



## FROM THE PASTOR.....

### A NEW CHURCH YEAR IS UPON US

It is already August 1 as I write this article, and a new school year for Cobb and Paulding counties has already begun. A new church year (2017-18) for our Sunday School, Awana, and our various committees and leadership teams is also only days away. Our Sunday School director, Eddie Graham, has already ordered the new literature for the next quarter, and Sunday School promotion day for our children is this coming Sunday, August 6. We are praying for a great day in Sunday this coming weekend as a way of kicking off what we will be a wonderful year of studying God's Word together.

Our Sunday School average for the 2016-2017 was 385, slightly down from the 391 average in 2015-16, and down from the 433 average in 2014-15. I am praying hard that 2017-18 will be the year we start reversing this downward trend, go back over the 400 mark in average attendance, and then keep moving forward as God adds to our church those that are being saved and as believers are added to our church family. I have always been a zealous advocate of the age-graded Sunday School/Bible Study program because I know what lasting impact it makes on peoples lives. It is the major inreach, outreach, fellowship, and discipleship program of a church. A church with a strong, growing Sunday School/Bible Study program will be a healthy, growing church. A church with a weak, declining Sunday School/Bible Study Program will

be a weak, declining church. It is just as simple as that.

If you are not currently in a Sunday School / Bible Study class, I encourage you to join us each Sunday at 9:15 am. We currently have three preschool classes, three children's division classes, three youth classes, a college and career class, and 13 adult classes, including classes for young adults, middle age adults, and seniors, and classes for men and women, couples and singles. We have the most experienced and knowledgeable group of teachers I have ever worked with, and I am grateful for their dedication to their classes and the many hours of personal study they put in each week.

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The new Awana year begins Sunday afternoon, August 13, at 5:30 pm. Jo Neiman is working hard to secure leaders and teachers to fill a few remaining open slots. There will be a teachers/leaders luncheon in our fellowship hall after church this coming Sunday, August 6, at 12 noon. All teachers and leaders who have committed to serve in the coming year are strongly encouraged to attend. Anyone else who would like to learn more about Awana, or learn more about how they can help with our Awana program, is also invited to attend.

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As we begin a new church year, we are pleased to announce the addition of new staff for our church. Tasia Cater, who served as one of our major worship leaders in VBS this summer, is now our Preschool Director. Tasia's husband, Cody, has also been called as our Interim Student Minister. Both are doing a great job and are proving to be a blessing to our church.

A new staff position that has been created is the Communications/Publications Director, and that position has been filled by long-time member Cindy Holmes. Cindy is very well trained and experienced in web design, communications, and public relations, having had a long and very successful career with AT&T, as well as serving at a sister church the Atlanta Metro area. She will be in charge of website design, maintaining up-to-date content for our church's website, as well as being responsible for our church's Facebook page, monthly newsletter publications for the church and for its various ministries. She will also be in charge of maintaining an up-to-date pictorial directory (and we are praying one will be published soon), as well as keeping current messages on our church's new electronic sign. She will also work to design church brochures to be used in the mailings a team of volunteers produces for our monthly outreach night. She will also work with our publicity committee in its work in making our church known to our community. We feel this is a very important ministry position in the modern age. Many of our visitors and our new members are telling us they checked out our church's website and listened to several of my messages posted there before they ever made their first visit to our church. Please pray for Cindy and the other new staff members as they begin their work.

Also pray for the newly elected search team as they begin their work of filling the newly created ministerial staff position - Associate Pastor/Minister to Students. Charles Perdue and the nominating committee worked very hard formulating a new staffing strategy, and creating several new staff positions. The new Associate Pastor/Minister to Students position is a combination of our previous Associated Pastor/Education position and the Minister to Students position. We are very excited about our future and we are committing to finding the right man. We are looking for a mature individual who has a heart for students, experienced student minister, and is committed to a program

of discipleship, and one who can also preach sound, anointed, expository messages, provide wise counsel to members of every age, and one who will partner with me in strengthening the overall education ministry of the church. We are also looking for someone who can appreciate and support the current worship style of our church and the Bible-based expositional preaching coming from the pulpit week by week. We are looking for someone who will not try to be popular, but will be faithful to God and His Word. We are also looking for someone who will help create an atmosphere and a strategy of church unity where we are training and preparing our students to take their place as adult leaders and teachers in OUR church. Ty Mitchell is the chairman of our search team, and resumes are already coming in though an official ad for the new position will not be placed for a few more days. Please keep this search team and our church in your prayers.

## **MBC MUSIC MINISTRY**

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### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Sundays**

Hand Bell Choir	4:15 p.m.
Men's Ensemble	4:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesdays**

Celebration Singers	4:30 p.m.
Children's Choirs (5K - 5th)	5:45 p.m.
Orchestra	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir	7:30 p.m.

**Psalm 119: 33-40** -<sup>33</sup> *Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.*

<sup>34</sup> *Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.*

<sup>35</sup> *Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.*

<sup>36</sup> *Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!*

<sup>37</sup> *Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.*

<sup>38</sup> *Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.*

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

From personal experience I have learned that living the lifestyle Christ would have us live is difficult. There are pot holes and ditches along the way that we have to navigate around. Without a map or guide we would be doomed to crash, but in God's Word we have a map to guide us around life's obstacles. As worship leaders it is important that our message be reinforced by our walk. Folks, I pray this will be our "MOTTO" in weeks ahead. This morning I am feeling blessed and challenged through God's Word.

**Celebration Singers** - It was indeed a joy and honor to be with you on our "Summer Tour." I will never forget the smiles, the tears, and the joy you brought to many this past week. You presented the Gospel in song with power and passion, but you also were Christ hands and feet as you ministered through you interaction with residents at each facility. We will take a few weeks off, then we will kick off plans for a Christmas tour on Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>. I want to invite you to join us as we prepare for our "2017 Christmas Tour". We rehearse on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm in the choir room.

### **We Have a Place For You!**

**Sanctuary Choir** - Now is the perfect time to join our ministry team and get in on all the ministry opportunities for Christmas. We have room for you in our sanctuary choir. On August 19<sup>th</sup> we will launch our *Road to Christmas*. This is a great time to join us. We will distribute music and rehearsal CDs along with a rehearsal schedule. I hope you will make plans to join us in choir from August -December and beyond.

**Worship Orchestra** - Our worship orchestra is searching for additional players. Do you play an instrument now or have you played in the past? We rehearse each Wednesday night from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall. For questions please contact Eddie.

**Hand bells** - I am looking for 3-4 for new folks to

help round our bell team. You need a little knowledge of music reading. We rehearse every Sunday at 4:15 pm in the fellowship hall. This month we will begin work on music for Christmas, so this is the perfect time to join us.

Sanctuary choir, celebration singers, worship orchestra, or Hand Bells, we have a place where God can use you in ministry. I look forward to seeing you this week.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

**Cody Carter, Interim Student Minister**  
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### **Sunday School 9:15am**

### **Wednesdays' Study 6:15pm in Upper Room**

This summer at Macland was an amazing time for our youth ministry. All the lessons gained from Global Youth Camp and the Wales mission trip have better prepared our students for staying true to their faith and sharing their experiences with friends and other students. We are currently studying David Platt's *Secret Church* series on *How to Study Your Bible*. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we finish the *Secret Church* study and we begin a study of 1 Peter and 2 Peter with commentary from John MacArthur.

This fall presents many opportunities to enjoy the weather and serve others through Christ. We are planning to visit a corn maze and the State Fair, which is open to youth and our adult members are also welcome to attend. We will serve at a homeless shelter towards Thanksgiving and will assist in community outreach to help one of our senior members prepare their homes for the winter weather. Another exciting event for the fall/winter is the winter retreat with details to be determined.

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established.



**August 4 & 5**  
**in gym. Sign**  
**up on SLAM**  
**board or see**  
**Cody Carter.**



**CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT**

Thank you Macland for your generous response to the needs of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home last month. Because of your giving, we delivered the following to the GBCH:

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| 25 pairs of flip flops  | 12 pairs of boys briefs |
| 9 pairs of girls briefs | 31 pairs of socks       |
| 13 sets of sheets       | 10 pillows              |
| 20 deodorants           | 17 shampoos             |
| 11 body washes          | 82 soap bars            |
| 48 toothpastes          | 65 tooth brushes        |
| 12 towels               | 57 wash cloths          |
| 4 body lotions          | 3 sun screens           |
| 9 hair bands            | 17 hair brushes         |
| 2 packs of chalk        | 27 stuffed animals      |
| 2 boxes of crayons      | 7 puzzle/sticker books  |

Thank you again. The residents and employees at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home are very appreciative of these gifts. All of them will be used for the children.

**JULY/AUGUST PROJECT**

As the article in the July *Maclander* reported, the WMU is working with the Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia in Kennesaw for their July/August project.

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia was established in Cobb County Georgia in 1973 at the invitation of Governor Jimmy Carter and for more than 40 years has been providing new hopes, new dreams, and new choices for children, adolescents and young adults struggling with emotional and behavioral health challenges. They are part of Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, which has provided treatment, education and vocational services for more than 100 years. Devereux is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit behavioral health organizations, giving Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia access to national experts from across the country.

The Devereux Wish List is much like that of the Children's Home. Here is a brief list of their needs:



Be The ONE to make the difference in the life of a child

There is a need for additional volunteers for the pre-school rotation on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and Wednesday nights. Volunteers must go through the volunteer screening and training.

- 1st Sunday morning of the month: 3 volunteers
- 2nd Sunday morning of the month: 4 volunteers
- 3rd Sunday morning of the month: 2 volunteers
- 4th Sunday morning of the month: 3 volunteers
- 5th Sunday morning of the month: 3 volunteers

We have classes that may have 1-2 children one week and 7-8 children the next. We have to be prepared for the higher number and then release leaders if children are not present.

- 2 positions need to be filled each Sunday night when Awana starts—5:15-7:30
- 2 positions need to be filled each Wednesday night beginning the first Wednesday of July

Please contact the Tsaia Carter if you have questions or are interested in being a part of helping children hearing about Jesus.

**WMU NEWS**

**AUGUST WMU MEETINGS**

- Morning Group - Tuesday, August 1, at 10:00
- Evening Group - Monday, August 14, at 6:00

**Clothing:**

T-shirts & undershirts for adolescents and teens  
 Socks for boys and girls of all ages  
 Lightweight and winter jackets/sweaters  
 Prom dresses  
 Sports coats and suits  
 Jeans and Khaki slacks  
 Swim Suits

**Recreation:**

Board games/puzzles for all ages  
 Basketballs  
 Hand-held electronic games

**Personal Hygiene:**

Bath soap (bars and liquid)  
 Shampoo and conditioner  
 Toothpaste/brushes  
 Deodorant  
 Facial tissue  
 Bathroom tissue

**Household Needs:**

Wash clothes  
 Bath towels  
 Plastic storage containers with lids (all sizes)

**Specialty Foster Care Needs**

Baby wipes  
 Disposable diapers  
 Diaper bags  
 Infant toys and clothes  
 Coloring books and crayons  
 Gift cards to WalMart or Target (\$20 value)  
 Gas cards

**School Supplies**

Everything associated with normal school supplies  
 EXCEPT: Spiral notebooks and pocket folders with prongs.

Please place your donations in the green WMU bins in the family life center by **September 11**. For more information, please contact Edna McDonald.



This year's AWANA Clubs kick off on **August 13** at 5:30 in the gym. Our AWANA calendar is full of exciting theme events—you do not want to miss this!!! AWANA is open to children ages 3—12th grade. Come join us for a great time on Sunday afternoons.

Pre-registration continues on August 6 in the Atrium between Sunday school and worship and after worship, and before and after evening worship. Be sure to sign up.

There is an AWANA leaders luncheon on August 6 in the fellowship hall immediately following the morning worship service. Anyone interested in information about becoming a leader in AWANA is welcome to attend. Contact Jo Niemann for more information.

**AUGUST GOODTIMERS**

Goodtimers will enjoy a covered dish luncheon on Thursday, **August 17**, at 11:00 in the fellowship hall. Joan Bardsley, former Romper Room hostess, is the guest speaker. Joan has a wonderful and unique way of presenting a strong Christian testimony. You won't want to miss her, so bring a covered dish, enough to share with lots of folks, and come hear Joan. For more information, contact Louise Bartlett or Karen Karac.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES  
BIBLE STUDY**

"Joy" is not the first word we think of when faced with monumental trials, but the Bible teaches us to, "Count it all Joy" when faced with life's many struggles. Ladies, you are invited to join us in an eight-week study on the Book of James beginning Wednesday morning **August 23rd** at 9:15 in the gym. **Cost is \$10.00**. For more information contact Linda Rollins @ rhlrollins@bellsouth.net or Beverly @ 770-943-5511.

**AUGUST DEACONS ON DUTY**

**July 26 - August 9**

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**August 9 - 23**

Jack Lumpkin - 770.943.7816  
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**August 23- September 6**

Rick Pensa - 404.513.5498  
 Charles Perdue - 770.920.5838



**AUGUST MENUS**

**August 2**

Pork chops, green beans, veggie casserole,  
 bread, dessert, coffee, tea

**August 9**

Meatloaf & stewed tomatoes, green beans, mashed  
 potatoes, bread, dessert, coffee, tea

**August 16**

Pizza casserole, salad, green beans,  
 bread, dessert, coffee, tea

**August 23**

Hamburger steak & onion gravy, mashed potatoes,  
 green beans, bread, dessert, coffee, tea

**August 30**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans,  
 garlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea

There are two ways to make dinner reservations:

1) Please complete a yellow card (located in the pew rack next to the hymnal) and place the card in the offering plate.

2) Call the church office.

**Deadline for reservations is Noon on Tuesdays.**

**AUGUST CALENDAR**

- August 1 WMU Morning Group
- August 5 Brookdale Senior Living Ministry
- August 6 AWANA Pre-registration  
 AWANA Leader Luncheon
- August 7 Property & Space / Deacons Meeting
- August 12 Brookdale Senior Living Ministry  
 Bible Bee Championships
- August 13 AWANA Opening Night
- August 14 WMU Evening Group
- August 15 August Outreach
- August 16 Church Conference
- August 17 Goodtimers Covered Dish Luncheon
- August 19 Brookdale Senior Living Ministry  
 Georgia Church Wide Training Event
- August 20 AWANA BARF Night
- August 23 Ladies Morning Bible Study
- August 26 Brookdale Senior Living Ministry  
 AWANA Children's Ministry  
 Conference
- August 27 AWANA Water Game Night



**CRITICAL NEEDS**

- Crackers**
- Cereal**
- Individual Boxed Oatmeal**
- Canned Vienna Sausages**



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Macland Baptist Church is a family oriented, Bible believing, Bible preaching Southern Baptist Church. We are traditional in worship style. We offer a morning worship service at 10:30 am on Sundays, Sunday and Wednesday evening services, and strong Sunday School and AWANA programs. We also provide GA's, Mission Friends, TeamKid, and WMU to help provide missions education and training for our children. We have weekday and weeknight ladies Bible studies and a growing number of specialized classes for adults on Wednesday evenings in addition to our prayer service. We offer a special mid-week student worship and Bible study. We have an active children's program and age graded nurseries. Our goal in providing these programs and opportunities is to train and equip the body of Christ to do the work of the ministry and to reach a lost world for Christ.

Our music is a mix of traditional hymns, Southern Gospel favorites, and contemporary specials. The preaching is from the King James Bible in expository style. We are evangelistic in our approach and are missions minded.