

**Weekly Calendar  
Schedule**

**Sunday 09/15/24**

8:45am The Depot Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship

**Wednesday 09/18/24**

9:30am Women's Bible Study  
2:00pm Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00pm Nominations  
Committee Meeting  
5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:45pm Supper Line Opens  
6:15pm Children's Activities  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday 09/19/24**

10:00am Food Pantry Open  
(Cherry Pittman)

**Friday 09/20/24**

9:30pm 5th Quarter @  
Trinity (Youth)

**Worship Attendance**

**09/08/24**

**The Depot — 15**

**Traditional Worship — 90**

**Stewardship**

Budget \$ 557,314.00  
YTD Received \$ 313,339.00  
Monthly Need \$ 46,443.00  
Monthly Received \$ 17,326.00

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convenience. If you have any  
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free to contact the church  
office at 912-283-2077.**

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**Looking Ahead...**

- **Nominations Committee** meeting this week! Meets Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 5pm in the Conference Room.
- **Thursday Church Volunteer** is **Mrs. Cherry Pittman**. If you would like to serve in this area of ministry see Mrs. Cindy Coppage or our sign up sheet in the food pantry for availability.
- **5th Quarter** at Trinity Methodist Church is this **Friday, September 20th**. Jump on the bus after the game & ride over! Activities are over at 11:45pm. Let Ms. Ivy know!
- **M&M's Lunch** is Sunday, September 22nd following the 10:30am Worship Service. Please contact the church office to add your name to the list. Cost is \$7/plate.
- **5th Sunday Breakfast** is coming up! September 29th during the Sunday School hour in the church Fellowship Hall.
- A **visitor** to our food pantry is in need of a **bicycle**. Does anyone have a bike they could donate? If so, please contact the church office.



*First Methodist Church*  
410 Williams St.  
Waycross, Georgia  
(912)283-2077  
September 15, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

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We're glad you're here!

We are delighted that you joined us to worship today! So that we may know you better, please take a moment to complete the following and place in the offering plate.

Also, please **update** any information that we may already have on file.

**This connection card helps the office keep attendance that is turned in to the conference on a monthly basis.**

**Your attendance is important!**

Please Print. Thanking you in advance!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1st time guest \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Attender \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request:

**Prelude**

Mrs. Cindy Taylor

**Welcome & Announcements**

Ivy Kratzer

**Call to Worship**

Chancel Choir

"We Have Come into His House"

**\*Hymn**

"To God Be the Glory"

p. 98(Red Hymnal)

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Moment**

Ms. Ivy Kratzer

**Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer**

Rev. James Davis

**\*Hymn**

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

p. 371(Red Hymnal)

**Laity Prayer**

Mrs. Loni Hines

**Special Music**

Mrs. Cindy Coppage

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**No need to miss a worship service!  
Here's how to stay connected:**

1. On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
2. Online: Go to waycrossfirst.com. Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.

## **Church Night Supper**

**Wednesday, September 18th**

**Line opens at 5:45 p.m.**

### **MENU**

**Chicken Fajitas, Salad,  
Dessert & Sweet Tea**

**Reservations due by  
Noon on Monday,  
September 16th.**

**Please drop this in the  
offering plate,  
call (912)283-2077, or email  
activities@waycrossfirst.com  
to add your name to the list.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

### **Offering**

#### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **Scripture**

Matthew 5: 1,2

Rev. Davis

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Davis

#### **Litany for our Teachers**

When you are beyond tired after the school day,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to repay sass with snark,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to judge your students uncharitably,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to avoid discipling as you ought,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to avoid difficult, yet formative conversations,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to not be emotionally attentive or avoid eye contact,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to be negative and not joyful,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to avoid reaching out to students who are struggling academically or emotionally.  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to skip intercessory prayers for your students,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to drown out the Holy Spirit's "inconvenient" voice of direction  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to talk over their heads because it is easier,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

When you are tempted to ignore the work, it takes to effectively evangelize,  
**Give them strength, O Jesus.**

**Lord, teach them to see Your face in each one of their students.  
Lord, teach them to learn from their students.  
Lord, teach them to love their students.**

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

p. 402(Red Hymnal)

### **Benediction**

Rev. Davis

### **Benediction Response**

"Here I am, Lord"

p. 593(Red Hymnal)

### **Postlude**

Mrs. Taylor

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

But above all, remember, God is crazy in love with you,  
and prayer is simply communication with the one who loves you most!

-from *Imagine the God of Heaven* by John Burke

**Coming Soon on Wednesday Evenings!**

**Men's Bible Study led by Reuben Flanders**

**Join friends in the Arthur J. Moore Chapel (after supper) for a  
six week video based study entitled,  
"The Making of a Man" by Tim Brown.**



Flukie Dell, Patsy Blalock, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Kimberly Chapman, Barbara Coggin, Layne Coleman, Randy Cox, Pam Crews, Bess Davis, Savannah Deal, Susan Douglas, Wesley Edge, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Faye Fletcher, Olive Griffin, Rhonda Hart, Bobby Hopkins, Jim Hull, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Kathy King, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Lott, Jeffery Maxwell, Nancy McBride, Stephanie McDonald, Jennifer McGhin, Ann McIntosh, Mack McKown, Kathy Metzger, Military Service Members, Sandy Mills, Sarah Jolly Murray, Chris Ober, Kensley O'Berry, E. B. Price, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Stephen Rogers, David Grey Russell, Don Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Mimi Smith, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Britney Taylor & Family, Brock Thrift, Carolyn Westberry Family, and Mary Woodruff

**The baby Jesus doll of the Nativity scene is missing. It was a costly purchase due to the quality of the doll and gifted to the church Christmas 2023. If you have borrowed it or have any ideas of its whereabouts, please contact the office or leave note.**

**Thank You, Altar Guild**