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### Coming Up In Worship

**May 3**  
John 10:11-18  
*The Good Shepherd*

**May 10**  
John 15: 1-8  
*Abiding in the One who Abides*

**May 17**  
John 15:9-17  
*Complete Joy*

**May 24**  
Acts 1:1-11  
*How to Wait*

**May 31**  
Acts 2:1-21  
*We Cry 'Come, Holy Spirit, Come'*

#### Note of Thanks:

Thank you to our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, and concern you have shown us after the sudden passing of Bobby's father. We are thankful for you and for the love you have shown our family. Love in Christ, Bobby, Laurie, Kyle and Julia Brooks

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# Connections

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## David

Rev. Mark Westmoreland

I would tell the truth here if I knew what it was.

This is what I do know: An old friend is dead. Kathy, Stephen, Matt and I went to his memorial service Saturday and sat among a church full of people, all of whom, I suspect, were as confused and anguished as we were. And I know this: David was exceptionally talented, a gifted preacher, a funny and delightful friend for 20 years, a caring husband, a loving father, a trusted and beloved pastor. Every one of us in that church Saturday loved him. And I know this: David betrayed his wife, ultimately failed his children, lied to his friends, and violated the trust of the church. And every one of us in that church Saturday loved him.

We sat in the historic sanctuary of Mulberry Street UMC in Macon—preachers, lay people, family, friends—looking toward the elegant altar and impressive pulpit, embraced in our shared solitude by magnificent stained glass windows. Through the years, I wonder, how many saints have been celebrated in that place? And how many times has the truth been this elusive?

The eulogists were eloquent, speaking from the heart, sharing memories, proclaiming the gospel. They expressed their faith and their grief and sought to comfort the rest of us and themselves. But all the words in the world couldn't have lifted into the light the awful and the ineffable filling that room. It was as though someone had shattered one of those great windows, and the pieces, now just jagged jumbled colors, were scattered among us. The speakers did what they could. They picked through the shards of possibilities and spoke of a life that once had been so beautiful.

All of us there brought into that holy place wonderful memories of David, as well as our personal lists of questions no one there could answer. We sat grasping at straws, splitting hairs, looking for loopholes, stifling doubts, hoping for hope, and swallowing tears of anger and tears of grief (they taste the same). And all the while, surrounding us, silent, was the great story, frozen in glass.

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I looked around at those windows. There was Mary with the angel Gabriel; the shepherds and magi in awe; Jesus with the children; Jesus with Mary and Martha; Jesus alone in prayer. The one kneeling in Gethsemane, he understands what we cannot, doesn't he? And, there, the one raised in glory, can he bring new life out of this death? I hope and trust that he can.

But while faith and hope await their answers, I'll settle for what I know. Tucked away in Paul's glorious hymn of 1 Corinthians 13 is a simple, magnificent statement: "Love never ends." On Saturday, it was the one truth all of us in that sanctuary could affirm and the divine promise to which we clung.

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**Welcome New Members**

**Mike Austin**  
520 Park Ridge Circle,  
Marietta, GA 30068  
Mike joins by transfer from Mt. Zion UMC  
in Marietta, GA.

**Brooke Byers**  
285 Old Farm Road,  
Fayetteville, GA 30215  
Brooke joins by transfer from First  
Baptist Church, LaFayette, Georgia.

**Sam & Susan Burch**  
175 Stonewall Ave West,  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
Sam & Susan join by transfer from  
Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**Wayne & Marilyn Harris**  
180 Churchill Court,  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
Wayne & Marilyn join by transfer from  
New Hope Baptist Church.

**David Janssen**  
432 Forsyth Street,  
Barnesville, GA 30204  
David joins by Profession of Faith.  
We welcome David along with his  
daughter, Katie.

**Clara Martin**  
120 Daniel Court,  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
Clara joins by transfer from  
Mount Olive Baptist Church in Baxley,  
GA.

**Richard "Bud" Stratton**  
280 Commerce Drive,  
Fayetteville, GA 30215  
Bud joins by transfer from Liberty  
Baptist Church in Riverdale.

**Grace Trivett**  
230 Joana Drive  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
Grace joins by transfer from North Fayette  
UMC.

**Gaines & Vicki Wallen**  
215 Royal Ridge Way,  
Fayetteville, GA 30215  
Gaines transfers from Barnard Grove  
Baptist Church in Bean Station, TN.  
Vicki joins by transfer from Liberty Hill  
UMC in Morristown, TN.

**Attendance:**

**March 29**

Worship: 586  
Sunday School: 328

**April 5**

Worship: 557  
Sunday School: 271

**April 12 (Easter)**

Worship: 1111  
Sunday School: 260

**April 19**

Worship: 625  
Sunday School: 331

**April 26**

Worship: 546  
Sunday School: 329

**Church Membership:  
2002**

**Our Giving for April:**

Budget: \$111,899.57  
Building Fund: \$4,160.75  
2009 Budget: \$1,424,006.00

**Shortfall: \$45,169.34**

**Keep Them In Your Prayers**

Joe Byers	Gaye Anderson
Edd Simmons	Jimmy Watkins
Aubrey Varner	Millie Arnold
Annis Harrell	Don DeLoach
Robert Kyzer	Megan Sams
Carolyn Croft	Helene Graves
Buddie Drew	Herman Miller
Ambrose Burch	Norma Saunders
Bob Pitner	Mildred Finnell

**About Our Church Family**

**In Memoriam:**

Ellouise Dunn March 27, 2009	Larry David Thrasher April 13, 2009
Jane Crowe April 26, 2009	

**In Sympathy:**

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brooks and family upon the death of Bobby's father, Robert C. Brooks, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Adams and family upon the death of Becky's father on March 26.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn upon the death of her sister-in-law, Ellouise Dunn, on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vinci upon the death of their daughter-in-law, Janet Vinci, on April 4.

Mrs. Lucy Thrasher and family in the death of her husband, Larry David Thrasher, on April 13.

Mrs. Claudia Rhodes and family upon the death of her grandson, Aidan Jonathan Evarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family in the death of Deborah's sister, Jane Crowe, on April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Byers and family in the death of Brooke's father, Jeff Howard, on April 25.

Gifts were given to the Building Fund by the Fellowship/Discipleship Class: in honor of Lloyd Groover; in honor of Robert Stephenson; and in memory of Betty Pierce, Agnes Newby's sister.

**Celebration of Christian Family Week**

The week of May 4-10 is set aside by the church as a time to focus on and celebrate the role of families in the Christian life. As part of this recognition, we will have two special activities for the families of the church. On Friday, May 8th at 6 pm we will host a Family Fun Night at the church. We will have games and crafts for all members of the family as well as share dinner together. There is no cost for the event, but reservations will need to be made so that enough food will be ordered. Please call or email Kristin (770-461-4313, ex 17; kscarboro@fayettevillefirst.com) by Monday, May 4th.

On Sunday, May 10th we will host an intergenerational Sunday School in the Family Life Center Gym. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are encouraged to attend Sunday School with their children that morning as we discover the wonders of learning across all generations.

**Children's Music Notes**

Get ready for a few more notes of praise from the children's choirs for this session:

**May 3** - Combined choirs sing at 11 a.m. with orchestra  
**May 20** - Spring Program - Meet at 6 p.m.; program begins at 6:30 in sanctuary  
**May 27** - Children's Ministries end of year party from 6 to 7 p.m.

**Passport to Adventure - Children's Music Spring Program**

Everyone gets a passport to enjoy the children's music spring program on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Each of our six groups will present their music and showcase the things they have learned this year. Come share the adventure.

**Summer Ensemble & VBS Praise Team**

Music continues through the summer with the FFUMC Children's Ensemble. This group meets periodically during June and July to prepare for participation in worship and to lead our VBSers in music. Students completing 1st through 5th grades this year are invited to participate. Contact Joan Aycock for information: aycocmusic@yahoo.com or 770-460-0053.

**Children in Worship**

For the months of June and July, all children will be invited to remain in the worship service. Special worship bags will be provided to help them become more involved in all aspects of the service.

**Youth News**

**FFUMC High School Seniors**

As we approach graduation, please note the following dates:  
**April 29th** - Deadline for pictures and info for the senior bulletin insert. We need your full name, a current photo, school you are graduating from, and future plans.  
**May 17th** - Seniors are invited to wear their caps and gowns to the 11 a.m. worship service. The graduate celebration luncheon will follow the service.

**Check Out Pictures and Videos from our Youth Ministry...**

The Glisson 2009 video is now on YouTube. You can look at our YouTube videos by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "carsont1000". You can see pictures from our youth ministry at our Flickr site. This site is [www.flickr.com/fayettevillefirst](http://www.flickr.com/fayettevillefirst).

**GBHEM Begins Online Application Process for Loans, Scholarships**

College students needing financial aid may now apply online for loans and scholarships through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Scholarship applications are accepted January 1 - May 15. For more info, go to [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org). High school students may apply if they will be college students in the fall term.

**Kristin's Kids Korner**

Don't be so quick to throw things away! Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is all about learning how to take care of God's creation. As part of our effort to be good stewards of creation, we will be using recycled products for a lot of our crafts and projects. To help in this effort, we need your trash! The following items will be collected leading up to VBS in the basement storage room across from Joan's music room:



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- 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.

**UMCOR Mission Collection**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We collected over \$1500 for the One Great Hour of Sharing on March 22nd. The children collected over \$100 as part of their Lenten study. The money was donated to UMCOR to help cover the cost of two beehives for farmers in Liberia, which is a project the children studied as part of the Lenten series. For more information about the United Methodist Committee on Relief visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

**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 am – 1 pm. 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.

**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.

**Transportation Day for the Preschool and MMO**

The Preschool and Mother's Morning Out held it's annual transportation day on Wednesday, April 22. We as a staff had been preparing for weeks. Transportation is one of the few units that all of our age groups study all at the same time. We end the unit with a special day that allows our students to see different forms of transportation up close. Through parent volunteers and volunteers in our church and community, we are able to fill our back parking lot with diverse modes of transportation like antique cars, motorcycles, golf carts, fire trucks, school buses, campers, dump trucks, etc. We bring our classes out one at a time to tour the display. They get the opportunity to view the exterior, and interior, as well as ask any questions. It is a great day of fun, fellowship, and education!

We would love to share these kinds of experiences with your children through your participation in FFUMC Preschool and Mother's Morning Out. We will host an Open House on May 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Our registration for 2009-2010 is on-going. For more information call Drew Greenberg at 770-719-9421 ext.101 or email [dgreenberg@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:dgreenberg@fayettevillefirst.com).

**Summer Fun Days 2009**

Summer Fun Days is a summer day program for children ages 2-4. It meets for the months of June and July on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This program is meant to offer an opportunity for the children to continue with their social development while having a little summer fun at the same time. There are 8 different themes to choose from, and parents may choose as many days as they want their child to attend, allowing them to customize the dates around vacations and other summer activities. Families only pay for the days that you sign up for. The cost is \$20.00 per day per child. For more information call Drew Greenberg at 770-719-9421 ext.101 or email [dgreenberg@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:dgreenberg@fayettevillefirst.com).

**Announcements and Special Events**

**Honor Flight IV set for May 4**

Gail Sparrow, her wonderful team, and generous supporters from our community have made it possible for a fourth group of World War II veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. They will again depart from OUR CHURCH, so let's show up to see them off. The group will gather at 6 a.m. in our Family Life Center and depart at 6:45. They are scheduled to return between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

**Congratulations, Sambo!**

Dr. Ferrol Sams, Jr. was one of four people honored by the Wesley Woods Foundation on April 21 during their annual Heroes, Saints and Legends dinner. The event is a "celebration of Georgians whose long-productive lives continue to enrich our world and exemplify healthy aging." Proceeds from the gala support care and research programs for adults suffering from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

**Free Southern Gospel Concert**

Join us on May 3 for a FREE Southern Gospel Concert featuring the Peachland Quartet and GMC Trio. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A special offering will be collected to benefit the building fund.

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**Time to Sign Up for New Directory**

Our church will soon publish a new pictorial directory with Olan Mills. Please reserve an appointment time today by signing up at the Welcome Center. Each family photographed will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8x10 custom color portrait. Because of Olan Mills' video image proofing, you will only make one trip to the church. Please plan 45 minutes to one hour for the entire visit. All pose selections for the directory, your free 8X10, and any purchases you may wish to make will be completed at that time. If you wish to bring friends or family who do not attend our church, you may instruct the photographer to make separate poses for the directory. For groups of eight or more, please schedule two appointment times.

**Video Editing Workshop with Carson Thaxton**

If anyone has an interest in learning about video editing, Carson Thaxton is planning an editing workshop in August depending on interest and schedules. Before attending the editing workshop, you will need to have the Mac software Final Cut Pro of any edition or Final Cut Express. If you do not have a Mac or Final Cut but do have some other editing software on another computer, please let Carson know because the workshop will still cover editing tips in general that could be used on any software. Please contact Carson Thaxton at cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com if you are interested.

**Square Foot Ministry Fundraiser**

SFM is sponsoring a Variety Show on Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sam's Auditorium. Funds raised will go toward the Fayette Counseling Center, the Blitz Build May 1 - 9 in Griffin, and the revitalization of a low income neighborhood with a plan for 10 homes. For more information, go to the SFM website at www.squarefoot-ministry.com. For tickets to the show, email sfmtickets@yahoo.com.

**Lost Treasures from Around the World**

Join us on May 26 as we travel to Scottsboro, Alabama and visit the only Unclaimed Baggage Center in the country. Covering more than one city block, this is the perfect place to search for bargains on everyday necessities and one-of-a-kind treasures. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The cost is \$4 to ride the bus. Contact Laura Cox by May 21 to secure your seat on the bus. To find out more about the center and even take a tour of the store visit www.unclaimed-baggage.com

**SAGE Science Trip**

You are invited to take a trip to the Tellius Northwest Georgia Science Museum located in Cartersville, Georgia on June 17. We will depart the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The cost is \$16, which includes admission, transportation, and planetarium. Contact Laura Cox by June 10 for your reservation. Find out more at www.weinmanmuseum.org

**Church Variety Show**

The 2009 Church Variety Show is scheduled for October 8 & 10. If you would like to enter an act, have an act idea, or just want to get in on the fun, please contact Beth Nicholson at bethnicholson@earthlink.net or 770-719-4334 by May 15. We'll announce acts and group rehearsals in August.

**Georgia Singers Concert**

The Georgia Singers will be in concert at our church on Sunday May 17, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Their program will include varied selections of songs from Broadway to sacred music. This is a select group of young women singers under the direction of Dr. Frank Green and accompanied by Rick Massengale.

**Handy Helpers**

The Handy Helpers reach out to the community the first Saturday of every month to provide assistance with various odd jobs around the house. All church members are invited to volunteer - let us know your area of interest and we will put you to work! Contact Lindsay Blythe or Cindy Hall for more information.

**American Cancer Society: Relay for Life**

Support our youth as they raise funds for the FFUMC Relay for Life team by honoring your mother in a special Mother's Day bulletin insert. Forms are available at the church office. Due date is May 4.

**What's for Supper?**

**May 6**

Country Fried Steak  
Creamed Potatoes  
Broccoli/Cheese  
Bread & Dessert

**May 20**

Lasagna  
Bread, Salad  
Dessert

**May 13**

Baked Chicken  
Creamed Corn  
Green Beans  
Bread & Dessert

**May 27**

Make your own sub sandwich with all the trimmings  
Ice Cream Sundae

**May @ Fayetteville First UMC**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 (See left for normal schedule) Southern Gospel Concert: 6:30 AA: 3	4 Honor Flight: Leave 6:45 Friendship Circle: 9 Kiddemusk: 10:30 Walking Group: 10:30 Body Recall: 10:30 Emmanuel Board Meeting: 12 AA: 8 Alton: 8	5 Bethany Circle: 11:30 Titus II: 12 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sgt. Ft. Ministries: 6:30 Ethel Taylor Circle: 7	6 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Body Recall: 10:30 Kiddemusk: 10:30 8th Period: 4 (See left for night schedule) (See left for night schedule) AA: 8	7 Fayetteville Homemakers Club: 10 Walking Group: 1 Marie Lamb Circle: 6:30 AA: 8	8 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 Family Fun Night: 6 AA: 7	9 Square Foot Build AA: 8
10 (See left for normal schedule) Intergenerational School: 9:40 AA: 3	11 Friendship Circle: 9 Kiddemusk: 10:30 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8 Alton: 8	12 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Trinity Circle: 7 AA: 8	13 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Kiddemusk: 10:30 8th Period: 4 (See left for night schedule) Last night of Discovery & FLIP AA: 8	14 Hope Circle: 10 Walking Group: 1 Sgt. Ft. Ministries: 6:30 UMW Unit Meeting: 6:30 AA: 8	15 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 Montana Skies: 6:30 AA: 7	16 AA: 8
17 (See left for normal schedule) Educational Team Meeting: 11 Senior Recognition Lunch: 12 Georgia Singers Concert: 7 AA: 3	18 Kiddemusk: 9:30, 12 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8 Alton: 8	19 Shawl Ministries: 9:30 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sgt. Ft. Ministries: 6:30 AA: 8	20 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Promise Circle: 9:30 Body Recall: 10:30 8th Period: 4 Children's Spring Prep: 6:30 AA: 8	21 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8	22 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 7	23 AA: 8
24 (See left for normal schedule) AA: 3	25 Memorial Day: Office Closed AA: 8 Alton: 8	26 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30	27 Intercessory Prayer: 9 Body Recall: 10:30 Year Party: 6 (See left for night schedule) AA: 8	28 Faith Circle: 10 Mary Martha Circle: 10 Walking Group: 1 AA: 8	29 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA: 7	30 AA: 8
31 (See left for normal schedule) Missions Cafe: 8:30   AA: 3						

**Normal Sunday Schedule**

- Choir Practice: 7:50
- Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30
- Wonders of Worship: 8:30
- Sunday School: 9:40
- Worship in Chapel: 9:45
- Orchestra Practice: 10
- Choir Practice: 10:15
- Worship in Sanctuary: 11
- Wonders of Worship: 11
- Worship Team Rehearsal: 2
- Journey Bible Study @ It's a Grind: 6

**Normal Wednesday Schedule**

- Gen. Youth Choir: 5
- Wed. Night Dinner: 5:15
- Joyful Noise Choir: 6
- Melody Choir: 6
- Sonshine Choir: 6
- 1199 Mid. & HS: 6
- Discovery Club: 6:30
- Bells: 6:30
- Chimes: 6:30
- YOGA: 6:30
- Disciple I: 6:30
- Solomon's Porch: 7
- FLIP: 7
- Chancel Choir: 7:30