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Surviving and Thriving This Summer

Rev. John Barnes

This Connection issue covers June and July. We want to remind you that although summer is upon us and school is out, we are here! You'll see within these pages mission opportunities, youth retreats, and special studies. As I've said in other places, I hope you'll plan your summer schedule so that you continue to worship regularly. Your presence in worship strengthens my worship. We need each other.

This summer we'll be going through the Book of Genesis with the theme *Stories...In the Beginning* as our summer sermon series. I will offer a weekly at-home study of the passage and the context around it that you can use during your quiet time or as a family devotion. I plan to share some historical and theological information and then ask some questions to ponder

as you read. I hope you will be prepared for the sermon each Sunday because you have meditated and cogitated on the passage and its context. I believe that will make the sermon more meaningful to you, and I think doing this will also help you grow in your faith. Genesis is a foundational book in the Bible: many themes that start there run all the way through to Revelation.

You'll find the guided study on our website at fayettevillefirst.com and on social media. If you'd like it by email, just let me know at jbarnes@fayettevillefirst.com.

I hope this summer you relax, grow spiritually and participate with God and the church through nurture, outreach and worship!

In Christ,

John

June/July 2018

June 5-8

IMPACT Youth Event

June 18 - 22

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20

MAD Camp

July 20-23

Youth Beach Retreat

July 22

Blood Drive



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Our Church Family

Caring for each other and our community



growing in
nurture
1 Peter 3:18



growing in
outreach
Matthew 5:16



growing in
worship
Psalm 100:2

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Frank and Ann Andre upon the death of Frank's sister, Jacalyn (Jackie) A. Russell, on April 22.

Fletcher and Dana Sams and family upon the death of Dana's mother, Paula Jean Dougherty, on April 24.

Jerry and Alicia Yates upon the death of Alicia's brother, Richard Johnson, on May 16.

Mary Alice Roth upon the death of her sister, Neva Tanner, on May 19.

Donna Krilla upon the death of her brother, Glenn Blackston, on May 19.

In Our Prayers:

Billy Arnold

Carolyn Broady

Margaret Grainger

Orrie Grainger

Rebecca Greenberg

Martha Hale

Joe Hyder

Richard Lowe

Everett Morrow

Margaret Pettis

Mary Pierson

Joyce Ramsey

Mary Alice Roth

Brenda Tierman

Terry Wallace

Brad Wilkinson

Duncan Williamson

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for gardening and organizing the outside area for us. Thank you for all you do for us each year. — Promise Place after Great Day of Service

Serving here at FFUMC has truly been a blessing to my life and the life of my family. We appreciate your warmth and sincerity of love and I thank God for each of you. I look forward to the next year and the possibilities that it brings as we look to do more and more to bring the kingdom of God to this world that so desperately needs to know of His love. Thank you and God bless you. — Rev. Michael Lance Phillips

WELCOME

New member at Fayetteville First UMC

David Newman 71 Atlanta Avenue SE
Atlanta, 30315 678-789-1400

Church Membership: 1853

Giving (as of May 22):

Year to Date receipts: \$603,765.64

Year to Date expenses: \$600,210.54

COMING SUMMER 2018

NEW WEBSITE

fayettevillefirst.com



Say "Hello" with a Welcoming Name Badge and Make a Connection



Would you like a cool name badge like Randy Riddell wears? Here's your chance to order yours! Why get one? A name badge says we are intentional about creating community within our church. It can also help jog a foggy memory as we learn each other's names. Just follow the link at fayettevillefirst.com to place your order. Cost: \$5 per badge.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Summertime at FFUMC | Carson Thaxton

June and July are wonderful months to spend a little extra time together as a family and also be a part of the life of the church!



Rolling River Rampage VBS
June 18-22
Rising Pre-K3 through
Rising 6th Grade
Don't miss out on this
adventure. Join Rocky the
River Otter for VBS fun!
Cost: \$10 after June 1

MAD Camp July 16-20
Rising Kindergarten through Rising 6th Grade
This music, art, and drama camp is designed for elementary students to explore many aspects of the arts. Cost is \$75 before July 1.



Summer Sundays
9:45 a.m. Every Week
Come be a part of ffumcKiDS Sunday
School fun as we play, sing, craft, and
explore our way through the Bible.
Pre-K3 through 4th grade.

PARENTS: HAVE FUN TOO!

Creative Faith June 25 & July 23 10 a.m.
A special Bible study fellowship on June 25 and July 23 will offer nursery and childcare. We would love to just get together and spend some time exploring scripture and maybe eat some lunch afterward.

Parents Night Out Friday, June 29



Don't let kids have all the fun! Take a night off to do whatever or join a group of parents heading to Urban Jungle to play some all-you-can-handle laser tag. 5:30 to 9 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Promotion Sunday is August 12
Every child will move up to a new grade group and rising third graders will receive a Bible from the church at the 11 a.m. service.

Wednesday Programming starts August 15
All church activities and dinners will start back this day with a fun kickoff. We hope you and your family can plan to be together as we start a whole new school year together growing in faith.

For all events, sign up or volunteer online at fayettevillefirst.com.

Preschool Ends Year with Fun and Graduation

We wrapped up our year with fun and then sent out our graduating class prepared for their next adventure! Register for the 2018-2019 school year now. Contact Preschool Director Drew Greenberg at 678-371-1484.



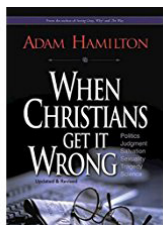
CONNECTING AT FAYETTEVILLE FIRST

Learning and Growing in Small Groups

Summer Offerings

When Christians Get It Wrong

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. June 6, 13, 27; July 11



Gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Adam Hamilton tackles big issues like judging others, condemning people of other faiths,

rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual in this four-week study. Join the conversation and discover the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. No book is required; however, you may order one at registration for \$10.

Connecting@FFUMC Class

Sunday, June 24 4 p.m.



Want to learn more about the Christian faith, about Methodist traditions, and about Fayetteville First United Methodist Church? Join the next Connecting@FFUMC class.

Looking Ahead to Fall

Financial Peace Class

Starting August 19 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Destroy your debt. Create a workable budget and still leave room for giving and fun. Financial Peace University is a nine-week money management class led by Bobby and Laurie Brooks that will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Plan now to make a difference in your financial future. The cost of the course is \$130. Sign up by June 30 and receive a \$20 discount. Payment plans are available.

Fast Track Disciple

Coming Fall 2018

Join others on a 12-week study of the Old Testament and a 12-week study of the New Testament with this engaging and transformational study series that will move you from student to disciple. Discover the biblical story and uncover your own spiritual gifts as you dedicate 24 weeks to this amazing group experience. Cost: \$16.

Learn more and register for all classes at fayettevillefirst.com.



SENIORS CONNECTING AT FAYETTEVILLE FIRST

Adults 55+: Seniors Doing More

July 19: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Head to Tiger territory as we visit Auburn, Alabama, to have lunch at the Acre Restaurant (voted the best restaurant in Alabama) and shop. Cost: \$5 plus lunch

August 16, 2018: Take a trip to museums in Anniston, Alabama.

September 19, 2018: 9:30 a.m. to TBD. See the Atlanta Braves take on the St. Louis Cardinals. The game begins at 12:15 pm. Our return time depends on the length of the game. Seats are reserved for seniors until August; unsold seats will then be offered to the church at large. Cost: \$35 plus lunch at park

For details on all events, please contact Rev. Michael Phillips at mphillips@fayettevillefirst.com.

FFUMC REACHES OUT TO SERVE

A Perspective From Jo Springer

With more than 404 beds in one facility, a medical unit, and about 900 meals served per day, the operation of the Fayette County Jail is equivalent to that of a small town. Jo Springer has been part of a ministry serving the Fayette County Jail.

Scheduled for Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m., Jo Springer and Fran McElwaney have visited women in the J Pod twice a month for several years. Some men from our church also visit in the men's pods.

To get started, volunteers must complete required training every year in order to receive a badge for entry. Our church provides the location for training each January and Chaplain Mike Helton, from the Sheriff's office, is in charge of the program.

Jo shares that the inmates give up an hour of their free time in order to speak with members of the team. Sometimes they have several people, sometimes two or three, sometimes one, and sometimes no one comes in.

"It has been a very rewarding experience for me personally and has surprised me that the ladies are very appreciative of our being there. We let the ladies tell us what they would like, whether it is scripture reading, a lesson, life skills, encouragement, or just listening to them. Many in that population have never had anyone sit and listen to them and offer words of encouragement. We always pray with them and for them when we leave. We listen, we laugh, and sometimes we cry with them. Each is unique in her situation, but many have a common thread. Drugs are usually somewhere within their background, but almost every one of them wants a better situation.



Jo Springer and Fran McElwaney visit the Fayette County Jail to spread encouragement and hope.

"More volunteers are welcome and time slots are available. We have been grateful to receive money from the Christmas Market Place, which we used to purchase Bibles to be placed in the pods for their use. Most of the ladies we see have their Bibles with them when they come in to visit with us. Friends have also given us soft covered books to be distributed to the library carts which each pod has. The chaplain vets these before they are placed on the carts for use.

"Fran and I always say, 'If we say only one thing to one lady that helps her, then we have done our job.'"

Jo adds that Danny Beck is really the man in charge for those interested in learning more, but she has happily presented information to her UMW Circle and the Family Class. To know more, to ask for a representative to speak to your group, or to get involved, contact Rev. Michael Phillips at mphillips@fayettevillefirst.com and he will direct you to the best contact person for your inquiry.

OUTREACH: LOCAL AND GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES



Summer Lunch Packing
Tuesdays during June & July
Contact Valarie Mallon at
vmallon70@gmail.com.



Blood Drive
July 22 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Select specific time at
fayettevillefirst.com.



Rise Against Hunger
August 19 Event: 1-3 p.m.
Pre-packing lunch at noon
Pack 30,000 meals

YOUTH MINISTRY

Growing in 2018 | Kena Newkirk

WHY VOLUNTEER AT IMPACT?

IMPACT, a youth mission project hosted by Square Foot Ministries in Griffin, provides an exciting opportunity to serve God's Kingdom, enjoy time with friends, and help our students gain perspective of the world around them. We will be working closely with the Griffin community building walls, renovating buildings, and working with local people. As a youth minister, I believe an event like IMPACT to be one of the most valuable experiences for spiritual formation. Students learn life skills and grow in faith, all while having tons of fun. We also have plenty of opportunities for adults to volunteer as site chaperones, making meals, and praying for our students. Register online and contact KNewkirk@FayettevilleFirst.com for more information.

SUMMER TIMELINE

June 5 - 8 IMPACT Mission Week *

Cost \$50 Kick-off Tuesday, meet at FFUMC 6 p.m.
Work days meet at FFUMC 7:30 a.m.
Final celebration at Griffin Second Baptist 6 p.m.

June 13 Youth Trip to Six Flags *

Cost \$35 Meet at FFUMC 10 a.m.

June 27 Youth Trip to Animal Safari *

Cost \$30 Depart 11 a.m. - Return 3 p.m.

July 11 Youth Rafting - Columbus *

Cost \$30 Depart 1:30 p.m. - Return 8 p.m.

July 20 - 23 Youth Beach Retreat *

August 3 District Youth Lock-In *

Cost \$30
Andretti Indoor Karting & Games

August 8 6th Grade Orientation *

6 - 7:30 p.m.

August 12 Confirmation Kick-off

9:45 a.m. for Students and Parents

August 15 Wednesday Kick-Off

Register online at fayettevillefirst.com



Study of John's Gospel

June-July Tuesdays 12 p.m.
Administration Building
Lunch provided



Beach Retreat*

July 20-23
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center
Panama City Beach, Florida
3 p.m. Friday — 6 p.m. Monday
Registration deadline: June 20



Congratulations to our 2018 High School Graduates:

Todd Perry, Wesley Aycock, Cole Buckner, Craig Davis, Haley Grayson, Emily Lewis, Kathryn Greenberg, Caroline Conner, Olivia Birkhead (not shown: Taylor Barron, Hardy Simpson, Trevor Watson)

Haley Grayson received the Edward N. Travis Scholarship from FFUMC.

Go to fayettevillefirst.com for more graduate information and to see our college, graduate school and professional school graduates.

What's Happening @ Fayetteville First UMC

Get specific information on happenings and times at fayettevillefirst.com or 770-461-4313.

Regular Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice: 8 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Small Groups: 9:45 a.m.
Worship in Chapel: 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice: 10:30 a.m.*
Worship in Sanctuary: 11 a.m.
Kids Wonders of Worship: 11:30 a.m.
AA: 3 p.m.

Regular Monday Schedule

Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.
AA: 7 p.m.

Regular Tuesday Schedule

Creative Sharing Group: 9:30 a.m.
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

Regular Wednesday Schedule

Morning Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.*
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous: 12 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer: 12:30 p.m.
Music Rehearsals: 7:30 p.m.
AA: 8 p.m.

Regular Thursday Schedule

Yoga: 10 a.m.
Yoga: 5:45 p.m.
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

Regular Friday Schedule

AA: 7 p.m.

Regular Saturday Schedule

Narcotics Anon.: 7 p.m.
AA: 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPR: 6/11, 7 p.m.
Charge Conference: 6/26, 6 p.m.

Other Meetings & Events

SAGE Trip: 7/19, 8:30 a.m.

Summer Study

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Casual information session

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sign up as a participant for a VBS adventure at Rolling River Rampage. Volunteers are needed too! Help out one day or every day! Go to fayettevillefirst.com.

MAD Camp

July 16-20 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Express yourself this summer in music, art and drama: come to MAD Camp! Students choose one main focus while experiencing all areas. Register at fayettevillefirst.com.

Summer Lunch Program

Tuesdays in June and July

Get ready to make sandwiches, pack lunches, drive and donate cookies, chips and fruit this summer. Contact Valerie Mallon, vmallon70@gmail.com, to volunteer or donate.

Blood Drive

July 22 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer drives are critical to the American Red Cross. Can you give? Select a specific time by contacting the FFUMC Blood Drive Team at ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com.

Youth Events

June & July

See the schedule inside for events all summer long.

Sunshine VBS

July 23-27

Adult evening VBS fun! Contact the church office for more information.

Please contact the church office to verify schedules at 770-461-4313.

*select dates only

DINNERS ON THE SQUARE THIS SUMMER

Let's get dinner on the square this summer! We'll support our local restaurants and help the FFUMC Trustee fund all at once! It's a delicious and easy way to help the church!

On these special nights, simply let the cashier know you are with FFUMC when you order and Oz Pizza and Twisted Taco will donate a percentage of your receipt to the church.

TUESDAYS AT OZ PIZZA:

JUNE 12 & 26

JULY 10 & 24



WEDNESDAYS AT TWISTED TACO:

JUNE 6 & 20

JULY 18

AUGUST 1





God's Kingdom NOW at FFUMC

Your church on the square

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a new small group experience coming fall 2018

