



Friday, March 15

The Weekender

Overcoming Temptation

On Sunday I spoke about temptation. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and overcame temptation and he is a model for us to overcome temptation. I saw several things that helped Jesus overcome temptation. He was full of the Holy Spirit; he was spending time in the wilderness in solitude, prayer and fasting to draw closer to God; he knew and could quote scripture to respond to the devil's temptations.

Also, I noted that just before this passage and closely tied to it was the story of Jesus' baptism where the Holy Spirit comes on him and the Father says to him, "You are my Son, the Beloved; in you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

I tried to say that those words of the Father are especially powerful. I think they were powerful for Jesus and they can be powerful to us. Knowing that we are God's beloved and that the Father is well pleased with us can help us overcome temptation. We can overcome temptation when we have something better than temptation.

I ended the sermon with six practical ideas about temptation. Let me remind you of them.

- 1) It helps to know your 'sin signature;' what you are prone to be tempted by.
- 2) Expect the temptation to be something good gotten in the wrong way.
- 3) God doesn't take the temptation away—even if you pray. That's magic, not prayer.
- 4) God wants us to become the kind of person who can say no to temptation.
- 5) We, with God's help, surrender ourselves to God through spiritual disciplines and community (accountability).
- 6) The grace of God enters as we let go of our temptation and turn our lives over to him.

See you Sunday as we continue the journey to Easter through Lent.

In Christ,

John



This Sunday in Worship
March 17, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent

Anthems:

Precious Jesus
Blessed Is the One

Sermon:

Lamenting Luke 13:31-35
Rev. John Barnes (8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.)

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Make It Plus One +1

Everything is a Plus One opportunity at FFUMC! Where can you reach out and share God's love? Where can you be a Plus One servant? Bring a friend and make it +1.



Lenten Offering Benefits Rise Against Hunger

During Lent we remember those who need our help as we seek to look beyond ourselves on our journey toward Easter. Lenten Offering bags are available in the Welcome Center. This year's offering will help support the Rise Against Hunger packing event to be held in August.



Lenten Lunch and Devotion Offered Thursdays

Gather in the Fellowship Hall each Thursday at noon for a light lunch and devotion. Lunch on Thursday, March 21, is sponsored by the Ethel Taylor Circle with speaker Florence Prine.



**EDWARD N. TRAVIS
SCHOLARSHIP**

Edward N. Travis Scholarship Applications Due Today

Graduating seniors: it's time to apply for the Edward N. Travis Scholarship, a one-time \$2,500 scholarship awarded to a FFUMC high school senior. The due date is March 15, so get your application in the Welcome Center or online at fayettevillefirst.com.



Singles Meet Up This Sunday

Join other singles in our church and community for lunch at Partners Pizza (near Publix in Fayetteville) on St Patty's Day, March 17, at 12:30 p.m. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com or Suzie Lusk at suzielusk49@gmail.com for questions. No RSVP required, but appreciated.



March 23: Gifts Doubled to UMW for 150th Anniversary

You can help celebrate the 150th anniversary of UMW in a way that honors those who have paved the way before and ensures its future. Through the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, generous donors are matching a portion of gifts received by the Day of Giving on March 23. Visit fayettevillefirst.com to see how you can contribute.



General Conference

General Conference Information Session on March 24

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson invites church laity and clergy to join with other churches on March 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. to review the actions taken at General Conference at Cascade UMC (3144 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30311). Get more information at fayettevillefirst.com or from clergy.



+1 Song: Share A Song on March 31 (note date change)

Will you sing or play along? Then you can share a song with our friends at Azalea Estates on March 31 at 5:30 p.m. As we sing familiar songs from the past and from our faith, we share love and connection with others. To learn more about Share a Song and how you can lift a heart through music, contact Joan Aycock, jaycock@fayettevillefirst.com.



+1 Pint: Sign Up Now for Blood Drive

Can you give blood? Our next Blood Drive is March 31 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym. Sign up this Sunday at church or anytime at ffumc.blooddriveteam@gmail.com.



Take the Intervene Challenge to Prevent Suicide

A one-day training in Suicide Intervention is coming to Newnan First UMC on Tuesday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nearly 13,000 caring individuals have participated in the Intervene Challenge featuring the Listen Learn Lead curriculum. The training, hosted by the UMC LaGrange District, is open to all with a desire to turn the tide on suicide in our communities and offers 5 hours of POST credit for Law Enforcement. There is a \$12 charge for lunch payable the day of event. Register at InterveneChallenge.com.



Ready to Connect at FFUMC?

Want to know more about Fayetteville First UMC? Interested in joining our membership but not sure where or how to even get started? Find out more on Sunday, March 31, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Allyson Lawrence.



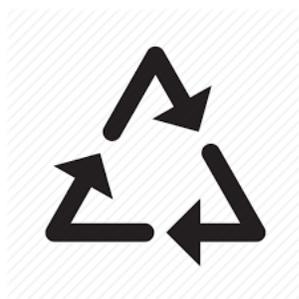
FOR Day of Service Is April 13

Let's get our hands busy on April 13 at the FOR Day of Service. Projects will be open for all ages and abilities here at the church, on the square and in the community. Save the date now and look for more information soon.



Support Relay for Life Through Pinewood's Team

Every one of us has been affected by cancer in some way. FFUMC has the opportunity to support the 2019 Fayette County Relay for Life through Jennifer Walker, leader of the Pinewood Atlanta Studios Relay team. Jennifer grew up in FFUMC and received the Edward N. Travis Scholarship in 2010. In 2008, we grieved with her in the loss of her mother to cancer. Jennifer feels a strong desire to encourage and help our community in doing all we can. Even though FFUMC does not have a team, we can support Relay through Jennifer. Visit the [team page](#) and help out! Torches and luminaries are available for purchase in memory or in honor of loved ones (\$100, \$25, \$15 or \$10). Checks written to the American Cancer Society may be dropped off in the church office by May 1. FFUMC is invited to participate in the Relay for Life event at Pinewood Forest on May 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight and hang out at the Pinewood tent. Questions? Contact Jennifer Walker at jennifer.walker@pinewoodatlantastudios.com.



Green Team Plans Again on April 8

We are getting in the Dump and Stack groove at FFUMC meals. Thanks for helping out! To find out more about FFUMC Green Team, come to the next Green Team meeting on April 8 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Get more information on Green Team goals at fayettevillefirst.com.

Green Tip: Look for a triangle imprint on plastics. If you see a triangle with a number inside, that plastic can be recycled.



Girl Scouts Collect Socks for the Homeless

Did you know socks are the number 1 item requested at many homeless shelters? Girl Scouts from Troop # 11363 are collecting new socks for a local shelter to earn their Silver Award. Just place new socks for kids and adults in the "Socks in a Box" collection bin in the Welcome Center through March 30. Questions? Contact Marilyn Harris, elegmimi52@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner for March 20

Hotdogs/Hamburgers, Trimmings or Chicken Tenders or Grilled Chicken Salad. Sign up each week or get on the permanent reservation list at fayettevillefirst.com. Cost: \$4 ages 10 and under; \$7 over 10; Family Max: \$22

March 11, 2019 Financials

Year to Date receipts	\$252,583.91
Year to Date expenses	\$255,455.80
Shortfall	\$2,861.89

To date there have been 26 benevolence requests met totaling \$6,501.45 in assistance.

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Capital Campaign Update

Received this week	\$14,360.00
Total Received	\$191,703.34
Pledged but not yet received	-\$20,000.00
Goal	\$350,000
Needed to reach goal	\$138,296.66