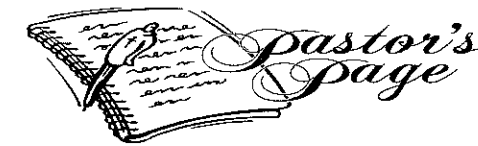
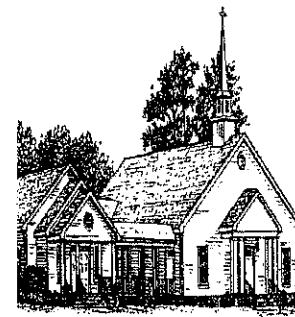


The Whitewater Witness

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

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John Harper was born on May 29th, 1872. When he was thirteen years old he received Jesus as the Lord of his life: He began to preach about four years later at the age of 17. As John Harper's life unfolded, it became apparent that he was consumed by the Word of God. John Harper started his own church in September of 1896. This church grew from just 25 members to over 500 members when he left 13 years later. During this time Harper had gotten married, but was shortly thereafter widowed. However brief the marriage, God did bless John Harper with a beautiful little girl named Nana. On the night of April 14, 1912 the RMS Titanic sailed swiftly on the bitterly cold ocean waters heading unknowingly into the pages of history. At the time of the ship's launch, it was the world's largest man-made moveable object. At 11:40 p.m. on that fateful night, an iceberg scraped the ship's starboard side, showering the decks with ice and ripping open six watertight compartments. The sea poured in. On board the ship that night was John Harper and his much-beloved six-year-old daughter Nana. According to documented reports, as soon as it was apparent that the ship was going to sink, John Harper immediately took his daughter to a lifeboat. He bent down and kissed his precious little girl; looking into her eyes, he told her that she would see him again someday. The flares going off in the dark sky above reflected the tears on his face as he turned and headed towards the crowd of desperate humanity on the sinking ocean liner. As the rear of the huge ship began to lurch upwards, it was reported that Harper was seen making his way up the deck yelling "Women, children and unsaved into the lifeboats!" It was only minutes later that the Titanic literally began to break in half. At this point, many people jumped off the decks and into the icy, dark waters below. John Harper was one of these people. That night 1528 people went into the frigid waters. John Harper was seen swimming frantically to people in the water leading them to Jesus before the hypothermia became fatal. Mr. Harper swam up to one young man who had climbed up on a piece of debris. Rev. Harper asked him between breaths, "Are you saved?" The young man replied that he was not. Harper then tried to lead him to Christ only to have the young man who was near shock, reply no. John Harper then took off his life jacket and threw it to the man and said "Here then, you need this more than I do..." and swam away to other people. A few minutes later Harper swam back to the young man and succeeded in leading him to salvation. Of the 1528 people that went into the water that night, only six were eventually rescued. One of them was this young man on the debris. Four years later, at a survivors meeting, this man stood up and in tears recounted how that after John Harper had led him to Christ he had tried to swim back to help other people, yet because of the intense cold, Harper had grown too weak to swim. His last words before going under in the frigid waters were "Believe on the Name of the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Hollywood and very few in history remember John Harper. While others were trying to buy their way onto the lifeboats and trying to save their own lives, John Harper gave up his life so that others could be saved. John Harper was truly the hero of the Titanic. Oh, God, help us all to have the same passion for lost souls that this man had. 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. You can use your own shoebox or an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and a list of acceptable shoebox items can be found on the information table in our fellowship hall. For more information, contact our Operation Christmas Child coordinator Julie Tyler at 229-942-7929.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Music, fellowship and in-depth, interesting and relevant to life Bible Study lead by our Pastor.
Sunday's at 6:00
Join us and grow in the Lord!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Ministry Breakfast is Sunday, November 19 at 8:15 am in our church fellowship hall. All men and boys are invited!

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Starting Wednesday, November 1 our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will begin at **6:30**. These times are so important to the spiritual life and health of our church. Please join us!

The Sunday Night Small Group begins a study entitled "If" by Mark Batterson on November 5. Trading your "if only" regrets for God's "what if" possibilities. The group meets from 5:45-7:00. See Glenn or Tracy Fowler for more information.

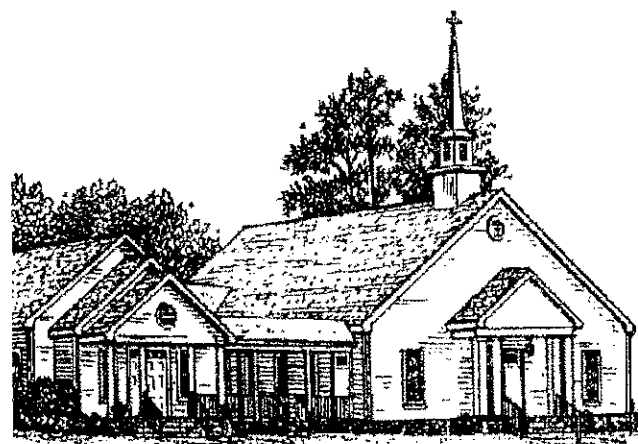
IT IS TIME TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.

October Average Sunday School Attendance: 58

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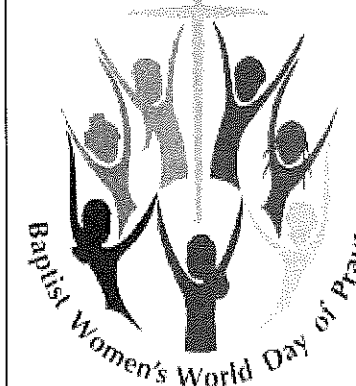


COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Taylor Mill Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. All are invited.

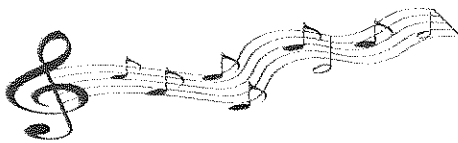
Psalm 107:1 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

ARISE SHINE



All ladies are invited to the Friendship Association Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer which will be held at Whitewater on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 PM. A salad supper will be served and everyone is asked to bring your favorite kind of salad. For more information, please see Laverne Bentley our WMU Director.

Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you."



Music Ministry

When I was growing up in my parent's home, my mother did not allow us to have a date or any other activity on Saturday night. That night was a time to get ready for church the next day - roll your hair on those wire and bristle rollers (ouch), paint your nails, lay out your clothes, study Sunday school lesson and go to bed early. In other words, she impressed upon us the importance of preparing for worship on the Lord's Day. I don't know how many of you had that same experience, but I wonder if we have failed to pass this on to our children and grandchildren. Here is a list that took me back to that time. Something we all need to think about. God gave us Sundays to put Him first and come together for corporate worship. Let's be ready for worship on Sunday.

How Not To Be Ready For Worship This Weekend

By Chuck Lawless

As you and your family think about gathering with others for worship this weekend, here are some ways NOT to get ready:

Don't do any preparation at all. Just show up for worship with no preparation.

Worry more about lunch on Sunday than about feeding on God's Word. Spend more time preparing for lunch than preparing for worship.

Don't pray for those who lead you in worship. Assume they can do it all on their own without the power of God overshadowing them. Leave them uncovered in prayer.

Look for reasons not to go at all. If you don't want to go to worship, you'll be able to find a reason.

Believe that nothing's going to be different at church anyway. Plan to go through the motions of worship, and assume that everyone else will do the same.

Make sure your phone and iPad are powered up so you have something to do during worship. Plan ahead of time that you'll most likely be searching the Internet under the guise of using an electronic Bible.

Plan to be frustrated by the music or the preaching. If you start out looking for frustration, you're sure to find it.

Assume you'll be late. That way, you won't feel funny when you are.

Expect family conflict when getting ready for church. It always happens, right?

I realize that this post surely sounds negative to some readers. My point, though, is to show that we sometimes give far too little thought to things that get in the way of our worshiping God well. Correct that today, and have a great time with God's people this weekend!

Keep Singing His Praises, Cheryl Dorsey

This Month's Servants

Deacon of the Week:
 November 05-11 ~ Karl DeLoach
 November 12-18 ~ Chris Keene
 November 19-25 ~ Carlton Rodgers
 November 26-Dec. 02
 Gary Simmons



Eddie Odom
 Casey Volskay
 Jimmy Windham
 Connor Windham

NOVEMBER NURSERY CARE



November 05
 Jennifer Melton & Reid Martin
 November 12
 Kathy Windham & Abigail Tarrer
 November 19
 Cindy Bellew & Matthew DeLoach
 November 26
 Austen Cannady & Lauryn Griffin

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!*

NOVEMBER SANCTUARY FLOWERS



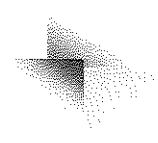
November 05
 Dot Bentley
 November 12
 Ned Parker and Family
 November 19
 Scott & Allison Tarrer
 November 26
 Tom & Velma Fowler

NOVEMBER

1 ~ Becky Jones
 3 ~ Mark Simmons
 8 ~ John Scott Simmons
 9 ~ Virginia Simmons
 11 ~ Jacob Fowler, Eddie Odom
 13 ~ Wesley Cannon
 15 ~ Brown Hortman
 16 ~ Gene Simmons
 19 ~ Brian Mygrant
 21 ~ Richard Toole
 27 ~ Jessie Melton
 28 ~ Amanda Lamberth
 Jacob Weaver; Tammi Weaver



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 NIV

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE COUNTRY A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL Practice every Wednesday at 6:00 PM All children ages 3 and up are invited to participate. Bring your children so they can be blessed!			1 12:00 Golden Heirs Senior Adult Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	2	3 12:00 Soup Kitchen Ministry, Montezuma	4 Sing to the Lord, for He Has Done Glorious Things! Isaiah 12:5
5 8:00am Deacons Meeting *REGULAR SUNDAY AM SCHEDULE Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 6:45 WMU World Day of Prayer, Whitewater	7	8 6:00 Children's Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting & Business Meeting	9	10	11
12 *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Children's Church	13 2017 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville Nov. 13 - Nov. 14	14	15 6:00 Children's Choir MISSION NIGHT 6:00 Meal 7:00 WMU, Men, Children & Youth	16	17	18 MAY GOD BLESS YOUR LIFE! YOU ARE LOVED!
19 8:15 AM Men's Breakfast *REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE	20	21 7:00 Area Thanksgiving Service, Taylor Mill Baptist Church	22 No Wednesday Services	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 *REGULAR SUNDAY AM SCHEDULE Children's Church Church Council	27	28	29 6:00 Children's Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	30	Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship 5:30pm Awana 6:00pm Evening Worship	