



August 27, 2021

## The Weekender

### Righteous Anger

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

***"Your anger does not produce God's righteousness." — James 1:20***

Anger seems to be a thing that is ruling our day. There is outrage everywhere about things locally, nationally, globally. A lot of this anger is justified. The Bible does not say we will never be angry. Rather, here in the book of James we are getting instructions on how to deal with anger.

If I went through the list of things we are supposed to be angry about, I'm sure someone would be angry that I left something off of the list. Take a moment to think how you deal with anger?

Some practical tips for dealing with anger are taking deep breaths, stepping away from the situation, counting to ten, and praying. Those are some healthy things that we can do. While everyone deals with anger in their own way, there are unhealthy habits. Those could include jumping to conclusions that serve our purpose, talking about the situation to other people (which is gossip), deciding to dismiss a person entirely, or thinking that our anger will produce God's righteousness.

Nowhere does scripture say that if you get angry enough, so will God. Nowhere does scripture say that God only intervenes when we prove how angry we are.

What we are encouraged to do is be ***"quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger"*** (James 1:19). In our world full of rancor and anger, are you listening to the voices that are filled with rage or are you quick to listen to God's voice of peace and justice and righteousness? It's okay to be angry. It is not okay to think that your anger can produce God's righteousness. Let us then be doers of the word, and not only hearers.



**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 29, 2021, 11 a.m.**

**Online link will be active at 11 a.m. and after**

***James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8***

***Life Lessons: Look in the Mirror***

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin**

# CURRENT NEWS

**NEW**  
BEGINNINGS  
September 12

## September 12: new beginnings

We continue to grow into new opportunities in 2021. Check out the new Sunday morning worship schedule and discipleship opportunities beginning Sunday, September 12.

### Sunday Mornings:

**Worship in Chapel** — 8:45 a.m.

Coffee & Conversation — 9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.

Youth Breakfast at The Foundry — 9:45 a.m.

Adult Small Groups/Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.

**Worship in Sanctuary** — 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday Afternoons:

Children's LIFE with God — 4 - 6 p.m.

Youth Encounter — 4 - 6 p.m.

Disciple I Bible Study — 4 - 6 p.m.



## Children's Ministries Host "Meet The Shepherd Night" August 29 at 4 p.m.

Parents and children, ages 4 through 5th grade, come and see what's happening in Children's Ministries at our Meet the Shepherd Night on August 29 at 4 p.m. This is a great chance for your child to get to know leaders, see our new rotation of activities and get oriented to the wonderful things we have in store as we continue to grow together. Our in-person ministry nights, called Life With God, begin Sunday, September 12. Be sure to join us on Sunday, August 29 to find out more!



## Need a nametag? Order by September 1

An extremely helpful thing we can do as we begin our new fall season together is to wear our name tags. [If you have misplaced yours or don't yet have one, click here](#) to order it. The deadline for ordering name tags is September 1 and they should be available by September 12. [Email Rev. Allyson Lawrence at \[alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com\]\(mailto:alawrence@fayettevillefirst.com\)](#) with any questions. Cost is \$7.



## Titus II Returns on September 14, Noon, Family Life Center

It's time for Titus II again. Come enjoy fried chicken (\$8.00) and a musical program by Danny Beck, Bill Webb, and friends. Also meet Rev. Joe Watson, Minister of Nurture, at his first Titus II event. Reservations should be made by calling Martha Turner (770-461-2802) by noon on Thursday, September 9. We look forward to gathering together again.



## Door codes get fall cleaning

Our access door codes are being “cleaned up” as we prepare for all the new fall activities. If you discover a door code that no longer works, please contact the church office. The general door code will change beginning September 1. We will have a new door code each month.

If you need the code for the month, please contact Dian Nelson, 770-461-4313, [admin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com).



## Here's the plan at September 8th Kickoff

Are you ready to gather again on a Wednesday in a relaxed setting? Join our church family for a night of food, fellowship, and celebration!

**Who?** Everybody!

**Where?** Parking Lot C (the back lot near The Field)

**What to bring?** The Georgia Taco Truck will have food available for purchase (prices \$3 and up). The church will provide chips, dessert, and drinks (soda and water).

This is a great time for fellowship, to invite a friend or a neighbor, and visit with each other as the body of Christ. Melissa Seagars Way will be closed to traffic at 5:30 p.m. to provide safety in crossing the street. **Those who desire to park very close are invited to arrive before 5:30 p.m. and park in Parking Lot C.** Tables and chairs will be set up in the parking lot as well as chances for families to picnic and play on the field. Stop by anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and community with our church family.



## September 13: Deadline for college addresses

UMW's Bethany Circle is sending Back to School care packages to the college students of our church. To ensure your student receives a package, please share your student's mailing address and cell number (if you would like your student to receive a text that a package has been sent) by Monday, September 13. The FFUMC church family is invited to participate in this project! Anyone wishing to take part in or support this effort, please contact Karen Neuner.

Contact details: Karen Neuner, [neunernotes@gmail.com](mailto:neunernotes@gmail.com), 404-538-4528



## UMW Meets September 14

September 14, 2021, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

All are invited to the next United Methodist Women Unit Meeting at 11 a.m. on September 14. The presentation is on “Mothers of the Church” and the mission project is collecting food items for Fayette Samaritans ([see needs list here](#)). Questions? Contact Connie Hyder at 770-310-6115.





## Adult discipleship opportunities begin soon

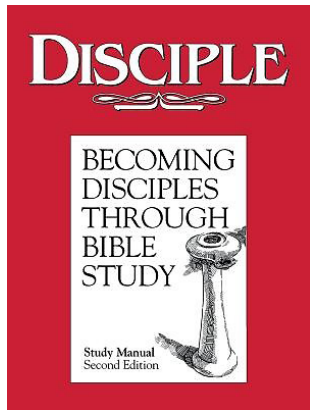
Ready to dig deeper with scripture and fellowship with others who want to do the same? Sign up now or contact the office for more information.

Disciple I - Sundays, 4 - 6 p.m., September 12 - May 2022

The Wesley Challenge - Saturdays, 10 - 11 a.m., September 11 - October 23

Bad Girls of The Bible - Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., September 8 - November 10

New Table Groups - Days and times vary. Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence.



## Disciple Bible Study: Sundays, 4 to 6 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study is a 34-week study in which participants read almost 90% of the Bible. It is focused on small group and individual study, personal discipline, and fellowship. Participants are encouraged to miss no more than two sessions. This study, led by Thomas Martin, begins Sunday, September 12, from 4-6 p.m. Children's Ministries offers programming for children 4 and up and childcare is available by request. [The materials needed are a Bible and a study manual available for \\$40 through the church office or registration here.](#) If you would like to know more about Disciple Bible study or have questions, please reach out to Thomas at [tmartin@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:tmartin@fayettevillefirst.com).

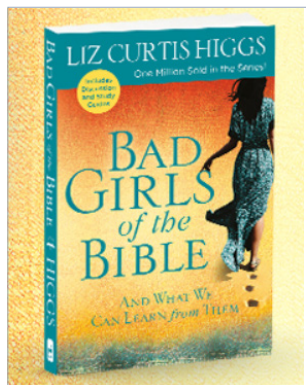


## Going beyond the ordinary: The Wesley Challenge Saturdays: September 11 - October 23 10-11 a.m. C-270

*Do you want to open your mind, your heart and your hands to develop a lifestyle of practicing the disciplines of our Christian faith?*

Join Len Blalock as she leads a fall study, The Wesley Challenge, by Chris Folmsbee, for those who seek to go beyond words in developing spiritual habits, practices and actions that can lead toward a thriving Christian life. As part of the study, the group will decide on a local service project where they can share the love of Jesus with others. Get your book from Cokesbury or your favorite bookseller.

[Register by September 1 online.](#) Contact the church office, 770-461-4313, or Len Blalock, [lenblalock@bellsouth.net](mailto:lenblalock@bellsouth.net), for more information.



## Bad Girls of the Bible Wednesdays: September 8 - November 10 12:10 - 12:50 p.m.

Grab a lunch and join Rev. Allyson Lawrence and others on your lunch hour from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. each Wednesday as we study ten unforgettable women of the Bible and what they can teach us today.

You can order your own book by Bible study teacher and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs from Cokesbury or your favorite book seller. [Let us know you are coming by registering here.](#) Read Chapter One: All About Eve for the first meeting on September 8 in room A-40.



## Table Groups: Be real, stay honest, go deep

Connect with others in small groups and grow deeper in faith through Table Groups at FFUMC. [Contact Rev. Allyson Lawrence](#) to find out more and get connected to a group just right for you.



## Coffee and Conversation Beginning September 12

Discipleship and fellowship are essential to growth as a Christian. Several groups meet on Sunday mornings between 9:45-10:45 a.m., and we encourage you to join one of them. However, if you are not in a small group on Sunday morning, you are invited to coffee and conversation with Rev. Thomas Martin. There is no formal curriculum. Maybe you are new to the church and have questions about Methodism. Maybe you are new to the area and have questions about Fayetteville First. Maybe you want to stump the pastor (it's really not that hard to do). Whatever the case may be, you're invited to meet in the Family Life Center Gym for an informal time of gathering together beginning September 12. Coffee will be provided.

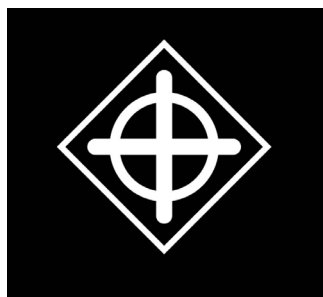


## FFUMC Youth are in action

In just a few days, FFUMC Youth will be starting back for the school year. We're very excited for this upcoming year and are extremely grateful for your continued support and prayers for our youth.

### Wednesday dinners: Can you help the youth group out?

Every Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m., FFUMC Youth will gather for our Youth Worship night. Could you help? Sign up by yourself or with a group of people to provide dinner for Youth Worship one Wednesday. The Youth Director will then contact you with details the week before your sign up date. Examples of food include homemade or restaurant spaghetti, salad, tacos, lasagna, pizza, subs, etc.



### Youth Kick Off, September 1, 6-8 pm in Parking Lot C

Let's kick off a new year of FFUMC Youth with games, prizes, food, and worship! Youth who bring a new friend will be entered to win a \$25 Visa giftcard for both themselves and their friend.

[Contact Youth Director Hannah Vickery, hvickery@fayettevillefirst.com.](mailto:hvickery@fayettevillefirst.com)



**LOVE IN  
ACTION**



## Love in Action

**THANK YOU!** We have received all the items currently requested including a lawn mower and chest of drawers. Thank you!

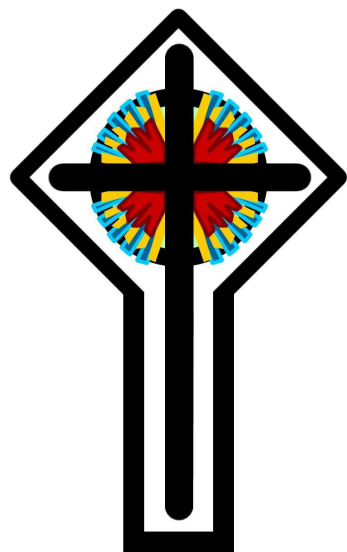
If you have an item to donate, just snap a photo of the item and email it to Cindy Hall at [harvecin@charter.net](mailto:harvecin@charter.net) or text the photo to 678-656-4117. Appliances, TVs, furniture, bikes, toys, home décor, kitchen items and more have been given in the past. Beds are always needed.



## Thank you, Church Family

Thank you to my church family for your prayers and support for my family during my granddaughter's passing. Your cards and words of encouragement were very uplifting at this time. I am so thankful for my caring church family.  
— Carole Hyder and Hyder family

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers for my recent knee surgery. What a blessing it is to have the support of this church family when you have a need. — Judy Reynolds



## August 25, 2021 Financials

### Operating Budget

Year to Date receipts	\$ 794,485.38
Year to Date expenses	\$ 721,687.73
Difference	\$ 72,797.65

### Benevolence

Received this week \$468.45

56 families assisted in 2021 for a total of \$ 22,298.86

### 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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## Rise Against Hunger meals headed to Haiti

The Rise Against Hunger meals are on their way — straight to Haiti. You collected money and gave during our Lenten offering. You supported the mission budget of the church. You dug deep and you showed up to pack last week. See the note below from Rise Against Hunger to know the impact of hands working together with hearts of love. Thank you.



### Note from Rise Against Hunger to our event coordinator, Randy Riddell:

*You guys we were so amazing to work with on Sunday! Everyone was so very committed to reaching your goal of 30,000! All the meals that were packaged by your church will be going to Haiti.*

*71 volunteers participated*

*141 Boxes packed*

*30,456 Meals*

*Thank you so much!*

K. Alexis Higginbotham, Rise Against Hunger Event Support Specialist



