

## coming up

at fayetteville first united methodist church

### SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

7:50 a.m. Choir Practice - Choir rm.  
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Orchestra Practice  
Main Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Choir Practice - Choir rm.  
11:00 a.m. Kid's Own Worship - A15/45  
12:00 p.m. Senior Recognition Luncheon  
FLC  
2:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
The Studio  
3:00 p.m. AA - C280/290  
6:00 p.m. Journey Bible Study  
It's a Grind Coffee House

### MONDAY, MAY 19TH

10:30 a.m. Body Recall - FH  
1:00 p.m. Walking Group - FLC  
8:00 p.m. AA - C280/290  
8:00 p.m. Alanon - C270  
8:00 p.m. Alateen - C240/250

### TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

9:30 a.m. Shawl Ministry - Bride's rm.  
1:00 p.m. Walking Group - FLC  
1:30 p.m. Seasoned Singers - B225  
6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir - B140  
7:00 p.m. D.A.R.T. mtg. - C260

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

7:30 a.m. Fayette Youth Protection Board  
mtg. - C260  
9:30 a.m. Promise Circle - B115  
10:30 a.m. Body Recall - FH  
11:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - C201  
4:00 p.m. 8th Period - The Studio  
5:00 p.m. Genesis Youth Choir - The Studio  
6:30 p.m. Disciple II & Small Group Studies  
6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group  
Bride's rm.  
6:30 p.m. Yoga - FH  
7:00 p.m. Solomon's Porch MS  
The Studio  
7:00 p.m. Solomon's Porch HS  
The Studio  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
Sanctuary  
8:00 p.m. AA - C280/290

### THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

10:00 a.m. Faith Circle - FH  
10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle - A40  
1:00 p.m. Walking Group - FLC  
8:00 p.m. AA - C280/290

### FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

10:30 a.m. Body Recall - FH  
1:00 p.m. Walking Group - FLC  
7:00 p.m. AA - C280/290

### SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

8:00 p.m. AA - C280/290

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**New Deadline: The deadline for submission to the CONNECTIONS is Friday at 10:00 a.m. Send all information to Andrea Arnold at [aarnold@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:aarnold@fayettevillefirst.com) or deliver to the church office.**

**about our church family**  
at fayetteville first united methodist church

#### IN SYMPATHY ...

**Mr. & Mrs. Don Saunders & family**  
in the death of Norma's brother, Don  
Sichveland, on May 8.



#### REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Earl Hamilton	Chris Barron
Lawanna Mott	Erma Taylor
Marcy Walker	Adelle Newsome
Buddie Drew	Sandra Phillips
Joe Byers	Harvey Slocumb
Joe Kitchens	Helen Walthall
Carolyn Croft	Sara Warren
Caroline Gary	Donna Sullivan
Bill Karwisch	Alison Chambers
Harriet Davis Parham	Barbara Brown

**Attendance: 5/1 1/08**

Worship: 642 Sunday School: 236  
Church Membership: 1976



# Connections

to fayetteville first united methodist church

May 13, 2008



**Sunday, May 18**  
**Graduate**  
**Recognition**  
**11:00**  
**Church-Wide**  
**Lunch Follows**

**"Just Peachy"**  
**Blitz Build**  
**May 22 - 24**

**Children's Summer**  
**Sunday School**  
**Begins**  
**June 1**

**Vacation Bible**  
**School**  
**Is Coming**  
**July 7-11**

### Now on the Diamond:

## The Fayetteville First UMC Quadrilaterals

by the Rev. Mark Westmoreland, Senior Pastor

Stretching across the outfield wall of Turner Field is a kind of family tree for the Atlanta Braves, tracing the team's history back to 1871 and its origins as the Boston Red Stockings. The team apparently tried a number of names before settling on the Braves, but the moniker that jumped out at me as I read the writing on the wall was the team name from 1907-1910—the Doves.

The Doves? What message were they trying to send? Maybe they hoped to lower expectations, or maybe they were desperately tired of opponents' jokes after 14 seasons as "the Beaneaters." Whatever the logic, I doubt other teams trembled at the mention of it. Did the crowd coo in unison to rally the team?

Sometimes a team name can tell you a lot about the folks involved. For instance, students at the University of California at Santa Cruz chose as their team name the "Banana Slugs." A very intentional choice as it turns out, their mascot was the students' way of saying, "We don't give a rip about athletic competition." A nice thought on their part, I guess, but I find myself wanting to root for the Slugs all the more. The New College of Florida is known as "[ ]"—a designation that fits with their belief "that the natural state of the human spirit is ecstatic wonder!" Dude!

At one time, the Elon University team was known as the "Fighting Christians," a wonderful name that managed to wed identity with irony, and Earlham College in Indiana is known even now as the "Hustlin' Quakers." The Wake Forest Demon Deacons started life as simply the Wake Forest "Baptists"—not exactly the most exciting name, but you have to admit it captures a certain inerrancy of interpretation that was probably appreciated by alumni.

All of this has me thinking that Fayetteville First UMC needs a team name. When our softball team takes the field, I want opponents to know who they're up against. In the Spirit of Elon, we could call ourselves the "Crazed Wesleyans," or we could send people scrambling for a theological dictionary by calling ourselves the "Arminians." Or how about the "Think-and-Let-Thinkers" or "Baby Sprinklers" (If nothing else, that one will tick the Baptists off). We could even take a page from Braves history and call ourselves the "SASIADS" ("shrewd as snakes, innocent as doves"—Matthew 10:16).

But no, for the sake of clarity, I think I will propose to Jack Gilson that we dub the team the Fayetteville First United Methodist "Gracious Folks Ready to Welcome You into the Love of Christ and Our Historic Church Where Compassion Is Shown Through Tangible Acts of Outreach and the Truth is Communicated through Intentional Spiritual Nurture for All Ages and ... (Continued on Back of Jersey)." If nothing else, it will keep the team out of double plays. The second baseman will be too busy reading to make the relay.

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## announcements

### BLITZ BUILD IN MEMORY OF ROB PALIN

Square Foot Ministry is hosting a "Just Peachy" build in Memory of Rob Palin in West Point, Georgia on May 22, 23 and 24. If you are interested and want to find out more details, you can visit [www.sfmer.com](http://www.sfmer.com) or contact David Clark at 770-461-6125 or email at [dfclark@mindspring.com](mailto:dfclark@mindspring.com).

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are organizing a new Sunday School class for young adults beginning May 18. We will meet in room A40 (kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall) from 9:40 - 10:40 a.m. If you are not currently connected to a class and want to begin with us, please come join us. Call Laura Cox at 770-461-4313 or Danny Beck at 770-461-4665 if you have any questions.

### IMPACT 2008

Volunteers and Mentors are needed for Impact 08. This years Impact will be June 4th-6th. Adult volunteers are needed to work with and direct the youth. Adult Mentors are needed to show the youth how to do different tasks (help them learn the right way). The work hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Tommy Webb if you want to help. Email [tommyimpact@bellsouth.net](mailto:tommyimpact@bellsouth.net) or phone 404-578-5762.

### FAYETTE SAMARITANS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fayette Samaritans is in urgent need of volunteers. Unless they have some, they may be forced to close one day a week. This will be very disturbing at this time of increased emergency needs in our community. If you can spare 3 hours a week or every other week, you will feel blessed knowing that you will help show our Lord's love to "the least of these." They need people to work in all areas.

Details of the work can be found in the flyer in the church office. You will be given training. Please call the volunteer co-ordinator, Sylvia McCullough at the Samaritan's office 770-719-2707 or at home 770-460-1001 to discuss scheduling.

### MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD

If you have a family member in the military, please submit a photo with their rank and station to the church office so we can add them to our Prayer Board for the Military.

### SUNSHINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "BEACH PARTY" JUNE 16-20 FROM 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

We will be having our VBS again this year for adults in our church and community that have special needs. We will sing, make crafts, share stories and play games. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Hubbard at 770-719-1532.

### WALKING GROUP

If you are looking for a safe place to walk and get some exercise, we would love for you to join us on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 - 2 p.m. We meet in the Family Life Center and walk for an hour. Shelby Travis is the contact if you have any questions. We ask for \$1 a day and the money goes to help pay off the church debt.

### WHAT IS DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

The purpose of DISCIPLE Bible study is "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." ~Ephesians 4:12

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood.

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

### ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION CAPABILITIES

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? FUMC offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Forms can be found at the Welcome Center or at the kiosks. Contact the church office for more details.

## children & youth ministry

### SUMMER FUN DAYS ARE BACK

Come enjoy the fun as we gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Children ages two to five are invited to participate in any or all of the eight summer themes available. Be ready to cook, sing, visit the beach, join in a safari and much more. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, the kiosks or the church office.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAY, JUNE 1

This summer, grades 1-5 (completed) will join together to enjoy music, games and themed lessons. Our summer Sunday school will combine the best of Bible Olympics with Jubilation Station for a fun and exciting summer program. Summer Sunday school will be held in the Family Life Center.

Our preschool and kindergarten will enjoy a combined class as well. These young students will meet in room C100 (currently the preschool Sunday school room).

### VBS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE BEACH?

We are inviting you and your friends to join us for the best Beach Party ever. Vacation Bible School "Beach Party" is scheduled for July 7-11. Registration forms are now available. You may pick-up a registration form at the Welcome Center, one of the kiosks or in the church office. These registration forms are family forms and three children can be registered on one form. Help us prepare by registering early. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Julie Harp at 770-461-4313 ext 14.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School is a ministry we, as a community of faith, provide for our children. We encourage everyone to volunteer in some way. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: nursery volunteer, preschool and elementary classroom volunteers, crafts, decorations, set up/take down, recreation, snacks and more. If you are not available during regular VBS hours, there are still many opportunities to help in preparation for VBS. Please let us know your availability and areas of interest.

### 2008 GRADUATION RECOGNITION AND LUNCHEON

Graduation Recognition Sunday is coming this Sunday, May 18. We invite all of our high school graduates to wear their caps and gowns to the 11:00 a.m. worship service that morning so that you can be recognized and we can get a group picture of everyone! Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will hold a church-wide luncheon in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to celebrate our graduates!

### NEW YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR AVAILABLE

Summer Calendar and Sign-ups! The youth summer calendar is now available for pick-up in The Studio Lounge or in the Welcome Center. Students can start signing up for events now in The Studio. Highlights include:

- Impact
- Atlanta Fest
- VBS
- Mother/daughter and father/son night!

### CONCERT SERIES BEGINS JUNE 1!

Every Sunday night from 6 - 9 p.m. starting June 1st, we will have a concert at It's A Grind Coffee. All middle and high school students are invited to hang out and listen to some great music. We'll see you then!!



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