



November 7, 2025

## The Weekender



Hospitality Practiced Here  
Charles Robinson

“You’re all invited back next week to this locality, to have a heapin’ helpin’ of their hospitality...” The Beverly Hillbillies was one of my favorite TV shows when I was about the age of our 2 youngest grandchildren, 8 and 11. Hospitality is on my mind this week. Hospitality is not, as a scoundrel once said, “A fatality in the hospital!” Hospitality...It has everything to do with a gracious and cordial reception of a guest. I suspect that we all have some hospitality tales to tell, some from the givers point of view and others from the receivers perspective.

When I was a student pastor in Waco, Georgia (1976-78) I remember knocking on Mrs. B’s front door. She was a shut-in who was known for her gracious spirit and deep spirituality. She spent hours walking around her dining room table, leaning on it for support, reciting passages of scripture, and singing Amazing Grace. The day I stopped by her 50-something year old daughter was there. Daughter answered the door, I introduced myself, and with some reluctance she invited me into the small house.

We talked for a while and they offered me a cup of instant coffee and a cinnamon roll. I said that would be nice. (I do have a sweet tooth, and if I ever turn down a cup of coffee someone needs to check and see if I have a pulse.) Later, I thanked these 2 women for their hospitality, prayed with them, and left. My car, a 1973 green Gremlin, would not start. The battery had given up the ghost. Back in that day cell phones were not a thing in Waco, so I walked back to the house to borrow the phone. Standing on the stoop, I was reaching up to knock on the door when I heard Mrs. B say to her daughter, “I hope he enjoyed the coffee and the sweet roll.” And the daughter said, “I don’t care if he liked it or not. It’s all we had.”

The Bible is big on this whole notion of hospitality. It was woven into the fabric of mid-eastern culture, and it had much to do with the nature of God. Genesis 18:1-15 tells the story of the 3 guests who appear at the tent of Abraham. Read the story when you get a moment and pay special attention to the hospitality that Abraham and Sarah extended to those strangers. Feet were washed, food and drink were prepared and served. In commenting on this episode, the writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews said: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” I am so grateful for the hospitality that has been extended to me by welcoming me into the Family of Faith that is the Fayetteville First UMC. And I so appreciate the way you have welcomed Mickey back into the Church that was her home for so many years. This is truly a Church where EVERYONE is offered a “heapin’ helpin’ of HOSPITALITY!

Amen!



**22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

**8:45 AM 11:00 AM (Sanctuary & Online)**

Online link active at 11 AM and after

Luke 19:1 - 10

"Let's See"

The Rev. Kaylen Short

## CURRENT NEWS

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The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day as we pause to honor and thank all who have served our country.

### Repairs in Building A the Week of November 10

Please note that repairs will be taking place in Building A the week of November 10, including the Fellowship Hall, the hallway outside the bathrooms, and the Brides Room. Areas may be temporarily closed or have limited access during this time. Thank you for your patience as we work to maintain our facilities!



### Messy Church Goes Vintage at Azalea Estates! – November 15

Messy Church is hitting the road for a Vintage Messy Church experience at Azalea Estates on Saturday, November 15, from 3 to 5 pm. We'll bring all the joy of Messy Church to our friends there as we craft together, sing, and celebrate the importance of giving thanks in this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love across generations in a meaningful and joy-filled way.

Want to join the fun? Email [Rev. Drew West](#) if you'd like to attend!



Fayetteville, GA



## Organ Dedication – Sunday, November 16

Join us Sunday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Organ Dedication Service! Enjoy an inspiring evening of music featuring Nicholas Bowden and Charlie Higgs on organ, with Daniel Solberg on piano. Free admission – all are welcome!



## FFUMC Preschool Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser!

Get ready for the holidays and support our preschool! From November 1–30, 2025, you can help us reach our fundraising goal by purchasing a delicious Honey Baked Ham—or any of their other tasty goodies—through our special link below.

Whether you're planning a family feast or looking for the perfect gift, every order helps our preschool thrive!

□ Order here: [https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/FFUMC\\_Preschool\\_Thanksgiving](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/FFUMC_Preschool_Thanksgiving)

Thank you for supporting FFUMC Preschool and making this holiday season extra sweet!"

## Angel Tree – Share the Joy of Christmas!

Our annual Angel Tree will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, **November 9** and **November 16**. This mission provides an opportunity to share Christmas gifts with Bloom foster children, with gifts distributed at the Bloom Christmas Party.

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 23.

Gifts may be returned to the Church Office or the Welcome Center. Someone will be available in the Welcome Center on Sundays to assist you.

For questions, please contact Charlotte McAdams at 404-862-9791 or [charlotte.mc2344@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.mc2344@gmail.com)





## **Intergenerational Sunday School – 5th Sundays in the Gym!**

Starting November 30, join our Children's, Youth, and Sunshine Ministries in the Family Life Center Gym for a fun, faith-filled morning for all ages! Enjoy games, music, crafts, a short devotional, and a breakfast potluck (bring something to share). It's a great way to learn, play, and grow together in God's love. Contact Rev. Drew West at [dwest@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:dwest@fayettevillefirst.com) with any questions!

Thank you all so much for your generous candy donations and for the many hands that came together to help with Fall Fun Day and Storybook Lane, both wonderful outreaches of our Sunshine Ministry. These events were overflowing with sweetness—both in candy and in joy!

With gratitude,

Jami Maguire



### **Youth Volunteers Needed!**

We're looking for a few helping hands to support our Wednesday youth program:

8th-Period Vehicle Drivers (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed to help pick up students from various schools across Fayette County.

8th-Period Room Monitors (4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed to spend time with our youth in The Foundry during their homework hour.

If you're interested in serving or would like more information, please contact [youth@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:youth@fayettevillefirst.com)

**LOVE IN  
ACTION**



### **Love In Action – Furniture Needed**

One of our Summer Lunch friends is moving into a new apartment and needs some basic furniture—especially a sofa. If you have gently used items to donate or can help in another way,

please contact Cindy Hall [harvecin@charter.net](mailto:harvecin@charter.net)

## Advent Bible Study



Join us for our Advent Bible study using *The Angels of Christmas* by Susan Robb, a recently retired United Methodist pastor and gifted Bible teacher. Together we'll explore the angelic messages of Advent and how God speaks hope today.

Wednesdays, 3:45 to 5:00 PM in Room C240

Nov. 19; Dec. 3, 10, 17

Sundays, Family Sunday School Class

**SAGE**  
SENIOR ADULTS  
GOING EVERYWHERE



Our next SAGE (Senior Adults Going Everywhere) is scheduled for Thursday November 20th. We are going to Trilith Studios here in Fayetteville. The maximum number of folks that we can accommodate is 36. Presently we are over that number and have started a waiting list (in case anyone has to cancel). Also, we will plan another trip in the Spring for those who couldn't make it in November. Those who are signed up need to go ahead and pay their \$33.00 by Monday November 17th. Make checks payable to the Church and mark for SAGE Trip. Also, you will need to sign a waiver to attend. The Church Office can assist you with this.

Titus II – December 2

Begin December with music and joy! The Inman Elementary Chorus will present Christmas music at the Titus II Lunch & Learn program for our seniors.

When: Tuesday, December 2 at Noon

Where: Fellowship Hall

Lunch: \$8 per person (meal from a local restaurant)

Call Martha Turner or the church office to make your reservation by

Wednesday, November 26.





### Wednesday Night Supper 5 pm in the Gym

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](mailto:admin@fayettevillefirst.com).

#### November 12 - Piccadilly- Gym

Chuckwagon Stew, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert.



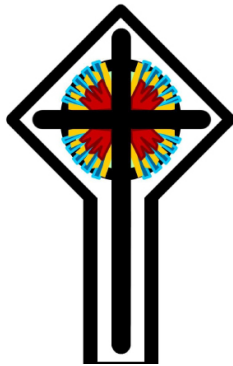
### November is our month! Pantry needs at Fayette Samaritans

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 Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix Cornbread, Coffee

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



### November 3, 2025 Financials

#### Operating Budget 2025

Year-to-Date Receipts	\$960,020.45
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$991,475.21
Difference	-\$31,545.76

#### Benevolence

Benevolence funds received this week: \$1,238.90

152 Families Assisted Year-To-Date: Total distributed \$37,541.77

#### 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

# inspired ...

Several weeks ago, the North Georgia Conference hosted its fall Rooted retreat for middle and high school students in Dahlonega at Camp Glisson. This retreat focuses on group formation, community involvement, and outreach, encouraging youth to live out their faith in the world. Our key takeaways from the weekend:



## Clarity:

Seeing yourself and others the way God sees you.

## Compassion:

Understanding through shared experiences.

## Connection:

Conversations with God and each other.

## Commemoration:

Mark the moments that matter.



We had a lot of fun and grew together as a group.

We appreciate your support!

We can't wait to go back!

