



The Weekender

On the Eternal Quest

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Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10

According to vocabulary.com: "A quest is all about seeking something important, and it often involves a journey. You would travel the world in a quest for gold. You would not travel to the front of the lunchroom in a quest for tater tots." I think a quest for tater tots could be up for debate!

As important as gold and tater tots are, there is something that is of even more importance than either one of those. Next week during VBS our kids will be learning what that is.

You see, they are going on a quest for something of eternal importance. They are going on a quest to find the King's armor. Of course, it's not just any king's armor...it is the armor of the King of kings, the Lord of lords!

Each day during VBS our kids will learn the stories of great characters from the bible who will teach them about truth, justice, peace, faith and salvation. They will dig into the Bible stories, make fun crafts and learn songs that will reinforce the message of each day as they focus on what it means to live into being strong in the strength of God's power.

Our hope is that these young knights will accept the challenge to put on the full armor of God and will grow in strength and faith. Please join me in prayer for each of the participants and for each of the adult and youth leaders who will help guide them in their eternal quest.



5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021, 11 a.m.

[Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after](#)

Interrupting Jesus

Mark 5:21-43

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

CURRENT NEWS



Many Mini Missions for Youth

July 12 -16

Registration deadline: [June 25](#)

One mission or educational project each day in the local community

Ready to GO out and serve others? God invites you, yes YOU, to partner with God in God's kingdom work here on earth. Join us in our Many Mini Missions Week this July! You can come all days or as many as you can. We'll have worship together before heading out into the community to serve

and be in relationship with our neighbors. Then, we'll come back to debrief and discuss our experiences together. And who knows, maybe we'll even grab some ice cream one, two, or maybe all days afterwards!! Full details and tentative schedule in registration link. Mission projects will be announced once they're finalized.



VBS begins next week!

June 28—July 2

We have reached capacity for students for VBS. If you would like to be placed on a VBS waiting list, please contact Rev. Carson Thaxton at cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com.

[Volunteer a day or two or all week at VBS: Click here for volunteer registration](#)

Interested in volunteering? We would love for you to support this ministry for children and their families by serving at VBS. There are many ways to volunteer at VBS this year to fit your schedule, physical ability, and area of interest. Above all else, please pray for everyone involved in VBS this year as we learn to put on the armor of God and walk in the way of Jesus.



Last chance for a Tuesday evening Summer Table Group 6 p.m. at Gremlin Growlers

Join the single remaining Summer Table Group gathering at Gremlin Growlers to dig a little deeper in our faith journey and meet new friends. No need to register - just drop on June 29. Contact Rev. Lawrence at alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com with questions.



GriefShare begins in August

[Register or get more information here](#)

If you have lost a loved one you may feel isolated and have many questions about things you have never experienced before. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Our GriefShare group is led by people who have walked their own grief journey and understand the deep pain that accompanies loss. Please know, you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Contact Carol or Bill Webb at carolbass@bellsouth.net with questions. Cost for participant book is \$15.



Join in Summer Lunch Program each Tuesday

Pack lunches each Tuesday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Cookies are needed each week: *Please provide only store-bought, nut-free cookies in boxes or bulk (such as vanilla wafers). The lunch packers will individually package them for you to reduce risk of transferring germs unintentionally.*

To participate, contact this year's coordinator, Virginia Pope, at 678-361-1722.

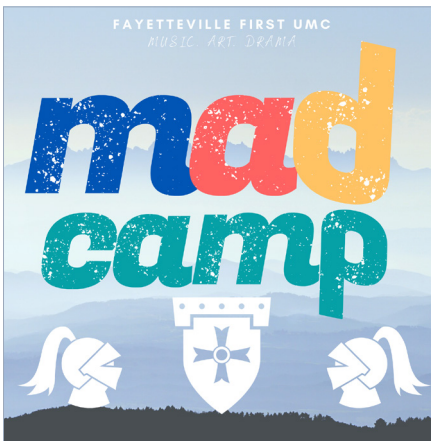
Faye Livingston gets lunches ready for one of the routes headed to spread love and satisfy hungry tummies!



Love in Action

CURRENT NEEDS: Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator

In addition to packing lunches, we appreciate your donations to our Summer Lunch families. If you have an item to donate, just snap a photo of the item and email it to Cindy Hall at harvecin@charter.net or text the photo to 678-656-4117. Appliances, TVs, furniture, bikes, toys, home décor, kitchen items and more have been given in the past. Beds are always needed.



M.A.D. Camp: MADieval Times

Music, Art, and Drama Camp July 12—16

Registration open now. [Click here!](#)

July 12-16 is Music, Art, and Drama Camp! This specialty camp is designed for elementary school kids to learn, experience, and further their artistic skills in the areas of music, art, and drama (acting). This year will feature a medieval theme at camp. Castles, dragons, princesses, knights, minstrels, jokers, and more! With specialized coaches in each area campers will get to experience each one as well as focus in a particular area based on their interest. Cost of this camp is \$100 for the week. (Savings for multiple campers).



Just press, “mash,” or hit *

Did you know we have a new phone system at the church office? You'll get a REAL human, our fabulous Dian Nelson, most often when you call during office hours. AFTER HOURS, press * (the star key) to hear the extension options in numerical order and leave a message with the person needed. Also, “if you know your party's extension, you may press it at any time”!



“I was in prison”

Donation Opportunity: The Jail Ministry of our Church has received a request from Deputy John Govaerts, Chaplain, Fayette County Sheriff’s Office for donations of books to be used in the jail.

The books must be paperback/soft covers with no metal or staples in the binding. Subject matter can be varied. Religious and inspirational as well as all types of subject matter; novels, mysteries, biographies, history, fiction and nonfiction, sci-fi, series, how to guides, self-help, etc. The Chaplain will be sure they are appropriate before they are loaned out on the library carts.

You can drop the books off at the Fayette County Jail at the front desk, or contact either Jo Springer, 770 461-3043, garedleg72@earthlink.net or Danny Beck 770 461-4665, danmci43@gmail.com.

The Jail Ministry has not been able to meet for over a year due to Covid restrictions, however, we are planning for it to reconvene soon. Here’s how you can be prepared to serve:

The Jail Ministry can always use volunteers, men and women. The application process is easy and there is a training meeting to attend. The next training class will be held on July 8 at our church. Your application must be submitted before attending the class. (Contact Jo or Danny about applying.)

As a volunteer you might give an hour once a week to visit and minister to the inmates. You do not need to be a Bible scholar or clergy to make a difference in the life of someone. Sometimes they need someone to listen and encourage them and to show that someone cares and will be praying for them.

You may be thinking, “Maybe God can use me despite the fact that I am ill suited for the work.” Sometimes the fact that there is nothing about you that makes you the right person to do something is exactly what God is looking for.

Matthew 25: 36 “...I was in prison and you came to visit me.”



Summer clothes and tee shirts for Fayette Samaritans

Our local community food bank appreciates ALL your donations. [Click here for a list of most needed items for June.](#) Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

Most Needed: Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Canned Tuna, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent

Normal operations for Fayette Samaritans will resume July 6. The Clothes Closet will reopen in July. Bed linens will no longer be accepted; however, summer clothes and tee shirts of all sizes for men, women and children are needed.

IN BRIEF



Next FFUMC Blood Drive — July 18, 2021

A severe blood shortage (likely to continue all summer) has prompted the American Red Cross to offer a giving incentive. For all drives running July 7-31 donors will get a \$10 Amazon gift card by email a few weeks after the drive! You give ... they give ... We all win!



Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event — August 22: 1 - 3 p.m.

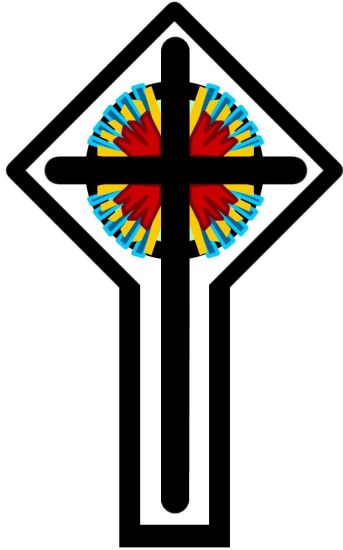
Save the date! Details coming soon.

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Beach, faith, friends ... what a combo!

Earlier this summer, a group of our high school students headed to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat at Panama City Beach. Devotionals on God being “over the ocean” were led by Hannah Vickery, Jordan Hart, Ellie Kalafut, and Madison Hasty. Snorkeling, putt putt, watermelon football in the pool and night-time crab hunting kept the youth and adult leaders “on their toes.” What a beautiful setting to learn more about our magnificent God and get to know our wonderful friends even better.





June 22, 2021 Financials

Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$ 593,554.78
Year to Date expenses	\$ 532,413.41
Difference	\$ 61,141.37

Benevolence

Received this week \$1,092.00

47 families assisted in 2021 for a total of \$17,479.28.

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.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m. lunch)

Closed Fridays

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