



Friday, June 16

## The Weekender

### Thank you, all

As I write this, it is Monday evening. I am sitting in the Holiday Inn in Athens, which is home to Annual Conference. As I sit here, my mind drifts to yesterday, which is a day I will remember for a long time. Our family was overwhelmed by your love, support and encouragement during worship. And then the reception in the afternoon was equally touching. For all of you who came, stood in line, hugged our necks, gave us cards, signed the book, served food, set up, cleaned up and everything in between, we are grateful. God has used you all to bless us in powerful ways. I thank God for you daily. And I wish I could adequately express our thanks to you.

In the struggle, I am reminded of the final scene in the movie, "Dead Poets Society." It was one of the first dramatic roles in the career of Robin Williams. He played an English teacher with very unorthodox methods. His students at first thought he was strange, but he ultimately instilled in them a love not only for poetry, but for life. One of the central poems in the film is Walt Whitman's "O Captain! My Captain." Written shortly after Abraham Lincoln's assassination, it says,

O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done;  
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won;  
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,  
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring:  
    But O heart! heart! heart!  
    O the bleeding drops of red,  
    Where on the deck my Captain lies,  
    Fallen cold and dead.  
O Captain! My Captain! rise up and hear the bells....

At the end of the movie, Williams loses his job. The students know they can do nothing to change this, but to show their support, one at a time they stand on their desks and say, "O Captain! My Captain!" Williams' character is overcome with gratitude. There is so much he wants to say, but all he can manage is, "Thank you, boys." Please know that the Campbell family is overcome with gratitude. There are not words for what we want to say. All we can manage is, "Thank you, all!"

It remains true...

If it's Sunday, you want to be at FFUMC,  
David

**This Sunday in Worship**  
**June 18**  
**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**Anthems:**

*Brethren, We Have Met To Worship (8:30 a.m.)*

*Children Bound for Heaven (11 a.m.)*

**Sermon:**

*Adventures of faith (Acts 11:19-30)*

Rev. Allyson Lawrence preaching (8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.)



**Let the Heroes Come! VBS runs June 19-23**

Even if you can only help for a few hours, we will put your hands to good work! Let's share love with the community. Greeters needed for Day 1! Registration help appreciated especially Monday and Tuesday. Volunteer snack room donations needed. You can help! Contact Carson Thaxton, [cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com).

**READY! Sign up TODAY!**

VBSers, youth, volunteers:

Follow VBS link at

[www.fayettevillefirst.com](http://www.fayettevillefirst.com)

**SET! Get the team together**

VBS Prep Party and Movie Night (Saturday, June 17 – see below)

“All volunteer” meeting, Sunday, June 18, 3 p.m.

**GO!** Let's make it a great week!

**Saturday: VBS Prep Party and Movie Night**



It's time to grab a cape for VBS Hero Central! To get us all pumped up and ready, Carson Thaxton and Allie Hansen are hosting a little party. Come watch “Sky High” and get in the Superhero and Hero Support mood tomorrow, Saturday, June 10, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy pizza, popcorn, and a movie. They will be handing out VBS volunteer t-shirts (they look and feel AWESOME!) and going over a few details about volunteer assignments.

**Special need:** Can you help clear the sanctuary pulpit area for **30 minutes** immediately following the 11 a.m. service this Sunday? Leave then or stay on for lunch and VBS stage preparation. **Any minutes** you can donate during the 3 hour block before the VBS “All Volunteer” meeting are appreciated.

## Summer Lunch Program Continues on Tuesdays

The Summer Lunch Program continues through July beginning at 10 a.m. each Tuesday. Our church serves about 450 lunches every week to Fayette County kids during June and July. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, pack bags, and deliver (drivers and runners). This year the program is coordinated by Valerie Mallon. To volunteer, please visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). Click "Find a Sign Up" (found at the bottom of the homepage) and enter [vmallon@yahoo.com](mailto:vmallon@yahoo.com) or call 770-310-7620 or use this shortcut: <https://tinyurl.com/summerlunch17>

## Reach Out at SafeHouse



On Thursday, June 29, we will prepare and serve the meal for the clients of SafeHouse Outreach as well as share in worship and fellowship. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Randy Riddell at 770-365-6824 or [randybr8@gmail.com](mailto:randybr8@gmail.com) or Carson Thaxton at [cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:cthaxton@fayettevillefirst.com).

## Upcoming at Fayetteville First UMC

- June 19-23 — Hero Central VBS, 9 a.m. each day
- June 25 — Welcome new ministers: Rev. John Barnes, Rev. Michael Phillips
- June 25 — Rev. John Barnes preaching
- July 5 — Summer Supper at Truett's Luau, 6 p.m. No sign up: Just show up!
- July 10-14 — MAD Camp: Music, Art, Drama for students ages rising kindergarten through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- July 23 — Food & Fellowship: A Modern Worship Gathering, 5 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- July 23 — Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Family Life Center, Sign Up: Tommy Webb, [webbtbomasn@gmail.com](mailto:webbtbomasn@gmail.com)

## Financial Update as of June 13

Month-to-Date Receipts: \$ 46,892.10

Year-to-Date Receipts: \$ 631,670.13

2017 Budget: \$1,616,146

Year-to-Date Shortfall: \$ 100,169.13

## ***To the Church at Fayetteville:***

*How do we express our thanks for all the love we have experienced in this place? It has been our honor and privilege to serve with you these past five years. We will treasure the memories of so many fun times together, the times we worked and the times we played, as well as the memories of those times when you shared the sacred moments of your lives with us. We are so grateful for the home we have had here with you. Know that you will always have a special place in our hearts.*

*Praying always that you know God's grace and peace,  
Carolyn, Brad, Grace and Thomas*