



OCTOBER 2025

# CHAPEL BELLS

## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY KEVIN ANDERSON

Have you considered serving as an elder?

The current Chapel Elders are now praying and asking members to consider serving for the new term to begin in January 2026. Our Chapel Elder Board is comprised of nine members who serve three-year terms. Three current elders, Susan Gibson, Sandra Rummell, and Linda Turner will be finishing their term of service at the end of the calendar year, and the congregation will vote for three members to replace them.

An elder is-

- A member of the Chapel that is a committed follower of Christ
- A dedicated participant in the life and ministry of Fairfield Mountains Chapel
- One who is willing to commit to serving a three-year term to help lead, guide and shepherd the church

Elder meetings are held once a month, with occasional special called meetings.

If you believe God can use you as a Chapel Elder and are interested in serving, please speak to one of the current elders (Charlie Ellis, Susan Gibson, Katherine Johnston, Skip Logan, Ken McAlear, Dee Montgomery, Heidi Owen, Sandra Rummell, or Linda Turner) or the Pastor.



## *A Letter From The Pastor continued...*

Also, please fill out the attached Elder Application Form, which is included in this newsletter. Paper copies of the form are also available in the Chapel Office and on the bookshelf counter in the Fellowship Hall. You can also download a copy on the Members section of our website.

<https://www.fairfieldmountainschapel.org/members>

Once we have your application, a current elder will follow up with you and be available to answer any questions you may have about serving.

The final slate of elder nominations will be presented to the church and voted on in a congregational meeting on the first Sunday in December. **The deadline for returning the application is October 15th.**

Faithfully,

*Kevin*

# Elders Application Form



**1. NAME/ ADDRESS**

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**2. CELL PHONE/EMAIL ADDRESS**

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**3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHAPEL?**

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**4. HOW HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE CHAPEL? IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED WITHIN THE CHURCH?**

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**5. LIST ANY COMMITTEE/MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHAPEL AND INDICATE IF YOU SERVED AS THE CHAIR OR TEAM LEADER**

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**6. PREVIOUS CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMEBERSHIP OR PREVIOUS CHURCH LEADERSHIP ROLES (DEACON, ELDER, BIBLE STUDY TEACHER, ETC.)**

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# Elder Application Form cont...



**7. LIST ANY NON-CHURCH VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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**8. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY WITH GOD**

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**9. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT(S) TO BE USED HERE IN THE CHAPEL?**

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**10. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU COULD SHARE WITH THE ELDERS TO HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS AN ELDER?**

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**Return your completed form to the Chapel office no later than October 15th.**



# Chapel Finances (as of August 30)



General Fund Budgeted: \$270,666.67

General Fund Receipts: \$304,973.90

*This fund will have to cover whatever is approved for landscaping that exceeds money in B&G Reserve Fund.*



Building & Grounds Reserve Balance: \$24,512.25

*This is our most under-funded account. In addition to landscaping, our 7 heat pumps are getting long-in-the-tooth, the parking lots are going to need repaving, and several other facility needs have been identified.*



Compassion Fund Balance: \$4,370.77

Compassion Fund YTD disbursements: \$12,151.76

*Disbursements from the Compassion Fund assists local people with housing needs, food, utilities, and car repairs.*



Scholarship Fund Balance: \$9,819.45

*We give \$10,000 in scholarships each year. This fund is almost there for next June's awards, but it is never too early to start donating for 2027's awards.*



To donate online visit [www.fairfieldmountainschapel.org/donate](http://www.fairfieldmountainschapel.org/donate)

When you're ready, click "Donate Now" and follow the instructions



## Upcoming Chapel Highlights

- **Communion Sunday, October 5th**
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>:** immediately following the worship service, there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on new Landscaping Proposal. A letter with depictions of the proposed landscaping plans was mailed to members on September 25th. Members may also view the letter online under the "Members" section of the Chapel website.

<https://www.fairfieldmountainschapel.org/members>

## Coffee For Veterans

Our next meeting will meet on Thursday, October 9th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall, and we'll be celebrating the Navy Birthday (October 13th), though as always, all veterans are welcome! Here's a picture of our proud U.S. Air Force veterans from last month's coffee...

**Coffee - Camaraderie - Connections**



## Men's Breakfast

Meets Saturday, October 11th, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Chapel Office to attend.**



## JOSHUA MESSICK **FREE** CONCERT

**Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Enjoy an inspiring afternoon of music  
with world-renowned hammered  
dulcimer artist **Joshua Messick**.

Reception to follow in the  
Fellowship Hall

**Admission is FREE.**



A freewill offering will support  
*Restore Lake Lure*, a community  
campaign for the cleanup and  
restoration of the lake.  
[www.restorelaketure.com](http://www.restorelaketure.com)







## Pathfinder's Student Ministry

Pathfinders will meet Sunday October 5th and Sunday, October 26th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Come join us for food, games and Bible study! **For all students 6th grade – 12th grade.**

At our last Pathfinder's Student Ministry night, students assembled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child...



Once again, this year we will be participating in **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.**

Beginning **Sunday, October 5**, shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up and fill. Packing tips and gift ideas are available at the Chapel and online at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

The collection date for all shoeboxes to be returned to the Chapel is **Sunday, November 9th.**



## **Pastor's Bible Study beginning Wednesday, October 22nd at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

Join us for a five-week study of the New Testament book of 2 Thessalonians. **Everyone is welcome!**



## **Chapel Day of Prayer – Thursday, November 6, 9 AM – 3 PM.**



The sanctuary will be open during that time for anyone to come and pray on their own. We will have prayer guides available, but you are encouraged to come and pray in your own way for each other, our church, our community, our nation and the world. Also, you may share prayer requests with the church office if you want those gathered to pray for your request.

## **Women's Ministry Lunch Outing - Thursday, October 9th - Stone Soup Restaurant in Landrum, SC - 11:30 AM.**

All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly lunch outing! We will meet at the church at 10:30 AM to carpool to the restaurant. **There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for your RSVP!**







*Intentionally Pursuing Christ*  
LADIES' FALL RETREAT  
SPEAKER: STEPHANIE HUXTER  
WORSHIP LEADER: JANELLE FLINT

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2025  
TIME: 9:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
COST: \$40.00  
(CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED.)  
LOCATION: FAIRFIELD MOUNTAINS CHAPEL  
1384 BUFFALO CREEK RD  
LAKE LURE, NC 28746  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHAPEL OFFICE AT 828-625-2411.





## Ladies Fall Retreat: Speaker Stephanie Huxter, Worship Leader Janelle Flint.

**Stephanie Huxter** is a published author, speaker, and designer. Her central aim is to live a faithful life, one day at a time. Stephanie lives with her husband, Brad, and their two children in Asheville, NC. Stephanie is passionate about creating beautiful spaces where people can catch their breath and connect with their Creator. The Huxters regularly invite people to their mountaintop home as a means of blessing others and to foster these connections with the Creator.



**Janelle Flint** is a lover of Jesus, wife to Nathan (30 years) and mother to five (including two sets of twins). She graduated from WCU in 1999 with a BS Ed in Music Education (flute). She has served as a team member, vocalist, musician and staff in a variety of denominations/settings (AG, UMC and S. Baptist). Currently she is serving at Oak Grove Baptist in Fletcher, NC as their worship leader. When not homeschooling her youngest two children, she loves to read, enjoy a good cup of coffee, go for a walk or listen to a podcast. She has led women in worship for the Cove Bible study for over a decade and has served as worship leader/guest speaker for women's events in the WNC area. She also was on staff as a weekend/overnight announcer for The Light FM from 2002-2009.





## Celebration of Life Service for Ann Leavens



Thursday, October 23, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, 117 South Center St., Eustis, FL 32726. The celebration will begin at 2 PM, with the reception to follow in "The Gathering Place." In keeping with Ann's cheerful spirit, we welcome you to wear cheerful, business casual attire. **RSVP: Kindly let us know if you will be attending the Heavenly Birthday Reception by October 15, by emailing [KelleySueMc@yahoo.com](mailto:KelleySueMc@yahoo.com)**

Ann had a great heart for service. In her honor, her family and close friends are working with several charities she volunteered with, including an educational scholarship! In lieu of flower, we would be grateful for donations to her legacy. Stay tuned for more details to come once everything is properly finalized.

**Hotel information: If you need to make hotel reservations, please contact Steven as soon as possible at [SLeavens1378@gmail.com](mailto:SLeavens1378@gmail.com) for a discounted rate.**



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