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Changes

Rev. John Barnes

Changes are afoot here at FFUMC. After many weeks of waiting, workers began preparing a place for youth to worship. By June the youth will be worshipping and meeting in their own space: The Foundry. Their equipment will be removed from the Fellowship Hall soon. I hope that means the Trustees will begin working to renovate the Fellowship Hall and landscape the space outside it. If you've not given to the Capital Campaign you can still give to help with these renovations.

In April we had our FOR Day of Service with more than sixty volunteers cleaning and working at the church and non-profits in the community. We appreciate you! I also want to thank those who gave plants, trees and bushes that transformed our campus and to those who put them in the

ground. You will have noticed the beauty upgrade!

At EasterPalooza we endured downpours preceding the event and cold, windy and overcast conditions during it yet adjusted to those changing conditions to welcome over 1,300 people who braved the weather and were welcomed and loved.

Soon high school seniors will be graduating and moving on with their lives to new ventures.

On Palm Sunday, Craig Wiley, SPRC chairman, announced that Michael Phillips and I would not be returning to Fayetteville First after Annual Conference. Michael will be appointed to serve in Coweta County and I will be retiring. I know this is a shock to many of

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MAY 2019

May 7

**Titus II
UMM Meeting**

May 9

**UMW Unit Meeting
"Live Well...Age Well"**

May 15

**Last Wednesday
Night Program of Season**

May 19

Senior & Youth Sunday

May 30

SafeHouse Outreach



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Our Church Family

Caring for each other and our community



growing in
nurture
II Peter 3:18



growing in
outreach
Matthew 5:16



growing in
worship
Psalm 100:2

In Memoriam: Bill Holcomb Charlotte Smith Paul Bosworth
April 6 April 9 April 17

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Sandy Holcomb, Angie McClanahan, & family upon the death of Sandy's husband & Angie's father, Bill Holcomb, on April 6.

Lanny & Mary Ann Cauthen, Jon & Jeannie Cauthen, & Rick, Laura & Summer Dorsey, upon the death of Mary Ann's mother, Jon & Laura's grandmother, and Summer's great-grandmother, Charlotte Smith, on April 9.
June Bosworth & family upon the death of her husband, Paul Bosworth, on April 17.

In Our Prayers:

Billy Arnold	Rebecca Greenberg	Margaret Panter	Jack Wheeler
Carolyn Broady	Martha Hale	Lurlene Perry	Brad Wilkinson
Annelle Burch	Carol Holland	Mary Pierson	
Kassandra Dzenis	Carole Hyder	Joyce Ramsey	
Margaret Grainger	Doris Kerlin	Dorothy Swanson	

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy for the passing of Bill's sisters. We appreciate all the cards and notes from our church family. — Bill and Betty McKibben

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and hugs in the passing of Vauna's mother, Obeda Whittle. This sad time is made better with a loving church like FFUMC! We are blessed. — Tim and Vauna Bellury

The outpouring of love, support, prayers, food and cards has overwhelmed my heart since Frank's death. But the sight I'll cherish always is that of so many of FFUMC's smiling faces waiting to hug my neck after his service. I am truly blessed. — Trudy Whittington



New Members

Steven and Gillian Bauer

404 Brooks Woolsey Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215-7026

Robert and Kyong MacMartin

120 Autumn Glen Circle, Fayetteville, GA 30215-6877

Sally K. Archer

550 Brooks Woolsey Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215-7030



Church Membership: 1778

Giving (as of April 23)

Year to Date receipts: \$425,949.29

Year to Date expenses: \$428,922.44

Shortfall: \$2,973.15

We appreciate the work of these helpers at our FOR Day of Service. Our campus looks beautiful!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday May 19 and Summer I Kena Newkirk

May 19: It's Senior/Youth Sunday

Senior and Youth Sunday will be a little different this year. All youth are invited to help plan, lead, and serve in the 11 a.m. service on May 19. Students will learn the purpose and features of worship each Sunday leading up to this day as we prepare to serve as ushers, lead prayers, sing, play instruments, and deliver a children's sermon. The whole church is invited to attend a pizza party lunch following the service to celebrate our seniors and the work of our students in worship.

Mark Your Calendars: Get Ready for Summer!

June 7-9: Renova2us Rafting Retreat*

June 24-28: VBS Afternoons

July 10: Six Flags

July 15-18: Chicago High School Leadership Retreat*

July 21: Atlanta Braves Game

August 2-3: LaGrange Lock-In

September 14: Atlanta United Game*

*Space Limited, Register Early

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOVES FORWARD

Making a Difference NOW

The campaign began with a goal of \$350,000. Donations totaling \$205,653.90 have been received which leaves \$144,346.10 outstanding. The youth space is the priority, followed by the fellowship hall renovation and exterior garden. Any additional funds would be placed in the trustee reserve account to replenish funds that were used to make unexpected repairs. We will continue to accept contributions to fund these important projects.

Phase 1 – Youth Space

Construction on the youth space is progressing. The demo phase is complete. Now the fun part of seeing it begin to take shape is underway. Colors, fixtures and flooring are being chosen to complete the project. Barring unforeseen problems, the youth will move into their new space at the end of May.

Phase 2 – Fellowship Hall Renovation & Exterior Garden

The trustees are discussing the priorities for these two areas. Since the goal has not yet been reached to fund the entire project, decisions will need to be made about which upgrades will be pursued.

Your contributions and continued giving can make all these projects a reality. Thank you!



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you. I pray that it will also be an opportunity for both of us and Fayetteville First. May God use these changes to grow Michael and me that we can serve him well wherever we are!

Changes are afoot. The only way to handle any changes—good or bad—is with prayer. Please pray for Michael and his family and for our family as we adjust to these changes. Pray also for our church and Dr. Thomas Martin who is to be appointed to Fayetteville First at Annual Conference. His first Sunday will be June 23.

In Christ,

John



FOR DAY OF SERVICE

A huge thank you from our trustees to all who made our FOR Day of Service a success. After breakfast, fellowship and worship more than sixty volunteers got busy! We prepared landscape areas to complete phase 1 of our landscape plan. We built a new deck at the church office and repaired porch masonry. We polished brass, moved a few very heavy pews, repaired and painted in the preschool area and outside the Fellowship Hall. Community projects included having youth paint at Promise Place while others helped Fayette Samaritans through a canned goods drive at the library. We also had a childcare team. We are thankful for all the FOR acts of service!



SENIOR ADULTS

Finishing our year I Rev. Michael Phillips

TITUS II

The last Titus II lunch program will be Tuesday, May 7, at noon. We'll celebrate Memorial Day with a patriotic sing along and song history presentation by Florence Prine. Reserve lunch (Spaghetti, Salad) by Thursday, May 2, with Martha Turner at 770-461-2802.

SENIOR ADULTS GOING EVERYWHERE

SAGE ventures to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens for a guided tour on May 16. The summer exhibit "Imaginary Worlds" will be open. Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to make it to the 9:30 a.m. guided tour. We'll enjoy lunch at Mary Mac's after the tour. Cost: \$27 plus lunch. We must have 10 participants to make this trip. Sign up today!

REACHING OUT

We continue to serve

Green Team in Action

Glass Recycling Day was a success as the the Green Team held it's first community-wide event in April. Later the same day, the team had a recycling learning station at EasterPalooza to talk about Earth Day, pass out cups of water and offer recycling hints for our community. Ready to help? Come to the next Green Team meeting on May 2 at 1 p.m. Contact Tami Kemberling, tamidale57@gmail.com.



Lenten Offering Helps Rise Against Hunger

We are closer to raising \$7,500 needed to complete funding to pack 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on August 18. Our Lenten offering has raised \$5,025.55 so far. Please turn in your Lenten Offering (and return purple bags) in the next few weeks. We will continue to raise funds for our packing event through the summer.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

For the WHOLE family | Rev. Carson Thaxton

May the FUN be with you!

During the month of May we know life gets a little hectic as school comes to a close. Each Wednesday Night LiFE in May is designed to get out lots of energy, build deeper friendships, grow in our love for Jesus, and help others in some way. We hope you can join in as we all journey to the last day of school and get ready for summer.

May 1: KiDS Showcase

This Wednesday evening will be an opportunity to hear from the children as they share some of what they have learned in church this year and show us some special performances and artwork.

May 8: Outdoor Activities and Challenges

This Wednesday will be full of adventure, teamwork, faith building, and fun!

May 15: Wednesday Night LiFE PARTY

On our last program evening of the season, we are going to end the year with a party.

VBS Rollout and Info Day Sunday, May 5

Please come right after church this Sunday to hear about the theme for VBS and how you can get involved. This is a HUGE opportunity for our church to illustrate to children what the love of Jesus looks like. Please prayerfully consider joining the VBS Team—thank you!

VBS is coming next month: June 24-28. This is your last month to register for FREE. Price increases from \$0 to \$10 after June 1.

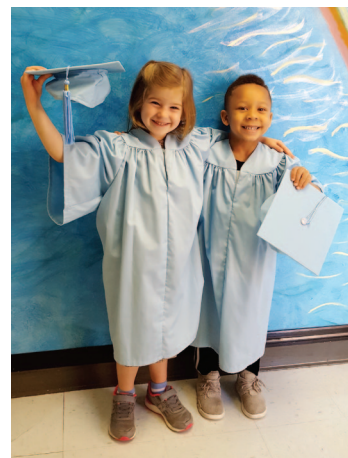


Make Plans for MAD Camp in July

Get ready for music, art, and drama adventures at MAD Camp July 15-19. Rising kindergarten through rising sixth graders choose one major focus area while enjoying and learning something about all three. Register at fayettevillefirst.com by July 1: \$75. After July 1: \$90. Sibling discounts are offered.



We are FOR Fayetteville as we head To Mars and Beyond at this year's VBS. Sign up now for FREE before prices increase to \$10.



Endings and Beginnings

As the preschool is gearing up for the end of our year, we are reviewing all the wonderful things we've learned and reflecting on the new friendships we've made. We are looking forward to our field day and our end-of-the-year program in May where our four-year-old class will be graduating. Change, whether it be in the seasons or our next class, is inevitable. As we embrace that change, I want to thank you all for a wonderful adventure at the FFUMC Preschool and to wish everyone happiness, great health, and a wonderful summer!

– Candice Hawthorne, Interim FFUMC Preschool Director

GROWING FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND MINISTRY

Connecting over coffee, creation and our future

Friday's Creative Faith & Other Table Groups

As summer approaches we see the end of many of our group meetings until fall, but several refuse to stop! Creative Faith, the Friday morning Table Group that meets at Gremlin Growlers from 10 a.m. to noon, is digging deep into questions of faith and sharing stories of God's amazing work in our lives. We are open to all — show up and check us out! (A nursery is provided; reservations for childcare each week are appreciated.) Other Table Groups meet Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence with questions on these and other small group options this summer (alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com).



Hike The Ridge: May 10 at 6 p.m.

Join the fun on May 10 for a casual stroll through the woods or get more adventurous with a brisk hike along the banks of Whitewater and Gingercake Creeks. Meet near the picnic area at 6 p.m. After a nature-themed scavenger hunt, we'll head out to dinner together. Singles, couples, families — all are invited! Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence, alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com, or Suzie Lusk, suzielusk49@gmail.com, with any questions. From tall upland pine forests to majestic bottomland hardwoods you're sure to make new friends and find new treasures while exploring God's amazing creation.

Legacy Endowment Awards First Grants



The Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry Committee is very excited to announce that grants have been awarded for the first time. A number of FFUMC Legacy Endowment Funds have reached their thresholds making them eligible to offer grant opportunities. These grants are made possible by your generosity to our endowment program.

Recipient: Children & Family Ministry Awarded \$2,400 from the Special Needs Fund. "A very big thank you to the Legacy Foundation and Legacy donors. This gift will help the Parents Night Out ministry continue to grow in numbers and reach new young families with children. This money will offer support to some childcare and nursery workers serving with all of you — the amazing volunteers — that keep this a flourishing ministry and illustrates to the next generation what love looks like." — Rev. Carson Thaxton, Director of Children & Family Ministry

Recipient: Youth Ministry Awarded \$4,000 from the Youth Fund and the Special Needs Fund. "Thank you to all of our generous legacy givers. This year, five students are being sponsored to attend a four-day leadership conference outside of Chicago with world-class youth ministry experts Doug Fields and Josh Griffin. Reinvigorated youth leadership will be especially crucial to the health of our church because it will better allow us to leverage our new youth space this coming fall!" — Kena Newkirk, Director of Youth Ministry

Recipient: Benevolence Ministry Awarded \$3,000 from the Missions Fund. This award allows the church to assist members of our community with rent and utility needs.

As these funds grow, there will be many more opportunities to enhance the ministries of the church through grants. Consider including the FFUMC Legacy Giving Program in your will or simply make a donation to one of the funds. Give "the gift that keeps giving" any time! Gifts are tax deductible. Get more information at fayettevillefirst.com or in the Welcome Center.

What's Happening @ Fayetteville First UMC

Get specific information on happenings and times at fayettevillefirst.com or 770-461-4313.

Regular Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice: 8 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts: 9 a.m.
Sunday Small Groups: 9:45 a.m.
Worship in Chapel: 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice: 10:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary: 11 a.m.
Kids Wonders of Worship: 11:30 a.m.
AA: 3 p.m.

Regular Monday Schedule

GriefShare: 10 a.m.
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.
AA: 7 p.m.

Regular Tuesday Schedule

Card Ministry: 9:30 a.m.
Seasoned Singers: 1:30 p.m.
Cocaine Anon.: 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

Regular Wednesday Schedule

Table Group: 9:30 a.m.
Move 4 Life: 10:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous: 12 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer: 12:30 p.m.
8th Period Youth: 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper: 5:15 p.m.
Children's Groups: 6 p.m.
Youth Groups: 6 p.m.
Gremlin Growlers Table Group: 6:15 p.m.
Creative Encouragement: 6:15 p.m.*

Music Rehearsals: 7:30 p.m.
AA: 8 p.m.

**meets 1st, 3rd Wednesdays*

Regular Thursday Schedule

Table Group (Men): 10 a.m.
Yoga: 10 a.m.
Yoga: 5:45 p.m.
Narcotics Anon.: 7:30 p.m.

Regular Friday Schedule

Gremlin Growlers Table Group: 10 a.m.
AA: 7 p.m.

Regular Saturday Schedule

Narcotics Anon.: 7 p.m.
AA: 8 p.m.

Committee May Meetings

Trustees, 5/20: 6 p.m.
Finance, 5/21: 6 p.m.
Charge Conference/Council, 5/21: 7 p.m.

Other Meetings

Titus II, 5/7: 12 p.m.
United Methodist Men: 5/7, 6:15 p.m.
Square Foot Ministry, 5/9: 6:30 p.m.
UMW Book Club, 5/9: 1:30 p.m.
UMW Unit Meeting, 5/9, 6:30 p.m.
SAGE, 5/16: 8:30 a.m.

Sign up for UMW Unit Meeting by May 5 at becben03@aol.com.

Church office closed May 27.

SafeHouse Outreach: May 30

Help clients at SafeHouse Outreach as FFUMC prepares and serves a meal on May 30. Contact Randy Riddell, randyhr8@gmail.com, for details on how you can help.

Summer Lunch Starts June 4

We pack lunches each Tuesday: June 4 through July 23. A few drivers are still needed especially sub drivers for one or two days. Sign ups for cookie and chip donations will be circulating in the next couple of weeks. Contact Valerie Mallon for more information at vmallon70@gmail.com or 770-310-7620.

Valerie Mallon with Lynne Wood and Laura Gary at last summer's event.



HONOR THOSE WHO MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Join Bethany Circle in honoring our mothers and those who mother others by supporting missions for Mother's Day. This year's fundraiser will benefit Bloom and Promise Place. Make a donation in honor or in memory of someone and a rose will be ready in the courtyard for your honoree on May 12. Please use the forms and envelopes available in the welcome center, bulletins and church office (checks payable to Bethany Circle). Contributions made by May 6 will be included in the Mother's Day bulletin insert.

MAY WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Let's eat at church on Wednesdays. Sign up each week or get on the permanent reservation list at fayettevillefirst.com. Adults: \$7, Children 10 and under: \$4, Family Max: \$22

May 1: Choices

May 8: Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Fried Okra, Peas

May 15: Grilled Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Fries

Summer options together will be announced soon.

Other options each week:

Chicken Tenders/French Fries or

Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken

Tender Salad



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