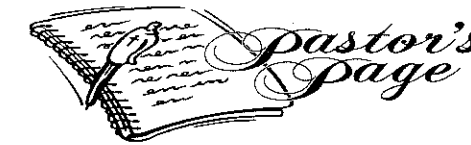
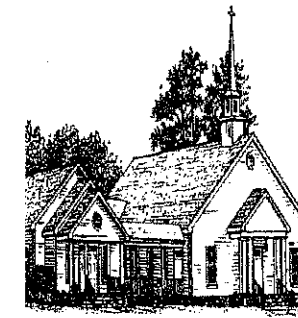


The Whitewater Witness

Whitewater Baptist Church
"You Will be My Witness....Acts 1:8"

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Sermon preparation is a very important part of being a Pastor. I put many hours of study, prayer and preparation into every sermon I preach. I make no distinction between a sermon that I preach on Sunday morning and the one I preach on Sunday night. Both of my Sunday sermons receive the same amount of attention and effort. If I am going to stand in a pulpit or stand behind a podium and teach and preach the Word of God, then I am going to give it my very best no matter when the service may be and no matter how many or how few people may be in the congregation. Some people have the idea that preachers wait until Saturday night to prepare the sermons they will preach on Sunday. I can tell you that in all of my years in the ministry I have never known a preacher who did that. I am always working on several sermon ideas at one time. Where do my sermon ideas come from? They come from prayer, from my own personal study of the Bible and from the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Don't get the idea that I believe I am closer to God than any other believer or that I have some special position or privilege with God that is not available to other Christians. I don't believe that at all. I am nothing more than a servant and slave of the Lord who has been called by Him to Pastor and preach His Word. I am no more closer to God than any other believer who is faithful in God's service and faithful to God's calling in their life. I know that to fulfill the ministry and calling that God has given me I must pray, I must stay in His Word, I must seek His face, I must walk with Him and I must seek to be filled and guided by His Holy Spirit. The final preparation for the sermons I preach each week begins on Monday morning and continues all week up until Sunday. Of course, preparing sermons is not the only thing I do as a Pastor. I have many other duties and responsibilities and I try to be faithful in fulfilling these. But, nothing a Pastor does is more important than preparing himself and his sermons and preaching the Word of God. The Bible confirms this in Paul's admonition to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." While I try to make my sermons interesting, I am not interested in entertaining anyone when I preach. My goal when I preach is to be faithful to what the Bible says. I want to make the Bible's true meaning clear and plain to all and I want to apply the truth of the Bible to our lives today. And, as I do this, I want to be filled and lead by the Holy Spirit because as the hymn writer said, all is in vain unless the Spirit of the Lord come down. I know that I am not the best preacher in the world. I know that there are far more men who are better preachers than I am. But, that is okay. Preaching is not a competition. I am not interested in being better than someone else. I am only interested in being the very best preacher and servant of the Lord that I can be. What can you do for your Pastor? Since my sermons are prepared for the benefit of my church members, you can come hear the sermon. I guarantee you the sermon you hear will be one that has been diligently prepared and prayed over. Pastors are human too, nothing encourages a Pastor more than to see people in the pews when he brings the Word of God. You can also pray for me. No one knows that I need your prayers more than me. I love you all. God Bless. See you Sunday, Bro. Chris.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child has touched the lives of millions of needy children since 1993 by distributing gift-filled shoeboxes and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with children around the world. Our collection deadline is Sunday, November 12. Please start praying and collecting items for your shoebox. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be provided to anyone that would like to have one. These shoeboxes and a list of acceptable items for your shoebox will be available soon on the information table in our fellowship hall. For more info, contact our OCC coordinator Julie Tyler at 229-942-7929.

Our next Golden Heirs Senior Adult Meal and Meeting will be October 4 at noon. All Senior Adults are invited for a good time of fellowship and fun!

School Snack Sax

Our School Snack Sax ministry is now providing 18 needy children in Macon County with food for the weekend. Your help is needed with this ministry! Items needed are peanut butter and crackers, fruit cups, pudding cups, cereal individual packs, granola bars and Yoohoo drink boxes. Please bring your donation to our fellowship hall

Children's Home Donations

Items needed are bottled water, 33 & 13 gallon trash bags, cleaning supplies such as bleach, 409 cleaner, Clorox wipes, and Dawn dish washing liquid. Please bring donated items to our fellowship hall and donated gift cards to the church office. The deadline for bringing these items is October 15.



Whitewater Baptist Church Family Fall Festival

Sunday, October 29, 4:30-7:00 PM at Whitewater Baptist Church.

There will be games, food and fun for the entire family. Children are invited to dress up but no scary or evil character costumes please. For more information see Rebecca Mygrant our Children's Ministry Director.

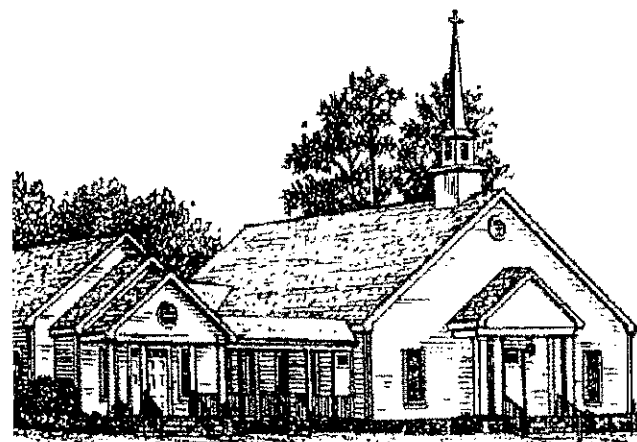
World Hunger Month

During October you can give through our church to help support the efforts of our Southern Baptist Convention to alleviate hunger in our own country and around the world. Designate your gift to "World Hunger."

September Average Sunday School Attendance: 61

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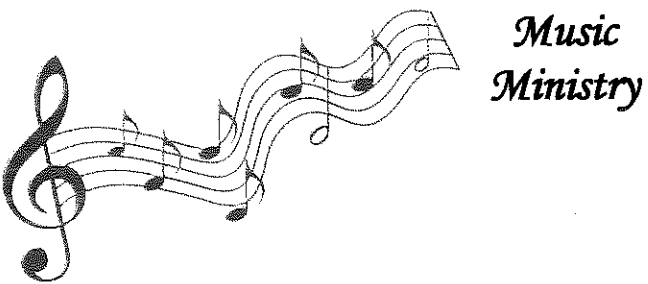


WORSHIP TOGETHER

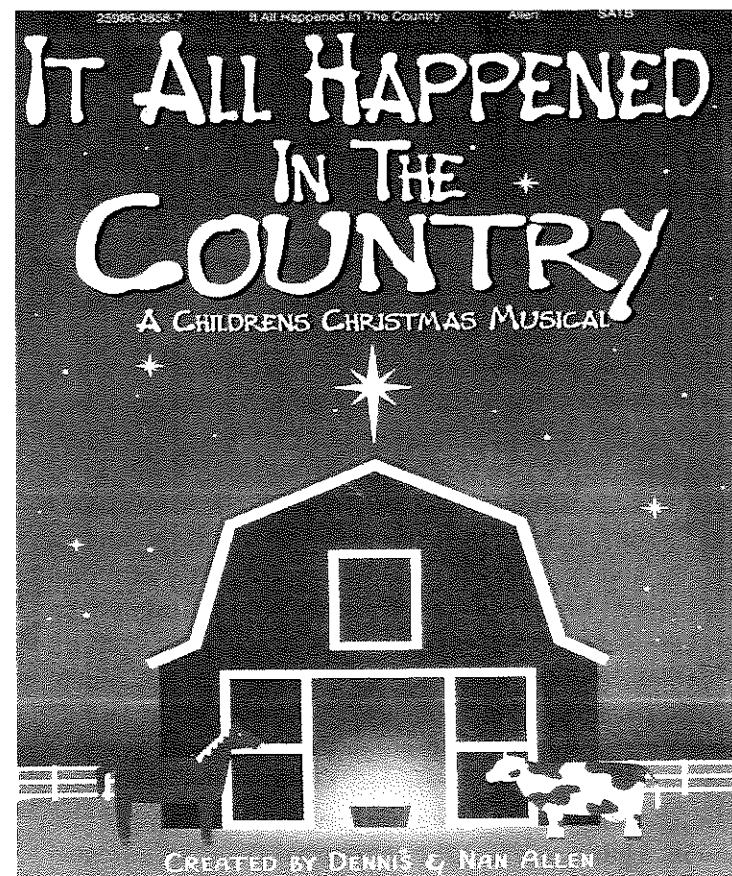
Joint Meeting With Bethlehem Baptist
We will have a joint time of worship with Brother Jerry Sanders and Bethlehem Baptist on Sunday, October 15 at 6:00 in our sanctuary. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Don't miss

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Friendship Baptist Association will be Sunday, October 22 starting at 5:00 at Americus, First Baptist Church. Our church will join the other churches of our Association for this time of fellowship, learning and worship. Please pray for Cheryl Dorsey as she leads the music for this meeting and for Bro. Chris who will lead the meeting as the Moderator of our Association. Everyone is invited to attend!



NEW CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRY
 Practice Begins Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 PM
 All children ages 3 and up are invited to participate.



Keep Singing His Praises,
 Cheryl Dorsey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please allow us to minister to your children during these special times.

Learning About Jesus and how He wants us to live!

God Bless the children!

Please pray for this ministry.

Directors:
 Carlton & Mary Anne Rodgers

God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work & Rest
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Stuff

This Month's Servants

Deacon of the Week:
 October 01-07 ~ Jason Tarrer
 October 08-14 ~ Jim Tungate
 October 15-21 ~ Paul Weaver
 October 22-28 ~ Jimmy Windham
 October 29-Nov. 04 ~ Larry Dorsey

USHERS
 Jayson Griffin
 Austen Cannady
 Eric Melton
 Jason Tarrer

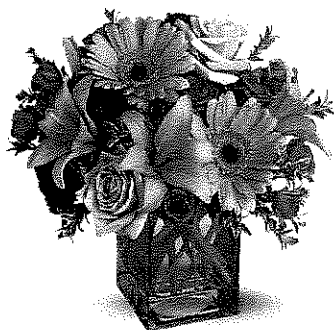
OCTOBER NURSERY CARE



October 01
 Lucretia Henderson & Lauryn Griffin
 October 8
 Monica Weaver & Matthew DeLoach
 October 15
 Eric Melton & Bailee Johnson
 October 22
 Jimmy Windham & Laney Griffin
 October 29
 Julie Tyler & Jacob Fowler

We are thankful for those who are part of our Nursery Ministry. If you would be willing to serve a Sunday in the nursery please call the Church office with your information.
*God will bless you for loving the children He loves!
 Thank you for serving!*

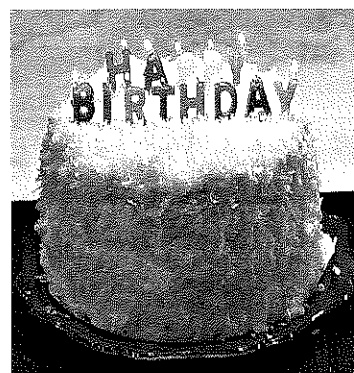
OCTOBER SANCTUARY FLOWERS



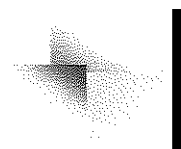
October 01
 Pat & Virginia Simmons
 October 08
 Lord's Supper
 October 15
 Christie Windham
 October 22
 Eloise Mygrant
 October 29
 Wynn & Julie Tyler

OCTOBER

- 4 ~ Sarah Teal
- 5 ~ Abigail Tarrer
 Jayson Griffin
- 9 ~ Curtis Kelley
- 10 ~ Wynn Tyler
- 12 ~ Laney Griffin
 Lauryn Griffin
- 13 ~ Linda Williams
- 15 ~ Linda Kent
- 16 ~ Steve Smith
- 25 ~ Jason Tarrer;
 Patricia Hall
- 26 ~ Amber Keene;
 Patricia Simmons



May God Bless your Life!



Whitewater Baptist Church

Everyday with Jesus is sweeter than the day before!

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NV

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE	2	3	4 12:00 Golden Heirs Senior Adult Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	5 6:30, Sons of Jubal Concert, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Cartersville	6 12:00 Soup Kitchen Ministry, Montezuma	7
8 8:00am Deacons Meeting *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Children's Church	9	10	11 6:00 Children's Choir MISSION NIGHT 6:00 Meal 7:00 WMU, Men, Children & Youth	12	13	14 GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME
15 *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Joint Service With Bethlehem Baptist Church 6:00 PM	16	17	18 10:30 Friendship Minister's Prayer Time, Whitewater 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Prayer Meeting & Business Meeting	19	20	21
22 8:00 Men's Breakfast *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Children's Church 5:00 Friendship Baptist Annual Meeting, FBC Americus	23	24	25 6:00 Children's Choir WEDNESDAY Family Night 7:00	26	27	28
29 *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE 4:30-7:00 Whitewater Fall Festival	30	31 JESUS LOVES YOU!	Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship 5:30pm Awana 6:00pm Evening Worship			