



The Weekender

May 29, 2026

Time Zones
By Rev. Charles Robinson

Five or six days a week, usually in the morning, I like to walk a few miles in our neighborhood. And while I'm walking, I enjoy praying and singing (not too loudly) some of my favorite songs. One of those songs that often becomes like a stuck-record in my mind and on my heart is Give Me That Old Time Religion. (In our UMH there is a spiritual on p.345 that goes by the same tune – 'Tis the Old Ship of Zion.) Sometimes I wonder if I really do desire "that old time religion?" Is it good enough for me?

"It was good for my father" So, does that mean it's good enough for me? I recall riding in my Dad's 1955 Plymouth with no A.C. Would that be "good enough" for our upcoming Georgia summer heat? I remember my Dad telling us to roll up the windows so folks would think our car was Air-Conditioned.

"It was good for Paul and Silas ..." Paul and Silas were cell mates. I'm not sure what became of Silas. Paul died because of his allegiance to the Gospel. "Give me that Old Time Religion ..." Careful what we ask for. Perhaps we should alter those lyrics just a bit. Allow me a few suggestions ...

"Give me that part-time religion." Sunday mornings are in for sure, and an occasional Memorial Service, but not much beyond that. Let's not get carried away. We don't want to come across as holier than thou.

"Give me that full-time religion." Any time we are seen in public our religious faith will be on display. But don't expect us to take this stuff home with us. Let's not overdo it.

"Give me that over-time religion." I'm thinking now of folks who have so much religion they make themselves and others miserable. These persons know all of the "Thou Shalt Nots" but they come up a bit short in the Grace and Joy departments. If The Joy of the Lord was their strength, they would resemble poster children for the Forty Pound Weakling Society.

Speaking of over-time reminds me of a story often repeated at one of the small churches I served as a Student Pastor. The story was about a previous Pastor who was rather long winded. Several of the church leaders got together and told him, "Brother, we need you to understand that we don't pay overtime around here." His response, "You don't pay much regular time."

"Give me that all-time religion." Does that mean we have to spend all of our time in formal religious activities? Are we called to be one of the Saints who is there "every time the door is open?" No! But it does mean that our religion, our faith, should inform and shape every aspect of our lives ... at home, at work, at school, wherever life takes us. It's not something we can put on and take off like an article of clothing. Religion/faith is not a slice of the pie, it's the whole pie! In Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross DAILY and follow me."

Give me that all-time religion, it's good enough!



TRINITY SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026
8:45 AM 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)
Online link active at 11 AM and after

Matthew 28: 16-20
"How to Go"
Rev. Kaylen Short

CURRENT NEWS

CHURCH DIRECTORIES
Are In!

YOU MAY PICK YOURS UP
AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
This
SUNDAY **OR** **AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**
Next Week

\$10

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORIES
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
\$10

*Stay connected.
Grow in faith. Serve together.*

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Update



BUILDING C
FAMILY LIFE CENTER



PARKING LOT B



PLAYGROUND



**OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 30
& SUNDAY, MAY 31**

for scheduled activities and worship.



CLOSED AGAIN

BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 1

as reroofing work resumes.



Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue these important improvements to our campus.

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. Last day of registration is June 6, 2026.



Intergenerational Sunday School

5th Sundays in the Gym! May 31

Join our Children's, Youth, and Sunshine Ministries in the Family Life Center Gym for a fun, faith-filled morning for all ages! Enjoy games, music, crafts, a short devotional, and a breakfast potluck (bring something to share). It's a great way to learn, play, and grow together in God's love. Contact Rev. Drew West at dwest@fayettevillefirst.com with any questions!





Calling all young people with a flair for music & dance

Join the VBS Praise Team and lead worship in the Sanctuary during VBS assembly.

Worship songs and dance steps make VBS motivational, inspirational, and fun.

VBS is June 22-26, daily from 9 am – 12 pm. Praise Team practice will be Wed-Fri the week before VBS:

- Wed. June 17- 9:30-11:30 am
- Thur. June 18- 9:30-11:30 am
- Fri. June 19- 9:30-11:30 am



We meet in the Junior Choir room upstairs, B-320. Dress comfortably and get ready to have fun. Call Nancy Musselwhite at 678-637-6681 or email her at nmusselwhite1@gmail.com to ask questions or sign up.



Vacation Bible School Snowball Mountain Challenge Planning Meeting Sunday June 7, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. For more information contact Drew West.

Join us on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:15 pm in the chapel as we invite the congregation to come pray with and pray for our youth and adults going out to serve in Fayette County, West Virginia the upcoming week.

As a reminder, there is a box in the church office for love notes and small tokens of good will, (e.g. bracelets or small crosses) each participant will open those midweek on the trip. Your support for ASP these past few years has been amazing and for that we are grateful.

ASP

COMMISSIONING SERVICE



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3



6:15-6:45 PM



IN THE CHAPEL



Please continue to pray for the youth and adults going on this journey as they prepare their hearts, bodies, and minds. Those attending: Jasmine Akeman, Austin Baur, Caroline Creel, Nicholas Frank, Connor Hansen, Nick Hansen, Xander Hansen, Jordan Hart, Tami Kemberling, David Martin, James Martin, Patrick Mayhew, Ethan Rotz, Liam Swanger, Jack Travis, and Joey Travis. If you have any questions, please email Caroline at youth@fayettevillefirst.com. Thank you.

Save the Date

Saturday, Aug 8 at Noon

Join us for a

Magical Day with

David Widener

Lunch: Chicken Caesar Salad

All ladies are invited!

Reservations will begin soon!





SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Our yearly Summer Lunch program begins next week with a plan to serve more than 300 families, including over 450 sandwiches. Lunches will be prepared in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and also picked up from the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays.

Donations of homemade cookies and apples are deeply appreciated. Please package cookies 2 to a bag and leave all donations in the Fellowship Hall kitchen clearly marked for Summer Lunch.

Volunteers are needed. We have a faithful group of drivers, but we need a few more to be available to substitute. We also have an additional route this year. For questions, more information, or to sign up, please text Faye Livingston at 770-719-5494.



Looking for a few good folks:

Preschool Teacher Appreciation Team

This quiet ministry works to strengthen the ties between FFUMC's congregation and our preschool, and brighten the hearts of our preschool teachers. On the first school day of every month the preschool is in session, a member of the Preschool Teacher Appreciation Team does something nice for our 17 preschool teachers. It may be a note, Dunkin Donuts, banana bread, a flower, anything you can think of that might bring joy to their day and encourage them as they undertake what is certainly a challenging job.

This is a once-a-year ministry: you do it one day and then you're done. You can join with a friend or do it alone. Here are the dates we still need to fill for the 2026-2027 season: • October 1, 2026 • January 5, 2027 • April 1, 2027

If interested, please call Nancy Musselwhite at 678-637-6681 or email her at nmusselwhite1@gmail.com to ask questions or sign up.





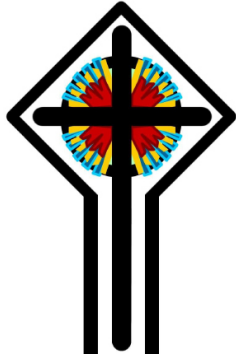
Mission Team Leader Training Available

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) offers online training for people interested in leading mission teams. There will be two opportunities this Fall – September 3-24, 2026, and November 7-21, 2026. The once weekly sessions will be 1.5 – 2 hours long. Participants must attend all sessions to complete the training. This training is helpful for those wishing to lead teams within the United States and for foreign mission trips (e.g., El Salvador). Click the link for more information. [UMVIM Trainings – UMVIM](#). You can also contact Maggie Clarke mwclarke195@gmail.com or 404-395-8161 or Rev. Kaylen Short for additional information.

JOIN THE FLAG TEAM

The Flag Team works during the summer on Patriotic Holidays to place American Flags outside around our church. The holidays are: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Patriot Day September 11, and Veterans Day. We need volunteers to assist and be responsible for the installing and taking down of the flags for each of those holidays. The flags are provided by the church and really add to the appearance of the church grounds. It only takes around an hour to complete the job. If you or a team or group would like to sign up for one of the holidays, please contact Jo Springer at 770-378-7876 to learn more about the details. Thank you!





May 26, 2026 Financials

Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$557,672.64
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$503,005.36
Difference	\$54,667.36
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	\$0
72 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$19,433.75

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

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INSPIRED...

Children & Youth Sunday

2026

