

THE NEWNAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SHEPHERD

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Friends,

What a humbling experience it is to write to you today as the new lead pastor of Newnan First United Methodist Church. Adair and I are so thankful for your incredible kindness and generosity as we have adapted to a new life together in Newnan. We are grateful for the previous year of building relationships, working with an incredible staff, and worshipping on Sunday mornings.

I am also grateful to Charles who became Adair's and my first pastor together. His calm demeanor and prayerful care have been a wonderful and Spirit-filled guide for us in this time of transition. I am humbled to follow in his footsteps. If you haven't already, I hope you will send a note or express gratitude to Charles and Mickey for their years of loving ministry at this church.

The most humbling part of this journey is that we (you and me) stand on the shoulders of so many who have pastored and been pastored at this great church. Almost 200 years ago, 24-year-old Rev. W.W. Steagall came to Coweta County to help a group of folks start a new Methodist Church. This eight-member church began in 1828 and it has been a beacon of light ever since. The same Spirit that emboldened those original eight members still burns bright today!

Through the years, I've witnessed many pastors step into new roles and new churches. Each instance has been accompanied by a new vision for the church or some bright and shiny mission to accomplish. Every single one has brought new ideas and fresh thoughts on ministry and mission. I'm sure you have hopes and dreams for this moment of transition and for the future of this church. I'm also certain that you have high expectations for me and for your new Associate Pastor Connor.

But don't worry — I have high expectations for you too! It all centers around God's amazing grace. At its simplest, my dream for this church is to be a shining light of grace to everyone and for each of us to look more and more like Jesus every day. And I expect this to occur because I believe that God is not done with this church. After all, this church was God's idea. I believe that we are still in a process of sanctification and God is not finished with us yet.

God's grace is at work all around us, all over this community, seeking to awaken us to the infinite possibilities within us and around us. That same grace is calling out to us to join in the everlasting dance of the triune God. But the heart of that grace is not in a building. As John Mark McMillan says in his song of the same name, God's grace is spread out on "the road, the rocks, and the weeds." Are you ready to dream big and to follow God where God leads?

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace,

Andrew Chappell
Senior Pastor | achappell@newnanfumc.org



JULY SERMONS

PARABLES

JULY 3

Expectation

Luke 15:11-32

JULY 10

Humility

Luke 18:9-14

JULY 17

Invitation

Mark 4:1-20

JULY 24

Justice

Matthew 20:1-16

JULY 31

Grace

Luke 10:25-37

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MISSIONS

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/MISSIONS



Sharlene, from ONE ROOF Food Pantry, was so grateful for the donations! Thank you for your generosity during our June Mission Food Drive! We collected enough donations that it packed Newnan First's mission volunteer, MJ Ginn's, trunk and back seat!

MISSION SUNDAY
JULY 17 | FOOD DRIVE



Our July Mission Ministry is a food drive to support ONE ROOF Ministry's Food Pantry. They are asking for: Spaghetti, Mac & Cheese, Shelf Stable Milk, Cereal, Rice (1-lb. bags), Snack Crackers, Fruit Cups & Apple Juice. *Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Room throughout the month and on July 17, we will bring the food to the altar for a prayer over the mission and those who will benefit from your generosity.*



Hi Newnan First,

Thank you so much for allowing us the use of your Parish hall to host the breakfasts for our IMPACT youth service event last week. It was a great setting to gather the youth teams, get them fed, and send them out to serve the community. The setup and support from NFUMC staff, Steve Webb and Aileen Burnett, could not have been better.

We had close to 150 youth and their adult leaders and they worked on projects such as:



- Framing a duplex home with Hope Global in the Chalk Level neighborhood that will house 2 families displaced by the March 2021 tornadoes.
- Painting the interior of the Cambridge House daycare center for adults with disabilities
- Building a dual wheelchair ramp at the Reece Center - a horse therapy farm so kids in wheelchairs can be easily loaded and unloaded
- Working at Bridging the Gap and Coweta Pregnancy Service
- Cleaning up several lots that still have storm debris issues
- Painting the exterior of a house for a tornado survivor

Thanks again to you and the entire Newnan FUMC team for your amazing hospitality!
God bless, Jeff

Jeff Williams, Executive Director | Square Foot Ministry | squarefootministry.org



WELCOME CONNOR BELL OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

We reached out to Connor and asked him to provide us an introduction with a bio. We look forward to welcoming him to the Newnan First UMC staff on July 1, 2022.

I was born in Bay St. Louis, MS, a small town on the Mississippi Gulf Coast about an hour East of New Orleans. I have wonderful parents- my dad, Brehm, is a personal injury attorney with a heart for service at his church. My mom, Jenny, is a graphic designer who demonstrates grace and optimism in the face of any situation. I have three siblings: an older brother named Austin, a younger brother named Blake, and a younger sister named Daley. We all grew up together in the Bay (as it is affectionately called), famous for its small-town quirky charm, seafood, and being in the same county that Brett Favre was born in. We had a pretty quiet upbringing, and much of my life was tied to the United Methodist Church and the Mockingbird Cafe across the street, where I worked as a busboy from age 14 to 17. Yes, it is technically illegal to work at age 14. Don't tell the cops!



I attended the University of Southern Mississippi- the third-largest public university in Mississippi that is famous for such alumni as Brett Favre, Jimmy Buffet, and Afroman. I got my degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing. However, most of my time in undergrad was spent at our Campus ministry, the Wesley Foundation, where I served as a worship leader, participated in small groups and joyfully paid \$150 a month to live in a sizable closet upstairs. I also had a job as a Youth Group Intern at a United Methodist Church down the street and worked at camps and abroad during my summers. It was during college that I received my call into ministry and became a certified candidate in the United Methodist Church.

After graduating, I moved to Memphis, TN, and took classes part-time at Asbury Theological Seminary while I worked as a college minister. After Karolyne and I got married, we moved to Atlanta so that she could find a job, and I transferred to Candler School of Theology at Emory University where I received a Masters of Divinity. I was commissioned as a Provisional Elder and served as an Associate Pastor at Glenn Memorial UMC, with about 70% of my role there being tied to the wonderful Youth Ministry. I was ordained in June of 2022 as an Elder in full connection.

I met Karolyne in undergrad and finally built up the courage to ask her out right before she graduated. It was the best decision I have ever made. Karolyne is driven, grace-filled has a great sense of humor, and was willing to be my sugar momma through seminary. We got married in July of 2016, which is when I began my classes at Candler. She has a Masters in Recreation Administration and works in the adaptive sports field at a paralympic sports organization in Atlanta, BlazeSports America.

A year after getting married, we got a dog! She is a Chinese Sharpei named Harper. Harper is a 50-lb. guard dog, and her hobbies include patrolling, barking, busting down doors to check on folks for no reason, putting a paw on your leg during dinner, and sleeping.

In April of 2021, we had our first daughter, Sophia. She is a redhead who currently knows 5 words and can walk up to 10 steps. She has turned our lives upside-down, and she has also brought so much joy and wonder into our world. We give thanks to God for her every day.

I enjoy playing guitar and singing, riding my bike, running, playing with Sophie, and reading. I also love any team sport, and I have a secret competitive side that comes out if soccer or volleyball nets are in view.

I empathize deeply with Newnan's struggles after the recent tornado damage. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated my hometown. Our house was flooded with 6 feet of water, and we had to move around and live with family for several months until we got a FEMA trailer that allowed us to live in our yard. So much of my personal call into ministry is connected to how I saw the Church be the hands and feet of Christ for my community during that time. I was proud to see the work that Newnan First has done to assist those affected by the tornado, and it reveals your character and faithfulness to a call of service in your community. I am looking forward to joining in with what God is already doing at Newnan First UMC!



Peace, Connor Bell

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST | 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

JULY 5 & JULY 19 | 8:30AM | GATHERING ROOM

Join us twice a month for breakfast and a variety of programming.

LET'S TALK *A lively group discussion on various topics, including current events, from a Christian perspective.*

July 6 | Annex, Room 212 *Please Note Location Change*

Warren and Courtney Budd will facilitate a panel discussion on Carrying Our Faith During College, Our Relationship with Jesus. They have invited several young adults that have completed their first year of college. Please come and bring a friend to this informative session! Everyone is welcome.



August 3 | Room 201

James Shepherd will lead a discussion on the U.S. Constitution. Be sure to polish up on your knowledge by reading the U.S. Constitution with Amendments. *(A copy of the Constitution with Amendments is in the weekly NFUMC email.)*

Dinner, Bingo & Let's Talk



CHURCHWIDE FAMILY EVENT!

Come enjoy an evening of Dinner, Bingo and Let's Talk.

Dinner will begin at 5:00pm,

Bingo at 5:45pm and Let's Talk at 6:30pm.

Dinner will be a Chick-fil-A box meal. Drinks will be provided.

Cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, 11 and under, with a \$25 family maximum.

newnanfumc.org/signups

BUCKNER'S and PEACHES

THURSDAY, July 14 | 10:00am to 5:00pm

Come spend the day as we travel to Musella, Ga, the home to Dickey Farms, where we will shop for peaches, jams, jellies, produce and more. Our first stop will be to have lunch at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson. We will enjoy lunch and then head for shopping. The cost of trip will be \$25 which will include lunch, tax, tip and transportation. Shopping at Dickey's Farm is on your own. Remember to bring along your reusable shopping bag to put all of your goodies in! Contact Aileen if you have any questions. We will leave Newnan at 10:00 am. Registration closes on July 10th.



Women's Bible Study



SUMMER COFFEE & CHAT

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Summer Coffee and Chat

Wednesday, July 20 | 9:00am | Annex Hall

Join us for a Summer Coffee & Chat. This casual gathering is the perfect opportunity to connect with each other over the summer. ALL are welcome!

The WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on August 10.

Our next study is a book study titled, *FIND YOUR PEOPLE, Building Deep Community in a Lonely World* by Jennie Allen. We will read the book over the summer and begin with a discussion on it when we resume in August. The book can be purchased online, including Amazon.

Questions? Contact Wendy at WendyTFox@gmail.com

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Saturday, July 30 | 3:00-8:00pm

Join us for Parent's Night Out at Newnan FUMC on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 3 pm to 8 pm. The kids will play, fellowship, and have the option of enjoying a family friendly movie, while you enjoy an evening out on the town! Space is limited and payment is non-refundable.

Registration ends Wednesday, July 27. Children will be checked in through KidCheck upon arrival that evening. Questions? Please contact Danika at nursery@newnanfumc.org newnanfumc.org/signups

LOOKING FOR CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES?

Aileen Burnett, Program Director | aburnett@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x206)



Join us this summer as we get together to stay plugged in! During We are gathering to share really good food together with the whole family. After dinner, we will be sharing in a brief worship service. We will spend time praying for our church & community.

ROOT 345 | UTH | Nursery Available | Activities and service opportunities for our children & youth!

Contact Aileen with any questions or help with registering: aburnett@newnanfumc.org newnanfumc.org/signups

July 13 | Oink Joint BBQ

July 27 | Newk's Eatery

\$8 per adult, \$5 per child (11 & under) \$25 max per family.



Sunday, August 21, 2022

12:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Lee St. John, church member and local author

If you volunteer in any way, we want to celebrate you. If you volunteer with children, youth, adults, missions, VBS, Sunday School teacher, etc. you are invited. We will enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship and celebrate our volunteers. Contact Aileen at aburnett@newnanfumc.org by August 1st with your T-shirt size.

FUN N' FROLIC

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 16 | Lunch & Bingo | 11:30am | Annex Hall

September 20 | Lunch (TBD) | 11:00am



Afternoon at the Movies "Elvis"



June trip to The Little White House in Warm Springs, GA

NEWNAN FIRST UMC MUSIC MINISTRY

Bonnie Krider, Interim Minister of Music | bonniekrider@gmail.com | 770.253.7400 (x205)



Children's **CHOIRS** WEDNESDAYS

Bellisimo - Handbell Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | 4th - 6th Grade

Cherub Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | 4 & 5 Year Olds

Wesley Choir
4:30 - 5:15pm | Grades 1 & 2

Carol Choir
5:30 - 6:00pm | Grades 3 - 6

Visit our website at newnanfumc.org/music
for more information and to register.
Contact Bonnie with any questions at
bonniekrider@gmail.com

Starts August 17, 2021



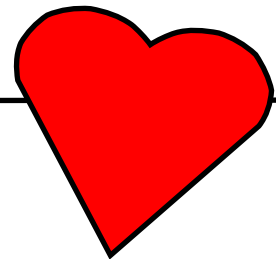
Church Family,

I have truly enjoyed being involved in the music ministries at NFUMC over the last 11 years. I have learned so much from Kathy and David's leadership, and am eager to ensure that we don't miss a BEAT in their absence! Starting July 1, I will be assuming the role of Interim Music Director and serving as director for the Inspirations, Chancel, Youth, Wesley and Carol choirs. On top of my full time teaching job, this will be a huge undertaking, I ask for your grace and prayers.

Through this season of transition, our music ministry needs every musician and congregation singer singing their hearts out each week; your presence is key! I would like to thank all our music volunteers, choir moms, and pianists that have already committed to next year; if you are interested in joining this fantastic army of helpers, please reach out! (or answer when I call/email). Please also pray for our search committee as they continue to search for the person who is called to serve this incredible community.

Musically Yours,

Bonnie Krider



THANK YOU DAVID!

Sunday, June 26, 2022 was David Kinrade's last day serving as our Minister of Music.

David served as our Minister of Music at Newnan First UMC for 40 years.

We have been so blessed to have David and he will be missed by both the congregation and staff!

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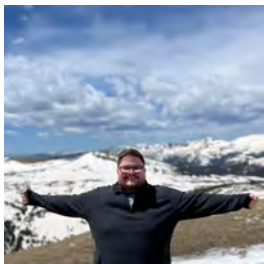
UTH CHOIR 2022



The UTH Choir to Colorado was a big success. They presented their program to First UMC in Colorado Springs, Smoky Hill UMC in Centennial, Holly Creek Retirement Community in Centennial.

They served the local community through Mission Day Care and Share Food Bank & Crossfire Ministries.

They enjoyed fellowship time at Pikes Peak, the Buffalo Bill Museum and Rocky Mountain National Park and attended a Rocky Mountain Vibes Baseball game. They finished the tour in our home church at Newnan First UMC.



FIRST KIDS! 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

NEWNANFUMC.ORG/firstkids



Andrea Stuart, Director of Children's Ministries | astuart@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x209)



If you have a 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader that is interested in going on the fall retreat at Camp Glisson, please fill out the interest form newnanfumc.org/firstkids. The Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 16-18.

VBS WAS A SUCCESS!

We have had a wonderful Summer Break so far! Thank you to all that came and participated and volunteered for our wildly successful VBS! There was no better place to be than at VBS. The amount of work that everyone put into the event was shown each day through smiles and giggles. I have received countless emails and text messages from parents regarding the impact each person and child had on their children. I cannot thank you enough for coming!



OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MISSION WORK

We had over 50 volunteers and more than 170 participants each day. We worked to raise money and collected \$500.13 for Meal on Wheels, gathered food for Backpack Buddies that filled more than 6 large boxes, and the 5th and 6th-grade group packed 300 bags for Bags of Hope. This is a true reflection of the beautiful spirit of our church.

We have a lot of fun things in the next couple of months. Please check your emails and mark your calendars!

First Kids Fun in JULY!

July 13 | Popsicles in the Park | 6:30pm
Greenville Street Park: Popsicles, Sidewalk Chalk, Kickball
July 20 | Bubbles & Brushstrokes | 6:30pm
NFUMC Courtyard: Painting in the Courtyard



JULY MISSION Children's Ministry will be collecting canned food items for Bridging the Gap, Inc.

Drop off items in the wooden box by the office!

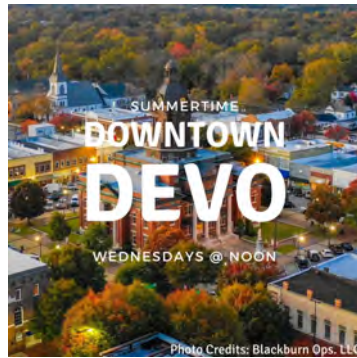
NEWNAN FUMC UTH | GRADES 7-12

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Paul Mosley, Director of Youth Ministries | pmosley@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x219)



Looking for a way to connect with us? We have a GroupMe and Instagram Account to keep you up-to-date. You can get all the details at newnanfumc.org/uth. If you aren't receiving this information from my newsletter in your email, please let me know! I will add you to the list.



NEWNAN FUMC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NFUMCPRESCHOOL.ORG

Nancy Martin, Preschool Director | nmartin@newnanfumc.org | 770.253.7400 (x212)

Summer Enrichment:

The **July 11- 14** session will be a "Farm Animal" unit complete with a visit from some farm animals. Our last session, **August 8 -11**, will be all things "Sports"!



FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE

Registration is open for our upcoming Children's Consignment Sale, September 23 and 24. Consign those items you've cleaned out this summer! Earn some extra money for yourself and benefit the community and the preschool at the same time!

It's a WIN-WIN for everyone!

Go to www.nfumcpreschool.org and click on "Consignment Sale"





IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Loving one another through life's ups and downs.

MEMORIAM



Roberta Lee Ferguson
June 30, 1929 - June 13, 2022

Thomas Emmett Lovett
March 17, 1947 - June 18, 2022

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of the following members of Newnan First United Methodist Church..

Volunteer Appreciation | Grant Weaver



Ever since the days of COVID, we have been live streaming our worship services and programs each week on our YouTube channel. For the last year and a half Grant Weaver has been making sure this happens. This is no easy task, but Grant's commitment to our church and knowledge of the process has been evident. Thank you Grant for all you have done for us. We know that God has wonderful plans for you as you begin your next chapter this fall. Grant will attend Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to study Film and TV Production with a focus on Directing and a minor in Immersive Technology.

We are thankful to welcome our new intern, Ayden Beard, a high schooler who is currently enrolled at the CEC for Digital Media.



**American
Red Cross**
BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, July 7 | Parish Hall | 10am - 3pm

THANK YOU!

Mickey and I want to say a huge Thank You for the wonderful farewell reception on Sunday June 26 th . It was a day of so many mixed emotions for me, but you all made it a joyous occasion with all of your expressions of gratitude and affirmation. I know I'm going to forget something here, so please forgive my oversights.



- Thank You to an awesome Staff for the gorgeous floral arrangement in Worship and at the reception. It now adorns our kitchen table, reminding us of your kindness and the privilege of working together.
- Thank You to the Ladies Service Group for the variety of delicious things to eat, and for sending so many goodies home with us.
- Thank You for all of the cards and notes. Reading through them made me smile, even as some tears fell.
- And Thank You for the very generous love-offering. It is much appreciated and will be well used as we move our home to another house.
- Thanks be to God and to ALL of you for helping me to conclude 46 years of full-time ministry on such a high note. You will remain in our hearts and in our prayers as long as life endures.

Grace and Peace!

Rev. Charles Robinson



Guest Speaker

Lora Pavlenko

Will speak on the conflict in the Ukraine

July 3 | 9:45am | Annex Hall

All are invited to hear firsthand the story of Lora from the Ukraine. Lora, her daughter, Ranata, and granddaughter are staying with Don and Julie Chapman for several weeks and would like to be our guest speaker on July 3 during the Sunday school hour. Lora's husband is not with her. He remains in Kiev to take supplies to the elderly and handicapped. This is such a wonderful opportunity for us to hear about the conflict in Ukraine from someone who lives there. Everyone is invited. You do not have to be in a Sunday school class to come.



Thank you Kathy!

Sunday, June 26 was Kathy Bizarth's last Worship Service as our Associate Minister of Music. Her talent, ability to bring out the vocal gifts in others and attention to detail is well known here at Newnan First UMC.

We are truly thankful for her 23 years of service.



FRIDAY, JULY 1
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JULY 2

SUNDAY, JULY 3
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Guest Speaker—Lora Pavlenko (AH)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 4 | Independence Day
Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 5
8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
5:30pm LEAP Group (GR or Courtyard)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
12:00pm UTH Devo & Lunch
5:00pm Dinner, Bingo & Let's Talk (AH)

THURSDAY, JULY 7
10:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

FRIDAY, JULY 8
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JULY 9

SUNDAY, JULY 10
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Welcome Connor Bell & Family (GR)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 11
Preschool Summer Enrichment begins

TUESDAY, JULY 12
Preschool Summer Enrichment

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
Preschool Summer Enrichment
12:00pm UTH Devos & Lunch
6:00pm PLUGGED IN | Dinner & Worship (AH)

THURSDAY, JULY 14
Preschool Summer Enrichment
10:00am Buckner's & Peaches (FNF)
5:30pm Fear This For Life Driver's Ed. (CH)

FRIDAY, JULY 15
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

SUNDAY, JULY 17
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)
6:00pm UTH Kickball & Kookout (PH)

MONDAY, JULY 18

TUESDAY, JULY 19
8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GR)
5:30pm LEAP Group (GR or Courtyard)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
9:00am Women's Bible Study Coffee & Chat (AH)
12:00pm UTH Devos & Lunch

THURSDAY, JULY 21

FRIDAY, JULY 22
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JULY 23

SUNDAY, JULY 24
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 25

TUESDAY, JULY 26
4:00pm UTH Gwinnett Stripers Baseball Game
6:30pm Agape Book Club (AH)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
12:00pm UTH Devos & Lunch (TBA)
6:00pm PLUGGED IN | Dinner & Worship (AH)

THURSDAY, JULY 28

FRIDAY, JULY 29
10:00am Duplicate Bridge (AH-2nd Floor)

SATURDAY, JULY 30
3:00pm Parent's Night Out (Register online)

SUNDAY, JULY 31
8:30am Worship (S)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (S)

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS:

S: Sanctuary | PH: Parish Hall | PS: Preschool (lower level of PH) | CR: Choir Room | YL: Youth Lounge | A###: Annex Building
AC: Annex Conference Room (1st floor) | A3F: Annex 3rd Floor | AH: Annex Hall | AP: Annex Parking Lot | BR: Bell Room | CH: Chapel
1## or 2##: Main Building (1st or 2nd floors) | OL: Online | GR: Gathering Room | OS: Offsite

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCE

Week 26

Total Tithes/Income: \$ 536,182
Total Expenses: \$ 756,647
Over/(Under): \$(220,465)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 1,615,162



ATTENDANCE: June 26

8:30 Worship:	56
11:00 Worship:	253
Online Viewers:	46
Children/Nurs./Other:	14
Total:	369



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