



The Weekender

May 8, 2026

We Didn't Lose Her
By Rev. Charles Robinson

With Mother's Day 2026 fast approaching, I would like to share an article that I wrote a few years ago about my Mother...

Betty Caroline Slate was born in Atlanta on August 10, 1927. She married William Akin Robinson on January 15, 1947 and became a Mother on June 2, 1953. I was the oldest of four, two boys and two girls. My Mother worked much of her adult life as a legal secretary. She was employed by three or four attorneys, and she spent many years with the City of Atlanta. Those years included working in the Water Department, the City Attorney's Office, a short time with Mayor William B. Hartsfield, and several years with Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. She could flat smoke a typewriter and I've often wondered why she didn't keep a fire extinguisher close by.

My Mother was an incredible woman with many talents. Cooking was not one of them. In truth, most domestic sorts of things were not high on her abilities list. But that's okay because my Dad, a firefighter by trade, enjoyed cooking, doing laundry, etc. It was a partnership that served them well for over fifty-four years. Marriages don't all balance out in the same way.

But her strengths were many. She was an awesome chauffer, making sure I got to where I needed to be, always on time, if she knew exactly where we were going. To say that Betty Robinson was directionally challenged would be an understatement of Biblical Proportions.

She was my biggest cheerleader when I was growing up, never missing one of my Little League baseball games. I remember hearing once about a Mom who choked to death on her chewing gum when her Little League playing son hit a home run. So, I started to worry about a similar incident happening to my Mother. Further reflection upon my athletic abilities alleviated that fear.

She was an animal lover without equal. My Mother kept cat & dog food in her car and would often stop to feed a stray critter along the way. More times than I can count, she would bring that critter home. A frequent threat of my Dad was, "One more cat or dog in this house and I'm out of here!" He never left.

She was a tutor with a vast expanse of knowledge. And her exemplary typing skills assisted me on my journey through High School, College and Seminary. Her real area of expertise was grammar, and if I really wanted to annoy her, I would end a sentence with a preposition. She would ask me to bring her something, and I would respond by saying, "Where's it at?" Her reply to my response was always the same, "It's behind the preposition AT!" No hyperbole, she must have said it at least a million times.

My Mother died Labor Day weekend 2005, and my siblings leaned on me to speak at her Funeral Service. I didn't want to do it. I had spoken at my Dad's Service some four years earlier and it was difficult to say the least. But I caved in and honored their request/demand. As I was concluding my remarks I thanked everyone for their presence. And I assured them that my family and I were going to be alright. After all, she was a woman of great faith, and we knew where she was AT!



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

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

Online link active at 11 AM and after

Luke 24: 13-35

"Abide in Love"

Rev. Kaylen Short

CURRENT NEWS

Wesley Woods offering is this Sunday, May 10

Wesley Woods was founded in 1954 by The North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church to provide affordable housing for older adults. Each year churches receive a Mother's Day offering to help provide financial assistance for meals and housing to residents who have the gift of a long life but may have outlived their resources. In addition, the Mother's Day Offering supports on-site chaplains and an innovative wellness program. To support this ministry, please make donations by check or online to Fayetteville First UMC with "Wesley Woods" marked in the memo line.



Don't miss Children and Youth Sunday on May 17 at the 11:00 AM service as our children and youth lead worship!



Dear Shawl Ministry Members,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful blanket to celebrate the birth of our son Robert. It will keep him warm for many years to come.

Thanks, Jennifer Lee & Robert Moot
(Daughter of Dave & Cheryl Lee)



On May 16th, the Southern Crescent Concert Ringers will present Rings and Sweets: A Handbell Harmony Happening in the Fellowship Hall at 2 PM. Desserts will be served during the concert. We would love to see you there.

SAGE Trip – May 29



Our May SAGE trip is scheduled for Friday, May 29! We'll be visiting the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, with our tour beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will leave the Church Office at 8:30 a.m., which should get us there on time. After the tour, we'll depart around 11:30 a.m. for lunch (location to be determined).

Cost: \$10.00 total (includes admission and transportation)

To sign up, call the church office at 770-461-4313.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you for your continued support of our SAGE ministry!



Lunch with Pastor Kaylen is a great opportunity to connect one-on-one and get to know one another better this summer! Whether over lunch, coffee, or a quick chat, you're invited to request a day and time that works best for you. To submit your request, [click here](#) or call the church office at 770-461-4313.



Dear FFUMC,

As I recover from my accident and injuries I look forward that I will soon be able to return to FFUMC to the many friends of the church that send cards, calls, visits & food. And the flower ministry for the beautiful flowers that brighten up my room in the Rehab and the Shawl Ministry for the lovely lap robe. This is truly a church family of love.

Bobby Mobley





Dear FFUMC & Missions Committee,
Thank you to Karin, Charlotte, & the small group of women (&Aiden!) who worked SO hard to clean up our grounds on the Great Day of Service project. It was a blessing to arrive and see everything neat & tidy. We are deeply grateful, and I know our families feel the love and difference when they come into an organized, well kept space. Please don't be strangers.



Thanks again, **Fayette PRC**

Heather (Ex Director) John (Director of Development)



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.

End of Season Wednesday Night Supper Potluck

Wednesday, May 13 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall



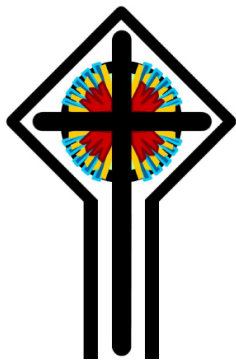
Join us for a fun and delicious evening together! Turkey, ham, desserts, and drinks will be provided—just bring a side dish to share.

There is no cost to attend.



Please sign up by noon on Monday, May 11 by contacting the church office at 770-461-4313, emailing admin@fayettevillefirst.com or by filling out a Fellowship Dinner pew card and placing it in the offering plate.

May 4, 2026 Financials



Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$492,387.44
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$449,704.51
Difference	\$42,682.93
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	\$1,869.00
60 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$16,083.57

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



We had such a fun day at last month's Messy Church!

We hope you'll join us for our Water Day Messy Church on Saturday, June 6 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Center City Park. Come ready to get a little messy and have a lot of fun!

