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OCTOBER 2026



A Letter From the Pastor

It is sometimes said of the modern church that if the Apostle Paul were around, we would be getting a letter. It is a comical way to note that we still have challenges and do not always get it right. However, we need not only look to the letters of the Apostle Paul to find guidance for dealing with challenges the church faces. At the very end of the New Testament in the book of Revelation we find the gift of messages to 7 different churches. These messages contain encouragement and correction. They contain affirmation and warning. They celebrate faithfulness while also confronting areas where the churches had begun to drift. Most importantly, these messages remind us that Jesus knows His church.

In Revelation 1 John introduces the vision that he received of Jesus standing among 7 lampstands that are 7 churches. The image of the lampstand is significant because a lampstand exists to hold up a light. The church is called to hold up the light of Jesus Christ in a dark world. Jesus, rather than standing at a distance from these lampstands, is standing in the midst of them. He sees them and knows them. He knows where they are faithful, where they are struggling, and where they have begun to drift. And the messages that follow are loving words of Jesus to His churches, calling them to remain faithful and to shine His light.

What Jesus said to those seven churches is still important for His church today.

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on these messages to the seven churches in Revelation 1-3. Although these messages were written to specific churches in a particular time and place, they still speak to the church today. We may live in a different time and place, but the temptations to grow comfortable, compromise our convictions, lose our passion, or simply go through the motions of faith are not unique to the first-century church. Revelation 1-3 challenges us to ask some important questions: Are we remaining faithful to Jesus? Are we loving Him and one another like we are called to? Are we growing deeper in our faith? Are we faithfully carrying the light of Christ into our community? Are there areas where we have become comfortable, compromised, or spiritually complacent?

Our church has a vision to Love Deeply, Grow Faithfully, and Make Disciples. That vision is ultimately about becoming the kind of church that faithfully holds up the light of Jesus. We do not want to simply be a church that gathers together. We want to be a church that shines the light of Christ into the darkness of this world.

The messages to the seven churches remind us that Jesus cares deeply about His church. He desires to see His people become all that He has called them to be. I invite you to pray this prayer throughout this sermon series: Jesus, help us to hear Your voice. Show us where we are faithful. Show us where we need to grow. Correct us where we have wandered. And help us to shine Your light brightly in the world. In Jesus name, amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
October 4	Revelation 2:1-7	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Loss of Love
October 11	Youth Sunday	
October 18	Revelation 2:8-11	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Be Faithful
October 25	Revelation 2:12-29	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Tolerating False Teaching



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 11 Youth Sunday
- October 12 Columbus Day
- October 17 Methodist Men BBQ
- October 25 Pastor Appreciation Lunch
- October 28 Preschool Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Halloween
- November 1 Time Change/Fall Back
- November 1 All Saints Sunday
- November 1 District Charge Conference
- November 8 Veterans Day Recognition
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 15 Chili Cookoff Lunch
- November 22 Combined Thanksgiving Service
- November 26 Thanksgiving Day
- November 29 First Sunday of Advent
- December 12 Christmas Cantata
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service





MINISTRIES



Baptism

Baptism Celebration
We celebrate with
Samuel Griffin and Josiah Arp
who were baptized on Sunday, August 30



WE ARE
ACCEPTING CANDY
DONATIONS FOR
THE CHILDREN'S
HALLOWEEN BASH.



**Midweek Kids
PUMPKIN & PJs**

Wednesday, October 7th
Mark 5:21-43
6:30-7:45PM in the Gym
Preschool-5th Grade
Contact Rachel (404) 433-0517



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
3:30 PM IN THE FFLC



**Midweek Kids
FALL BASH**

Wednesday, October 21st
Mark 7:31-37
6:30-7:45PM in the Gym
Preschool-5th Grade
Contact Rachel (404) 433-0517



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
HALLOWEEN BASH**

HOT CHOCOLATE, COTTON CANDY,
AND GROUP TRICK OR TREATING

31 | 837 Moravian Bend | 6:00PM
OCTOBER | Chatsworth, GA



MINISTRIES

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17**

**METHODIST
MENS
BBQ**

ONE-HALF GRILLED CHICKEN,
HOMEMADE BAKED BEANS, & COLESLAW

\$10 Tickets available from
Methodist Men members
or the church office

11:00AM-2:00PM

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**Sunday
YOUTH
Service**

DATE: October 11th

1 Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone
think less of you because you are
young. Be an example to all
believers in what you say, in the
way you live, in your love, your
faith, and your purity.

Join
Us!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

**THE SISTERS IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BE
COLLECTING MONEY THROUGHOUT OCTOBER FOR
SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

JUST NOTE SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES ON YOUR CHECK OR ENVELOPE. A DONATION
OF \$10 PER BOX IS CRITICAL TO COVER SHIPPING AND OTHER PROJECT COSTS. OUR
CLASS HAS BEEN ABLE TO PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO FILL THE BOXES FROM
OUR MONEY THAT WAS MADE FROM OUR COOKBOOK AND A GENEROUS DONATION FROM A
CLASS MEMBER WHO HAS SUCH A HEART FOR THIS MINISTRY.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS 100 SHOEBOXES, BUT WE WON'T
MIND IF WE EXCEED OUR GOAL WITH YOUR HELP!

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**YOUTH
GROUP**

RESUMES WEEKLY

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH**

6:00-8:00PM

CFMC

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**METHODIST WOMEN
FALL OUTING**

Tuesday, October 13th

**THE METHODIST WOMEN WILL BE TRAVELING TO SOUTHERN CHARM
RESTAURANT AND MERCIERS ORCHARD. WE WILL LEAVE THE
CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 9:45 AM. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

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**STRENGTH
TO STAND**

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TO STAND
2027**

JANUARY 16-18, 2027 (MLK WEEKEND) **PIGEON FORGE, TN** **COST: \$225 PER PERSON**

**DEADLINE TO RSVP:
OCTOBER 1, 2026**

**SAVE YOUR SPOT BY PAYING
YOUR \$25 DEPOSIT BY:
AUG. 30**

**REMAINING BALANCE:
PAID IN FULL BY
JAN. 3, 2027**

**PRICE INCLUDES:
CONFERENCE TICKET,
LODGING, AND 4 MEALS
(YOU WILL NEED CASH/CARD
FOR 3 MEALS)**

**SEE MS. MANDY WITH
ANY QUESTIONS.**

**REGISTRATION LINK
COMING SOON.**

BE IN PRAYER ABOUT IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GO.

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MINISTRIES



The Roadrunners bus will leave the church at **10:30AM** on **Tuesday, October 27th** to visit nearby Ellijay and celebrate the apple harvest. We will begin our journey by stopping for lunch at Mike's in Ellijay. This restaurant is well known for its country cooking. We will then continue to Panorama for an apple house visit. We will be sure to sample apple bread, apple fritters, apple cider, apple pies, and various flavors of ice cream. Apples of different varieties will be ripe and for sale.

The bus will leave the church at 10:30 on Tuesday, October 27 in order to arrive in Ellijay for an 11:00 lunch. The cost for this trip will be your meal, snacks, and any apples you decide to purchase. We will collect for the driver's lunch and gas when we return as usual. Please call or text Deborah Yarbrough at **706.671.7169** by October 25 to secure your space on the bus.

SATURDAY SACKS



**THURSDAYS
AT 1:00 PM**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



KING'S CLOTHESLINE

Free Clothing for All Ages

**THURSDAYS
2-4:00 PM**



GriefShare

Grief Support Group

A safe space to heal together
You are not alone

Thursdays
4:30-6:30PM
\$20 Book Fee

See Paula Catoe
or contact the
church office for
more details





MINISTRIES

COMBINED
THANKSGIVING
Worship Service
Chatsworth First Baptist
&
Chatsworth First Methodist
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
4:00 PM
@ CFB



Ladies Thankful Tea
SUN. NOV. 8, 2026
2:30PM-4:30PM

Don't miss out on this TEA-REFIC event!
TICKETS \$20 per person or TABLES OF 8 \$150
Table Sponsors: Send Check to Murray County FCA PO Box 1932 Chatsworth GA 30705
Event @ Holly Creek Baptist Church, CLC **Reservations Required: Thanks!**

Call 706-537-2185
OR Email: mledford@fca.org
to reserve your table today!

Let's have some fun! Plan to wear a fabulous tea hat!

All proceeds help support Murray Co. FCA



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Yvonne Thomas
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Dick Niggley
Ronnie & Tammie Henderson	Operations	Dick Niggley
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Operations	Dick Niggley
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Operations	Dick Niggley
Russell & Jennifer Headrick	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynn Lowman - Payers continued health issues.

Georgia Ann Plumley- Lynn Lowman's great niece is now home following heart surgery to replace multiple valves. She is 2 years old. Please pray for her continued recovery, strength, and overall health.

Jolynn Green- undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer. She has one treatment left before they will repeat her scan. Please be praying for good news!

Jeanette Greeson (Laura Greeson)- is now home on hospice care. As she nears the end of her earthly journey, please pray for God's peace, comfort, and presence to surround Jeanette and her family.

Ray Catoe (Paula Catoe) - will have knee replacement surgery on October 12th.

Loretta Otts (Gary & Bonnie Otts) - Gary's sister is dealing with a kidney infection.

Emmet Gentry - Cody Mohler's brother had surgery to replace a heart valve. He is in need of a heart transplant due to endocarditis and this surgery is intended to give him more time until that can happen.

Jase Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments.

Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick) - ongoing health challenges

Donna Liesenfeld (Lynn Lowman's step-sister)- continued prayers for battle with cancer.

Butch & Melissa Webb (Melissa Sneads)- Butch had a kidney transplant. His wife, Melissa, was the donor. Prayers for recovery.

Lisa Peeples (Lynn Lowman's Sister-in-law) - has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for her.

Pray for Christians who are persecuted, especially Christians in Nigeria where persecution is severe.

Donna Walden - has cirrhosis of the liver.

Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer.

Tanis Pritchett - prayers for ongoing health and recovery from intestinal issues.

Sheila Clouser (Shannon Eighmie)- Shannon's aunt has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rachel Ridley -continued prayers for her health.

Linda Dotson (David Robinson) - hip & knee replacement.

Gene Vance (David Robinson)- pneumonia.

Virginia Summey (David Robinson)- nurse care.

Bobby Harris - recovery from recent fall.

Janice (Gina Plemons) - Janice is a coworker at Edna's. She has been out of work and they suspect she had a light stroke.

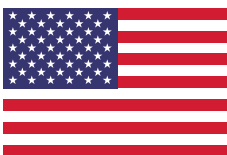
Caren Fortner - will have surgery on October 1 at 6am to remove the precancerous spot found in her breast.

Deb Hahn - Had gum surgery. Prayers for recovery.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Joyce Niggley - Please pray for Joyce and family after the sudden passing of Dick Niggley on September 11.

Carolyn Turner- a close family friend of Graham and Julie's died peacefully on September 11 at the age of 94.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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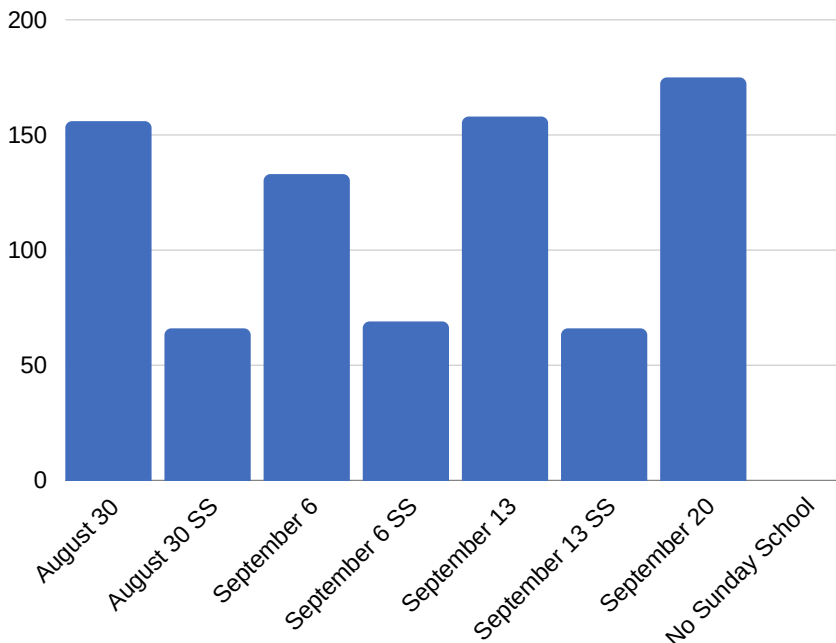
Flowers for the Sanctuary

October 4 Bill & Mary Ann Black
 October 11 France Adams
 October 18 Linda Smith
 October 25 Jacki Ferguson

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Oct 4	Shawn Davis	Brenda Chapman	Rhonda Kilgore
Oct 11	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Jaimey Mohler
Oct 18	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Oct 25	Laura Sparks	Christie Rainey	Lesley Herndon

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 9/20/2026)

MTD - \$24,890.00

YTD - \$226,892.39

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

Belize School Children Lunches

Good Samaritan Fund

Youth Mission Trip to Belize

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Tobias Arp
 October 1 Bristol Carroll
 October 3 Matilda Burger
 October 3 Ruth Woods
 October 5 Phil Noles
 October 5 Elijah Schmidt
 October 7 Mary Ann Black
 October 8 Jim Harvey
 October 9 Julie Arp
 October 11 Heidi Holcomb
 October 13 Bettie Norris
 October 13 Kevin Schmidt
 October 14 Hattie Holcomb
 October 19 Lori Townsend
 October 20 Jeff Hughes
 October 21 Jaimey Mohler
 October 21 Susan Gray
 October 26 Bradford Dorries
 October 27 Dixie Carroll
 October 29 Jacki Ferguson
 October 30 Janice Harris