



# The Weekender

June 5, 2026

Seeing God in Everything  
By Rev. Drew West

“Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things thee to see,  
And what I do in anything,  
To do it as if for thee”

George Herbert (1593-1633), from the poem The Elixir

The birds were particularly sing-songy, even louder than the cars and trucks driving on the road beneath. It's early morning, and surrounded by the music of the world, I'm reminded of one of the most awesome invitations of the Christian life: to see God in everything, and to have an eye toward God everywhere I go.

In the rushed pace of our modern lives, we don't often notice God's beauty all around us. But when, like George Herbert, we pray for eyes to see God in everything, we might start moving at a pace that allows us to notice God reaching out to us through the beauty of the natural world and the people we encounter. Paul writes in Romans 1:20, “For [God's] invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world.” I once heard Richard Foster say, “We have two books: the Book of Scripture and the Book of Nature.” We must read both and read both closely.

Many of us increase the time we spend outside during the summer and take time to travel to new places. Each time we are outside or exploring a new place, what might God be saying to you? How might God be shaping you? Through the lens of love we know in Christ, we can look around and see God. Look around you right now.

Where do you see God?

# SECOND SUNDAY — AFTER — PENTECOST

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 2026

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

Online link active at 11 AM and after

Matthew 9: 18-26  
"When Hope is Hard"  
Rev. Kaylen Short

## CURRENT NEWS

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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.

### **SAGE Save the Date! SAGE Peach Trip**

Tuesday, July 7 Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun day  
enjoying Georgia's famous peaches!

More details and sign up information will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

**Save the Date — July 7!**



# CHURCH *Directories* ARE HERE!

PICK UP  
*on* **SUNDAY**  
at the WELCOME CENTER

OR

NEXT WEEK  
*in the*  
**CHURCH OFFICE**



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.



**VBS**

**FAYETTEVILLE FIRST**

**SNOWBALL CHALLENGE**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 22-26**

**FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!**  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FAITH, FUN & ADVENTURE!

## 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.

## 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.





## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Last week we had our first summer lunch delivery for this year, serving about 350 kids. The number will increase in this next week or so. For years, our church has been serving turkey and cheese sandwiches. Last year, Cindy Hall had a meeting with all the coordinators, and we discovered that the kids were getting turkey and cheese sandwiches 3 or 4 days of the week. So, we are now looking at other options. Last week the kids received pasta cups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, apples, carrots, and cookies. We're trying to vary the "menu" a bit, and plan to serve hot dogs in the next week or so.

We would be very appreciative of donations of homemade cookies and apples, although I am looking at some other fruit options, as well.

Last week, we added a dum-dum sucker to each lunch. If your group – Sunday School, Circle, or Men's group – would like to donate a little something extra, we could make our kids feel a little more special. Last summer, for the last delivery, we asked for index cards with hand-written messages of love and encouragement for each child. Please keep that in mind for our last Tuesday, 21 July.

We, also, are in need of a few more volunteers. We, especially, need substitute drivers. We have 3 routes without regular drivers this year, and we need a list of subs to keep the routes covered, as well as when some of our regular drivers need to be out. It's also helpful for our drivers to have someone to ride with them to help navigate and deliver to the door.

I'd like to recognize and thank 3 of our youth who helped us last week – Xander and Connor Hansen, and Jack Travis. They were AWESOME and were a huge blessing to the drivers that they rode with.

For questions or more information, or to sign up, please text or call me at 770-401-9761. Please keep everyone in our summer lunch program in your prayers.

Thank you!! Faye Livingston



## 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](mailto:mwclarke195@gmail.com) or 404-395-8161 or Rev. Kaylen Short for additional information.

## JOIN THE FLAG TEAM

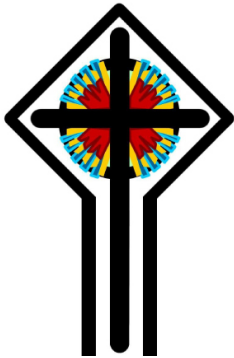
The Flag Team works during the summer on Patriotic Holidays to place American Flags outside around our church. The holidays are: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Patriot Day September 11, and Veterans Day. We need volunteers to assist and be responsible for the installing and taking down of the flags 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!





**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!**

## June 1, 2026 Financials



### Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts	\$568,448.14
Annual Operating Budget Expenses	\$548,089.74
Difference	\$20,358.40
Benevolence	
Benevolence funds received this week:	225.00
75 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed	\$20,333.75

### 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...*

**SAGE SPOTLIGHT!!**



We had so much fun on our May SAGE trip to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History! From fascinating exhibits to great fellowship, it was a wonderful day together.

We hope you'll join us for our next adventure—the SAGE Peach Trip on July 7!

More details will be coming soon, but for now, be sure to save the date and plan to join us for another fun-filled day of fellowship and discovery.

We can't wait to see you there!

