

Bill and Deborah Bailey
Church Grounds Beautification Ministry and Hospitality Ministry



As part of our Church Grounds Beautification Ministry, Bill and Deborah Bailey maintain the flowerpots around the church building. They plant the pots with annuals twice a year to help beautify the outdoor area of the church. With the help of some great volunteer's, Bill and Deborah maintain a weekly watering schedule. They also serve at the Welcome Desk as needed, greeting members and guests of Canton First.

Bill and Deborah are semi-retired seniors. Bill works a couple of days a week for U-haul and Deborah as a fine jewelry broker and designer. They have one daughter and one grandson who live in North Georgia. Bill and Deborah have lived in the Woodstock/Canton area since 1988 and love camping, golfing, boating/kayaking, and almost anything outdoors.

Bill and Deborah feel it is an honor to be able to give a small portion of their time to the church. Deborah stated, *"It is the very least we can do for all the blessings that have been rained upon us. So many of our members contribute to make our church a warm and inviting place to come and worship."*

We asked Bill and Deborah if they could tell us about a time that was especially meaningful for them as volunteers. Deborah responded, *"Serving on the board of Trustees for three years. I was able to learn so much about Canton First."* Bill responded, *"Being part of the design idea and the installation of the rock feature hanging in our courtyard. Our Sunday School class*

passed the basket to fund the purchase. Jesus dying on the cross for us is something that should be highlighted. I believe anything we can do to honor him is a blessing to us."

Volunteering at Canton First UMC has been very impactful for Bill and Deborah, stating, *"The more we are able to contribute to our church, the closer we feel to our savior."*

"The more you give through volunteering the more you want to give. It is so rewarding. What better way could you spend your time than giving back to God and His house."

Fun facts about Bill and Deborah:

Dream vacation: We were blessed to experience it in 2019 before Covid, touring Italy and Spain.

Favorite sports teams: Atlanta Braves and Auburn Tigers

Favorite Bible verses: Deborah - Isaiah 41:13 | Bill - John 3:16