

April 10, 2026

## The Weekender



A Poem: "Jesus' Scars"

By Rev. Drew West

John 20:24-29, Common English Bible

24 Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

26 After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them.

He said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

28 Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Jesus' Scars by Rev. Drew West  
After John 20:19-31

Set your eyes  
on Jesus' scars—  
astounding like  
peaks above clouds.

Examine, then,  
your expectations—  
all the outcomes  
forecast as dread.

Be as Thomas—  
question, wrestle,  
allow some disbelief.

Place hands on scars  
and side and let faith  
become sight.



**2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

**APRIL 12, 2026**

**8:45 AM 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)**

Online link active at 11 AM and after

John 20: 19-31

"Too Good to be True"

Rev. Drew West

## CURRENT NEWS

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### Great Day of Service: Pick your project!

It's time to pick your service project for the Great Day of Service on Saturday, April 18. We will enjoy an early breakfast and communion together before heading out to sites to work from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers are provided childcare for children six months to 4 years of age during the event. Look for the Registration Forms on display at worship entrances or in the Welcome Center. To sign up electronically, use the QR code below or [click here](#) to pick your favorite project! These are the places we'll be serving. Choose where you'll get out and do good!



Joseph Sams School

Bloom

Pregnancy Resource Center

Square Foot Ministry

Fayette Samaritans

I-58 Mission

Midwest Food Bank

Handmade Greeting Cards

Kids Workshop



Ed Travis Scholarship applications due by Sunday April 19th. A \$2,500 scholarship is available to a graduating senior at FFUMC entering an accredited college, university or technical school for the upcoming school year. Print off the [Ed Travis Scholarship Instructions](#) and [Ed Travis Scholarship Application](#) here or request a copy from the church office.

**April SAGE Trip! Space is filling up quickly Sign up through the church office your spot is confirmed once payment is received.**

**Join us on Thursday, April 23rd for a special outing to Atlanta!** We'll enjoy a unique guided tour led by the one and only Nick Bowden, whose knowledge and storytelling always makes the city come alive.

The day will include a bus tour of Buckhead homes with an emphasis on the architecture of Neil Reid, a visit to Peachtree Road UMC to hear the magnificent organ— the largest in Georgia and one of the great organs of the world— and lunch at the Swann House Restaurant.

We'll return home traveling down Peachtree Road from Buckhead, enjoying stories about our beautiful capital city, including its buildings, monuments, and parks.

**We will depart from the church at 9:00 a.m.**



**Cost is \$40 per person (lunch not included).**

**Please sign up through the church office. Your reservation will be confirmed once payment is received.**



*Help beautify our worship space by providing altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, a special occasion, or simply to the glory of God. Flower dates are available throughout the year. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please sign up by contacting the church office. Your dedication will be included in the bulletin for that week.*

**SAVE A LIFE**



**GIVE BLOOD**

**Blood Drive – April 19**

FFUMC, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 19 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The need for blood is constant, and your donation can help save lives in our community.

To schedule an appointment, visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter your ZIP code, and select April 19. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

FFUMC Blood Drive Team



**A KICKING GOOD TIME!!!**

**Messy Church**

**April 25**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

*You and all your friends are invited!*

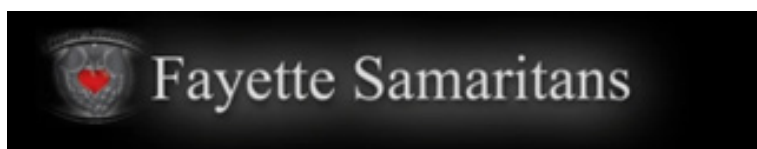
**FREE LUNCH GAMES AND WORSHIP**  
175 E. Lanier Ave, Fayetteville



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open at Fayetteville First UMC Preschool! We invite families to join our nurturing, faith-based learning community where children grow socially, emotionally, and academically. If you are interested in learning more or scheduling a tour, please call 678-263-8603 or email FayettevilleFirstPreschool@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting your family!

### **Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, June 22nd - 26th**

Children ages 4 through rising 5th grade are invited to join FFUMC's Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day. This year's theme, Snowball Mountain Challenge, will guide us as we discover how "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Philippians 4:13). Registration is open [Click Here to Register](#), and the cost is \$10 per family. There is no cost for volunteers with children, and nursery care will be available for volunteers with children under age 4. We can't wait to grow in faith together and discover our strength in God! **For more information, contact Rev. Drew West.**



### **Pantry & Clothes Closet Needs - April**

All donations of food, clothing, or monetary gifts are greatly appreciated!

Our most-needed pantry items this month include: canned beef stew, tuna, corn, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, cookies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, and feminine hygiene products.

The Clothes Closet is especially in need of new women's underwear (all sizes), new men's boxer shorts (all sizes), and socks for both men and women.



A Called Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 12:00 PM. The purpose of this conference is to review and approve a new salary package for the incoming Associate Pastor. All members are encouraged to attend.

**ON THE MENU FOR:**

Wednesday Night Supper April 15, 2026

Time: 5 PM Fellowship Hall

Affordable! Adults \$10, Children under 13: \$7 (pay at door)

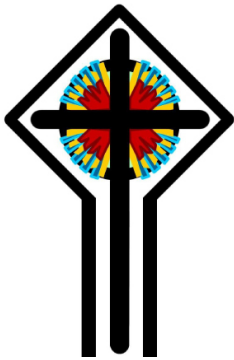
Sign up each week by 4 PM on Mondays by contacting the church office at 770-461-4313, [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com), or fill out a pew card.



**On the Menu:**

Piccadilly - Fried Chicken, Potato Casserole, Broccoli Salad, Rolls & Dessert

**April 6, 2026 Financials**



**Operating Budget 2026**

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$408,611.38
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$359,177.04
Difference	\$49,434.34
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	\$639.00
44 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$12,114.70

**You can continue your financial support in many ways:**

[Online giving: Click here.](#)

Mail check to church or place it in the drop box at the church office.

Use electronic funds transfer with your bank.

**Regular Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM lunch)

Closed Fridays

**AA Meetings:** Sundays 3 PM; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays 7:30 AM

**NA Meetings:** Thursdays 7:30 PM

*Inspired...*

Our Preschool Art Night was a joyful and colorful success! Children and families enjoyed an evening full of creativity, laughter, and hands-on fun. From imaginative masterpieces to plenty of happy messes, it was a wonderful time of connection and expression. Be sure to check out photos from this special night and celebrate the creativity of our youngest artists!

