without the help of its compassionate volunteers. We need your support:

- Baking – What lunch would be complete without delicious homemade cookies? Please mark cookies and place them in the marked freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen (no nuts or peanut butter, please)
- Packing – Each Tuesday, packers will meet at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to "brown bag" almost 200 lunches, assembly-line style.
- Driving – Each Tuesday, teams of warm-hearted drivers will lend their time and vehicles to deliver the lunches. We have routes planned for easy, efficient deliveries.

If you would like to participate in this wonderful opportunity, please contact Page Ziobro at 678-787-2279 or Brooke Byers at 678-431-2111 to get on the volunteer list.

Announcements and Special Events

Don't Forget to Sign Up for the New Church Directory

There is still time to have your picture taken for the new church directory. To make your appointment, call Olan Mills directly at 1-800-866-2263. Pictures will be taken up until June 13. Each family photographed will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8x10 custom color portrait.

Breaking Bread / Titus II - June 2

In place of our regular Titus II lunches at the church, this summer we will plan to meet at a local restaurant. Join us on Tuesday, June 2 at noon for lunch and fellowship at Fayetteville's Piccadilly. You can call and place a reservation with Laura Cox by Friday, May 30 or you can just decide that day and meet us there. The address is 955 N. Glynn Street, Fayetteville, GA 30215.

Body Recall

Are you looking for a place to have fun and move? Body Recall is for adults of all ages and ability levels. We have a great time as we work on our strength, flexibility, and mobility. Come and see what it is all about! We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin our next 10 week session on July 6.

Sunday School Newsletter

Are you curious about what classes are studying and doing? Are you looking for a small group to join? We have several adult classes that gather on Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. to learn more about ourselves, each other, and their relationship with God as Christians in today's world. Keep your eyes peeled for our quarterly newsletter coming soon.

**Christmas Tour of Homes 2009**

FFUMC will again sponsor a Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Plans are now in the process to make this another great event for the entire Fayette community. There will be many opportunities for you to be part of this event, such as serving as a host or hostess, ticket sales, assisting with events at the church, or assisting with parking. We are planning in advance this year due to unknowns with the economy. Accordingly, we would appreciate if you would sign up early to assist. Email jackwheeler3966@comcast.net or call 770-712-8090. We look forward to having you on the team, and thank you in advance!!

**Big Show benefits Square Foot Ministries**

“Building Dreams ‘09” is the theme for an evening of entertainment and fun presented by Square Foot Ministries on June 6. The feature act for the 7 p.m. talent show at Sams Auditorium will be “The Chicken Man.” Also on the bill are a scene from “Oliver!” by the Twilight Theater, a swing dance number from Rachel’s Dance Connection, an appearance by “Elvis,” gymnastics and cheer demonstrations from Gym South, a performance by Alison Chambers, a hip hop number from Grace Dance Ministry, an Irish dance from the Drake School of Irish Dance, jazz and ballet pieces from Carousel of Dance Arts, as well as several musical performances by award-winning high school soloists. And more! Tickets will be available at the door, or you can call (678) 817-9327 (Carousel of Dance studio).

**Coming Soon: New Church Website**

Before the month of June has ended, we will unveil our new church website. The address will be the same—www.fayettevillefirst.com—but the look and content are changing. On the new site, you will find photos, videos, mp3s of sermons and more newcomer information. You’ll be able to sign up for classes, special events and our Wednesday dinners, and you can opt to receive your church newsletter electronically. Mark Westmoreland and other staff members will offer blogs, and you will find a church calendar, a worship calendar, and in-depth descriptions of our church ministries. You’ll also find helpful links to other websites. Watch your church bulletins and check back to our website regularly over the next three weeks. Our goal is to offer a highly informative and user-friendly website that will keep you all connected and informed.

**Children’s Music**

Our music times together continue through the summer. Children completing first through fifth grades are invited to participate in any of the groups: one, two or all three! Here’s the schedule:

Saturday, May 30  
Current ensemble records VBS music, 1 to 4 p.m. in Youth Studio

Wednesday, June 3  
VBS Praise Team rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. in Room B135

Sunday, June 7  
VBS Praise Team rehearsal 9:25 to 9:40 a.m. in Adult Choir Room

Wednesday, June 10  
VBS Praise Team rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. in Room B135

Sunday, June 21  
VBS Praise Team rehearsal 9:25 to 9:40 a.m. in Adult Choir Room

Monday—Friday, June 22-26  
VBS

Sunday, June 28  
VBS Participants sing at all three services

Wednesday, July 8  
Summer Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Room B135

Wednesday, July 15  
Variety Show Rehearsal 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Room B135

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Variety Show Rehearsal 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Room B135

Sunday, July 19  
Summer Ensemble Participates in Worship

Wednesday, August 5  
Summer Ensemble Rehearsal 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Room B135

Wednesday, August 5  
Variety Show Rehearsal 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Room B135

Sunday, August 16  
Summer Ensemble Participates in Worship

Thursday, October 8 & Saturday, October 10  
Church Variety Show

Call Joan Aycock with any questions: 770-460-0053.

**June @ Fayetteville First UMC**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 (See left for normal schedule) AA: 3pm	8 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 Alanon: 8	9 Summer Lunch Programs: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sq. Ft. Ministries: 6:30	10 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Summer Fun Days: 9 Body Recall: 10:30 Sunshine VBS: 5:30 Yoga: 6:30 Chancel Choir: 7:30 AA: 8	11 Walking Group: 1 Sunshine VBS: 5:30 Marie Lamb Circle: 6:30 Square Ft. Ministries: 6:30 AA: 8	12 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 Sunshine VBS: 5:30 AA: 7	13 AA: 8
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21 (See left for normal schedule) AA: 3pm	22 VBS: 9 Walking Group: 1 Alanon: 8	23 VBS: 9 Summer Lunch Programs: 9 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30	24 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Yoga: 6:30 Chancel Choir: 7:30 AA: 8	25 VBS: 9 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8	26 VBS: 9 Walking Group: 1 AA: 7	27 AA: 8
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**Normal Sunday Schedule**

- Choir Practice: 7:50
- Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30
- Sunday School: 9:40
- Worship in Chapel: 9:45
- Orchestra Practice: 10
- Choir Practice: 10:15
- Worship in Sanctuary: 11

**Normal Wednesday Schedule**

- YOGA: 6:30
- Chancel Choir: 7:30