



The Weekender

August 7, 2026

More Than Enough
By Rev. Allison Keith

I took the white porcelain cup in my hands. Small and a little irregular, bearing evidence of fingers pressed into soft clay. A glossy exterior forged in the fire, but not so smooth that it was without blemish or texture. Perfect, in all its imperfections.



Sunday was my first time consecrating communion, and boy did I feel a lot like my too-small chalice. I'm as imperfect and irregular as anyone. So entirely human, no matter how much I try to get it right. Like most of us, I can often feel like far too small a vessel, holding as much of the Holy as I can manage and watching as it spills out the sides.

Have you ever felt this way? Tasked with something sacred - raising kids, being with a loved one in their last hours, sitting with a friend as they break open, helping a teenager see their inherent worth, sharing the stories of God with someone for the first time - and feeling entirely too human for the job? Worried, perhaps, that your own fingerprints - your history, baggage, or biases - might show through the glossy exterior.

But maybe being "too human" is the point. Our brokenness points to a wholeness that already was and will be again. We didn't lose any of the pieces along the way. Our smallness points to a God who so often chooses unsuspecting and ordinary things to bring abundance to others. Our misshapen places point to a God who loves us in all our uniqueness. We are enough, because God's love and grace are more than enough.

As I held out that slightly off-kilter white chalice during the 8:45 service, I watched the juice get lower and lower with each morsel of bread. Right as I feared we would run out, a thought came to me, as if from God above. "There is enough." And there was.



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

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

[Online link active at 11 AM and after](#)

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

"Read It Again: Belonging"

Rev. Kaylen Short

CURRENT NEWS

Our annual Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

is only 10 days away,

on Sunday, August 16

from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Our goal is to have 200 volunteers who will pack 30,000 highly nutritious, dehydrated meals in just two hours to help fight hunger in crisis areas and school feeding programs around the world. It is a fun activity for all ages and a great way to help others.

Rise Against Hunger requires a waiver and registration for this event.

If you haven't already, please register as soon as possible through the following link:

https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e800537_

Please note the following details for the day:

- **Lunch:** Lunch will be provided after worship and before the packing event. There is no charge, though donations will be accepted, and reservations will be needed. You will be contacted after you register for the event, to confirm your lunch plans.

- **Dress Code:** We are encouraged to wear very casual, comfortable clothes for both worship and the packing event.

- **Questions:** Contact Charlotte McAdams at

charlotte.mc2344@gmail.com or 404-862-9791.

Let us all work together for this great cause.

School days are on the way and come with lots of little things to keep track of!



Mabel's Labels help make sure your child's belongings make it back home. Their personalized labels are waterproof, dishwasher safe, and laundry safe, making them perfect for busy preschool families.

Shop campaigns.mabelslabel.com anytime July 1 through August 30 and select Fayetteville First UMC Preschool to support our fundraiser.

A vibrant poster titled 'VOLUNTEERS Needed!' in large, colorful letters. It encourages people to 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SHARE GOD'S LOVE. CHANGE A LIFE.' and lists three volunteer opportunities: 'WONDERS OF WORSHIP' (Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. Service), 'SUNDAY SCHOOL' (Sundays at 9:45 a.m.), and 'WEDNESDAY NIGHTS' (Children's Arts Programming). It includes an email address 'childrenministries@fayettevillefirst.com' and a footer with the church's name and tagline 'Growing in Faith. Serving in Love. Sharing God's Grace.' The poster is decorated with hearts, stars, and musical notes.

Let's Try Something New

The Second Sunday Seminar Series is an opportunity to meet for an hour over a light lunch after the 11:00 am service and learn something new. We will bring in a subject matter expert each month to present a topic, take questions, and provide immediate steps we can take to safeguard ourselves, improve wellness and mental health, fill knowledge gaps, or hack everyday challenges. The first three Second Sunday Seminars will be September 13, October 11, November 8. Here's where we need your help. If you have a burning topic that we can turn into a one-hour seminar series, please call the office at 770-461-4313 or [email admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:email_admin@fayettevillefirst.com). We look forward to hearing from you!



Save the Date! The next mission trip to El Salvador is scheduled for April 3-10, 2027. Please mark your calendars and begin praying about how you can participate. You will hear more about ways to become involved in September. If you are interested in going, contact Maggie Clarke at 404-395-8161 or mwclarke195@gmail.com.



Walking with others through grief



GriefShare is a program where caring individuals walk with others through the journey of grief. Facilitated by Carol and Bill Webb, a new session of classes will meet Mondays August 17 through November 16 from 10 AM to 12 PM in Room B-350. All are welcome. For more information on the program or to sign up, contact Carol or Bill Webb or visit GriefShare.org.

September SAGE Trip!

Our next SAGE outing on Thursday, September 17! We'll travel to Oakland Cemetery for a guided tour, followed by lunch together at 6 Feet Under.



Cost: \$10 (includes the tour and transportation)

Please note: Tour space is limited to the first 25 participants.

If you'd like to join us, sign up by calling the church office or emailing admin@fayettevillefirst.com.



Help Us Refresh Our Website!

We're updating our church website and would love your help!

If you have photos from worship, Sunday School classes, small groups, mission projects, fellowship events, children's or youth activities, or any other church gatherings, please share them with us.

Send your photos to Kelly Anderson at admin@fayettevillefirst.com or Jennifer Hickman at officemanager@fayettevillefirst.com.



Love in Action

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One of our Summer Lunch families recently experienced a house fire. They are in need of a TV, entertainment center, bookshelf, plates, bowls, cups, pots and pans, and a floor lamp.

If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Cindy Hall at 678-656-4117. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors in a tangible way.



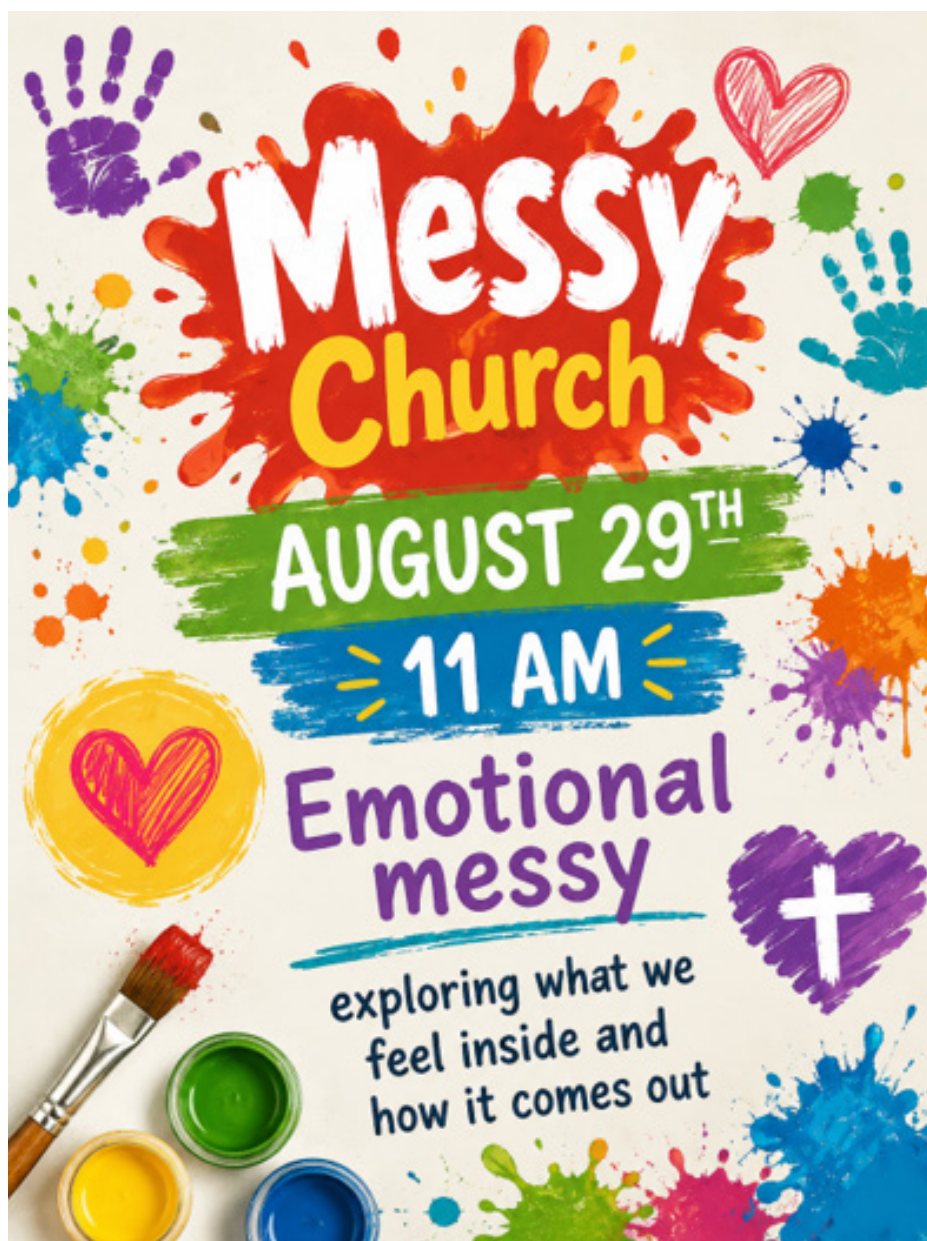
Titus II – Sept. 1

**Join us for Titus II on
Tuesday, September 1
at noon in the
Fellowship Hall!**



You're invited to join us for our **Fifth Sunday gathering on August 30th!** We will enjoy a delicious breakfast, have a Bible teaching and activity, and then sing songs both old and new. It's a wonderful, intergenerational time of faith, family, and fellowship.

For more information, contact Rev. Allison Keith at akeith@fayettevillefirst.com.



Wednesday Night Suppers

resume August 19 with Potluck

Let's eat together!

Time: **5 PM** Fellowship Hall

Regular Wednesday programs

for all ages resume August 20.

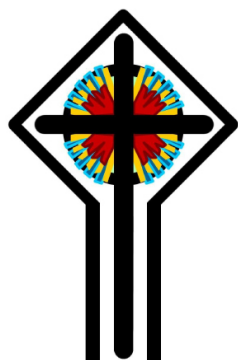
Sign up for the weekly meal by noon each Monday.

Contact the church office at 770-461-4313 or admin@fayettevillefirst.com.

August 19 Meal - Potluck!

Bring a side dish to share. (Piccadilly Chicken Tenders and Dessert provided).

No charge, but reservations are needed by noon on August 17.



August 4, 2026 Financials

Operating Budget 2026

Annual Operating Budget Receipts \$764,947.36

Annual Operating Budget Expenses \$710,954.73

Difference \$53,992.63

Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$2,315.00

110 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$29,091.84

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.

Publication Deadlines

Have information to share? Send your submissions for consideration to Jenn Hickman at officemanager@fayettevillefirst.com by noon on Mondays for inclusion in The Weekender weekly e-newsletter.

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



Our UMCOR Flood Bucket Project was a Huge SUCCESS!

Thanks to each of you who participated in collecting supplies and donated funds for our UMCOR Flood Buckets. Our Youth and a few adult volunteers checked the accuracy of the 60 filled buckets last week. We will deliver the buckets to the Warehouse in East Point during the month of August. The buckets will then be sent to areas that are affected by natural disasters.

Thank you again for your support of this mission project.

