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The Weekender

Change?!
By Rev. Charles Robinson

Adam was overheard saying to Eve as they were being evicted from the Garden of Eden, “My Dear, we live in a time of transition!”

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband removing one of her favorite magnetized sayings from the refrigerator door…Prayer Changes Things. “What’s the matter,” she snapped, “don’t you believe in prayer?” “I believe in prayer,” he said. “I just don’t believe in Change!”

If there is one constant in this world it is change. In 1963 Bob Dylan wrote and recorded, The Times They Are A Changin’. He was right. Truth is, he could have written the song at any time during the course of history, recorded or otherwise, and he would have been correct.

Books have been written, songs have been sung, lectures have been presented, sermons have been preached, lessons have been taught, movies have been produced, but the subject of change has yet to be exhausted. One of the books that I recall from the late 1990’s was Who Moved My Cheese? By Dr. Spencer Johnson. The purpose of the book was to help folks cope with change. In a section of the book, “The Handwriting on the Wall” Johnson makes these observations…

Change Happens…Anticipate Change…Monitor Change…Adapt to Change Quickly…Enjoy Change…Be Ready to Change Quickly and Enjoy It Again and Again…

Across the centuries Change has been no stranger to the Church. Not that there haven’t been times when God’s people have tried to deny it or hide from it or ignore it. Change creates motion, and motion causes friction, and friction is uncomfortable at best and painful at worst. But the truth is, there is no growth without change, and without change stagnation becomes the Order of the Day. And honestly, who wants stagnation?

You’re correct, Mr. Dylan, “the times they are a changing.’” But that’s nothing new, is it? Not just for the Church or any other organization, but for us as families and individuals. John Maxwell says that if we are the same folks we were ten years ago, then we have wasted the last ten years. Please join me in praying that as each of us changes and grows we’ll never forget our Firm Foundation, Jesus Christ, “the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2025
8:45 AM 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)
Online link active at 11 AM and after
Matthew 5: 1-12
"Blessed"
The Rev. Kaylen Short

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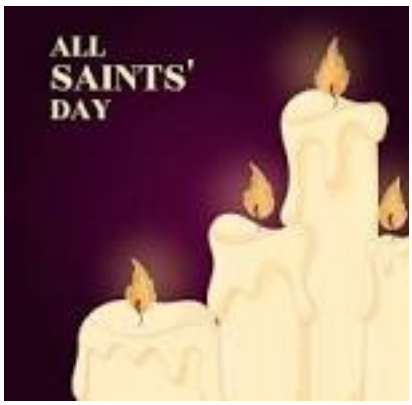




Time to Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend—don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep (or coffee!) before worship on Sunday morning!

All Saints' Worship This Sunday



During both worship services this Sunday, we will remember and give thanks for the members of our church family who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Day. There will also be a special time for you to light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life as you remember those whose love and faith have shaped your journey. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of remembrance and celebration as we remember:

Tom King, Suzanne Kitchens, Charles Pruett, Jerry Windham, Ted Colbert, Maeva Lopez, Jerry Light, Carolyn Roberts, Bonnie Dixson, Ingrid Shields, Jerry Yates,Janette Haney, Jim Minter, Alberta Crysler, Larry Sosebee, Meredith Glass, Rusty Hamner, Richard Webb, Brent Moulder, Judy Gable, Carol Taylor.



November is Bloom Angel Tree Month

Participate in our annual Angel Tree mission project from November 1 - November 22. Stop by the Welcome Center, on Sundays and pick up an angel's request. This mission provides a wonderful opportunity to share your love with foster children this Christmas season. Your gifts will be distributed to the foster parents in December.

How to Participate:

1. Choose and sign out an angel ornament from the tree.
2. Purchase the items listed on your angel's wish list.
3. Return the unwrapped gifts and the angel ornament by Sunday, November 22.

Gifts may be returned to the Church Office or the Welcome Center.

For questions, please contact Charlotte McAdams



Pecan Time!

Holiday Baking
Gifts
Freeze & Enjoy

Pecans! Still only $8 per bag!

It's pecan time! You pay $8 for each 12 oz. bag of pecans: that's no price increase from last year ... what a deal!

Only need a few bags? Buy them at the Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, November 7.

To place a large order for personal use and gifts, complete this order form or get one on Sunday. Then drop the form along with your **exact payment in an envelope marked "Pecan Sales"** at the church office or in the collection plate by **Sunday, November 8**. Pecans will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall on November 12 and 13 from 1 to 2 PM and at 12 noon on November 15. Make checks out to United Women in Faith or UWF.

We are committed to raising funds for others. All proceeds will go to a worthy cause supported by UWF. With pecans, everybody wins!



Christmas Marketplace is next Saturday!
Nov. 7 from 9 am - 3 pm
Please join us:

- As a volunteer to help set up, greet guests, clean up, and much more.
- Donate your favorite baked goods to the Gingerbread House.
- Bring your gently-used donations to Timeless Treasures no later than noon on Thursday, Nov. 5.
- Shop the Marketplace with 80+ unique vendors for handmade Christmas gifts, collectibles & goodies!
- Spread the word with your family, friends & neighbors about our event.

All profits benefit local charities. Hope to see you there

Please join us for our next Second Sunday Seminar Series presentation,
"Life-Saving Steps: Save Someone Else, Save Yourself,"
on Sunday, November 8, at 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Battalion Chief Sean Venza of the Fayetteville Fire Department will lead the session, covering stroke recognition, CPR basics, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use as time permits. You will learn key actions to take during an emergency, how to support others lending aid, and the locations of AEDs at Fayetteville First. Additionally, Nancy Musselwhite will demonstrate uninjured fall recovery, followed by a Q&A session with Battalion Chief Venza.
A complimentary pizza lunch will be served. We hope to see you on November 8 for these crucial, life-saving lessons.



Titus II – Tuesday, November 10 at Noon
Join us for Titus II! A representative from the Fayette County Marshal's Office will be our guest speaker.
We'll enjoy a Thanksgiving Day feast for lunch!
Meals are $8. Please sign up by contacting Martha Turner or the church office.







November SAGE Trip – Arthur Blank Soccer Center

Join SAGE on Monday, November 16, for a tour of the Arthur Blank Soccer Center! The cost is $20 per person. Please arrive at the church by 9:15 AM as we will leave at 9:30 AM. Lunch after the tour is TBD.The trip is currently full, and a waitlist has been started. If you are already on the confirmed list, please submit your $20 payment in advance to secure your spot. Those on the waitlist will be contacted if a spot becomes available. To make your payment or for more information, please contact the church office. We look forward to a great SAGE outing!

This arose from some congregants who had been asking for recommendations:



We are compiling a list of recommended caregivers to share upon request with members of the congregation. If you or a loved one has had a positive experience with a caregiver, please send their name and the type of care they offered to Rev. Kaylen Short.

Wednesday Night Supper 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Let's eat together! Adults: $10 Children under 13: $7

Sign up for the weekly meal by noon each Monday. Contact the church office at 770-461-4313 or admin@fayettevillefirst.com.

November 4 - Olive Garden - Fellowship Hall

Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, and Dessert



November is our month! Pantry needs at Fayette Samaritans

Donations are one way to help those in our community with food insecurity and other needs. Food and clothing donations may be placed in the hallway cart near the gym or dropped by the church office. **Volunteers** are also needed in the food pantry, clothes closet, receptionist area, and as interviewers with a 3 hour commitment each week.

Most Needed List: *Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Beef Stew, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Mixed Vegatables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix Cornbread, Coffee*

Clothes Pantry Needs: ***All sizes of women's and girl's underwear.***

October 26, 2026 Financials

Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	$1,032,239.81
Year-to-Date Expenses	$1,002,868.41
Difference	$29,371.40

Benevolence
Benevolence funds received this week: $850.00
173 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed $44,357.90

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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Love in Action: Making a Difference!

Love in Action continues to show what it means to love our neighbors! Our latest project involved a family in our community who desperately needed a wheelchair ramp and had been calling around looking for help. When they reached out to us, our Love in Action team jumped into action!

A special shout-out to John Kimmons for building the ramp. It looks great, John! Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make such a meaningful difference for this family.

And thank you to everyone involved in making this project happen. This is what being the hands and feet of Jesus looks like!







