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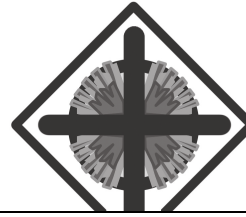
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Summer Time

Mark Westmoreland

Beginning somewhere around Memorial Day weekend, the cosmos experiences a slight hiccup in time (Can you tell I was a fan of Lost?). Seconds click by at a slightly different pace, though that difference is perceptible only to the human heart. And with that time shift everything changes, from our children's play schedules to our adult expectations and desires as our extended seconds become days.

I am not a great fan of summer weather (one word: pale), but summer time I appreciate. My own expectations of summer are a mix of definite plans and vague hopes, but in general I see the next two months or so as an opportunity to reflect, refuel, rethink and even relax. More specifically, as the clock ticks down to Memorial Day and the resetting of the seconds, I have come up with a few Summer Resolutions:

- Take a week of study time, sermon planning and general thinking time;
- Attend Annual Conference (OK, that one's a required resolution);
- Figure out what to eat on Wednesday nights;
- Make some much-needed visits and calls;
- Vacation;
- Consider where I am heading as a minister and human being and ponder the future of our work together as we begin our sixth year;
- Go on some dates with my wife;
- Preach some sermons worth coming to church for;
- Start working out (inside) and lose 20 pounds;
- Do some really creative landscaping work (early in the morning or at dusk);
- Read Moby Dick;
- Outline, and write the first chapter of, the work that will lead to the next Great Awakening.

OK, somewhere in there (around the 20-pound mark) I got a little carried away, but you get the point. Summer time is different and holds its own unique possibilities. What will you do with your extra nanoseconds? What resolutions have you made? May I make some suggestions?

Spend some time with people you care about. Spend some time alone with God. Spend some time for others (two quick suggestions: VBS and the Summer Lunch Program). Spend some time considering the wind and flowers, the elongated arc of the sun, the sound of children, the songs of birds and frogs and insects, the gifts of conversation and laughter. Spend some time considering the wonder of time. Then, come to church (you knew

I had to say that) and we'll spend some time together thanking God.

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About Our Church Family

In Sympathy:

- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Faulkner upon the death of their son, Andrew Barrett Wilson, on April 29
- Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Milner and family upon the death of Shawn's mother, Louise Milner, on May 3.
- Mr. & Mrs. Craig Sagon and family upon the death of Craig's mother, Betty Gail Sagon, on May 4.
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Clark upon the death of Thomas' brother, J. R. Clark, on May 10

Keep Them In Your Prayers:

Emma Anderson	Ambrose Burch	Dave Pettis	Agnes Newby
Nell Babb	Annelle Burch	Carolyn Croft	Louise Pearce
Ed Bishop	Sally Dunham	Annis Harrell	Dot Smith
Charles Berrong	Elizabeth Dunn	O.C. Hendrix	John Woodham

Attendance:

May 2

Worship:
563

Sunday School:
289

May 9

Worship:
686

Sunday School:
240

May 16

Worship:
605

Sunday School:
160

May 23

Worship:
665

Sunday School:
283

Church Membership: 2032

Our Giving, thru May 23:

Budget: \$ 101,337.52
Building Fund: \$ 2,533.50

2009 Budget: \$ 1,423,874.00

Shortfall: \$ 32,505.71

What's for Supper?

Wednesday Night Supper is on hiatus until the fall. Have a great summer everyone! See you in August.

Titus II

Hot Crunchy Chicken Salad
Deviled Eggs
Fruit Salad
Rolls
Dessert

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

John & Jennifer Price

180 Ridgecrest Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30215

We welcome John & Jennifer from Hopewell UMC in Chesterfield, VA.

Sadie McCarthy

240 Ponderosa Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Sign up sheets have been mailed to those who volunteered last year; so please fill one out and return it to Kristin Heiden. If you did not receive one in the mail, forms are available at the Welcome Center, kiosks, and the church office. You can also email the information to Kristin (kheiden@fayettevillefirst.com). Volunteers are needed as class leaders, rotation leaders, snack helpers, and more!

Summer Fun Days

Register today for Summer Fun Days. Children ages 2, 3, and 4 are invited to join us for a time of arts, games, activities, and more on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June and July from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (except during VBS). Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Center and the kiosks. Contact Drew Greenberg at dgreenberg@fayettevillefirst.com or 770-719-9421 ext. 101 for more information.

Summer Music Camp

Join us for this week-long camp on July 12-16 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon as we help students explore their musical talents. Open to students who recently completed grades 1 - 5, the cost of the camp is \$50 per student. Registration forms, found at the Welcome Center, can be returned to Patti Davis or the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Summer Calendars

Summer calendars for youth and children's activities are available now. If you haven't received one from your child, you can pick up one in the Welcome Center of the church. It's on one page so you can put it on your refrigerator for the summer and keep up with what's happening!

"WE" is our final teaching series for the school year in 1999. The series is all about community. Community begins with our recognition that we need others in our lives. We need more than just to be around people; we need people that can be there for us for all of the highs and lows in our lives. God created us for these kinds of relationships. When we see the need for real relationships in our lives, it can get a little messy. Relationships are hard. Sometimes we think we are better off on our own. When we look at the early church and what that community demonstrated, we see that the journey is worth it together. We are better together. We also learn about God in community. I have learned so much in my personal experience about God through others in my life. Who are you in community with that you can really learn about God? Who are the people in your life that you can count on? More importantly, what can people count on you for?

Kristin's Kids Korner

As we begin to prepare for another Vacation Bible School, I want to let you know about our mission focus this year. In the past, we have partnered with June Hanks, sister of Joan Aycock, to work with the Advantage program in Haiti. Before the recent earthquake, we began to explore that partnership again for this summer. After the earthquake, it became clear that we would strengthen this partnership. So, this year, we will be looking at a variety of ways we can help the people of Haiti through the Advantage Haiti program.

During the week of VBS, we will be collecting a number of items to be sent to Haiti - twin or full fitted/flat sheet sets, towels (large hand towels or full size), and athletic-type socks in all sizes. Also, June recently commented how much the women enjoy new and fun hair accessories, so we will be collecting those items as well. We will also ask for monetary donations with the hopes of purchasing prostheses. The cost for these items ranges from \$50 for orthosis (brace) to \$150 for below knee prosthesis to \$225 for above knee prosthesis. As I'm sure you have heard and seen in the news, there are many amputees in need of these valuable tools.

Please begin to think and pray with your families and children on how you can best contribute to this effort. You may visit <http://www.advantagehaiti.com/> for more information about the program and to read updates from June Hanks while she is serving in Haiti. A detailed list of items will also be distributed during Vacation Bible School.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School for children continues through August 8. Children in 1st thru 5th grades will meet in room C-280 (Handprint room) for a special series, J.W. and Company. Children will learn about John Wesley and the beginnings of the United Methodist Church. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten will continue with their regular schedules and Rock Solid curriculum while combining classes and meeting in room C-120.

Wonders of Worship

There will be no Wonders of Worship during the months of June and July. Special activity bags will be available for children to use during the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.

Vacation Bible School

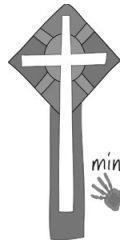
This year, our annual VBS will be held the week of June 28 – July 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Registration forms are available now at the kiosks, the Welcome Center, and the church website, www.fayettevillefirst.com. Children ages 3 (as of 1/1/2010) through 5th grade (just completed) are invited to join us for Baobab Blast. Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community. Cost is \$5 if you register before June 1 and \$10 after June 1. The cost includes a CD and t-shirt.

Summer Dance Group

Love to move and groove to the music? Join Pastor Kristin every Monday in June and July (except during VBS) from 2 – 3 p.m. to discover how we can worship and praise God not just with our voices but with our dancing as well. There is no cost, but registration is required. Forms can be found on the kiosks, at the Welcome Center, and online.

Marching with Moses Day Camp

Join us each Thursday in July (except during VBS) from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for Marching with Moses! Children ages 5—9 will explore the stories of this great Old Testament figure, marching with him away from Egypt, through the Red Sea, and to the top of Mount Sinai. Cost is \$5 per day. Registration forms, found on the kiosks, at the Welcome Center, and online, can be returned to Kristin Heiden, the church office, or the marked basket at the Welcome Center (located behind Sanctuary).



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A new Partnership with Fayette Senior Center

We are excited to announce that our church will be partnering with Fayette Senior Center to take some day trips. Hopefully this will encourage more involvement and allow us to take a full bus. You must pay to be registered, so we will no longer take reservations over the phone. Please stop by the office to sign up for our upcoming trips.

June 16: A Show and Lunch; Cost: \$40; DEADLINE to Register is June 11

We will be traveling to the Art Station in Stone Mountain to see "Judgment," adapted from the short story by Ferrol Sams. The show is at 10:30 and we will stop for lunch at Petite Auberge Restaurant on N. Druid Hills. For lunch, you can have a salad, coffee and tea, and your choice of entrée and dessert. Entrée: 1 Chicken "Cordon Blue" or 2 Grilled Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce or 3 Beef Burgundy Roast braised in a red wine mushroom sauce. Dessert: 1 Strawberries a la Romanoff or 2 Chocolate Mousse. The cost includes your ticket to the show, lunch, gratuity and transportation. We must have 15 registered by June 11 to make the trip. (Note: There is a strong possibility we will be taking vans and not the bus.)

Judgment: From one of the south's best loved authors comes a hilarious tale that illuminates the human mind and spirit. Ruthie Lee truly believes in the Lord and the Methodist Church and does not take much of anything – including herself too seriously. When she finds herself alone in church after services, she shares stories of her community, pastors – past and present and herself. Ferrol Sams probes deeply into the iron, humor and fickleness of humankind and comes up with precious nuggets of universal truth. The play features Jill Jane Clements as Ruthie Lee.

Depart: 9:00 a.m.

Show: Judgment

Lunch: Petite Auberge Restaurant

Return: 3 p.m.

July 7: Phantom of the Opera; Cost: \$60; DEADLINE to Register is June 11

The world's most haunting love story is touring at the Fox Theater in Atlanta. If you have not seen it, the Fox is a great place to experience this wonderful play. Every effort will be made to get the best tickets available. The cost will not be more than \$60, but it could be less depending on when we order our tickets and what is available. Should there be a difference in what you pay, you will get that difference back. The cost includes your ticket to the show and transportation. We must have 15 registered by June 11 to make the trip. We will be taking the bus.

Depart: 11:30 a.m.

Show: Phantom

Lunch: Eat before you come.

Return: 4 p.m.

Women's Summer Study

Women of all ages are invited to come together on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m. in room C-260 as we study Joanna Weaver's *Having a Mary Heart* in a *Martha World*. We will read and learn together as we seek to draw closer to the Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. Cost of the book is \$15. The class will run 10 weeks, June 2 - August 4. The class will be informal, so there is no need to worry if you have to miss some of the sessions. It is summer after all!

To register, please contact Kristin Heiden (kheiden@fayettevillefirst.com). If you need childcare, please indicate the ages of your child(ren).

Bring Financial Peace to Your Life in 2010

Beginning this fall, our church will offer multiple courses in Financial Peace University (13 week course). The course benefits couples/individuals of all ages -- those with or without debt!

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever!

The first course will commence on Sunday, August 15 – November 14 (will not meet September 5 – Labor Day Weekend) from 4:00-6:00 pm at FFUMC. Facilitator: Karin Shah

The second course will begin Thursday, August 19 – November 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm at FFUMC. Facilitator: Jack Wheeler

The third course will commence on Wednesday evenings, August 25 – November 17 from 6:15-8:15 pm at FFUMC. Facilitator: Mickey Seigle

The fourth course will commence on Thursday mornings, August 26 – November 18 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at FFUMC. Facilitators: Pete & Charcie Neal

To sign up for either of these courses, contact Rev Kristin Heiden at 770-461-4313. The cost for the course, including all materials, is \$100 (a discounted rate). Once signed up, couples/individuals can retake the course without additional costs.

Sign up now and bring financial peace to yourself and your family.

For more information regarding the course, visit <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/>

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation. Lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it. If you are interested in finding out more on how to become a Stephen Minister, please contact Laura Cox, Mickey Seigle or Tammy Cook. We would love to talk to you about this ministry. If you are interested in requesting a Stephen Minister, call one of us or leave a message on our request line, 770-719-9421 x102.



Summer Sack Lunch Program

WOW! So far we have 220 children and youth signed up to receive lunches during the summer. We are working with PTC Presbyterian, PTC First Baptist, Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran, and the Islamic Speakers Bureau to provide lunches. We are still looking for individuals to deliver lunches and bake homemade cookies for the children and youth receiving lunches on Tuesdays. We need 37 dozen cookies, brownies or rice crispy treats a week for 9 weeks. That is 330 dozen! We need your help! All we ask is that you not use peanut butter or nuts and bag them two to a bag. You can drop them off at the church office or in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The freezer is well marked. If you can serve as a driver, invite a friend to join you and take a route for a week or two. Call Linda Ladd if you can drive (770-460-7142).

June @ Fayetteville First UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Normal Sunday Schedule

- Choir Practice: 7:50
- Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30
- Sunday School: 9:40
- Worship in Chapel: 9:45
- Orchestra Practice: 10
- Choir Practice: 10:15
- Worship in Sanctuary: 11
- Open Court Basketball: 2