

**Weekly Calendar  
Schedule**

**Sunday 07/31/22**

8:45a The Depot in Fellowship Hall  
9:30a Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
10:30a Traditional Worship

**Food on First!**

**Donate next  
Sunday!**



**Stewardship**

Budget	\$	511,192.00
YTD Received	\$	272,445.00
Monthly Need	\$	42,600.00
Monthly Received	\$	36,581.00

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church office at 912-283-  
2077.**

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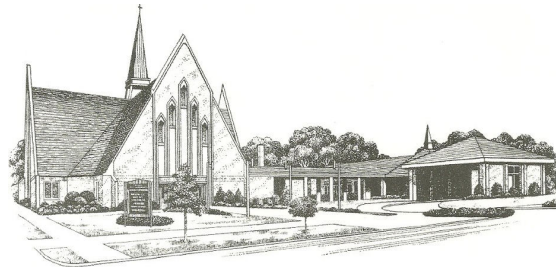
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**Worship Attendance**

**07/24/22**

**The Depot — 42**



**First United  
Methodist Church**

410 Williams St.  
Waycross, Georgia  
(912)283-2077  
July 31, 2022  
10:30 a.m.  
[www.waycrossfirst.com](http://www.waycrossfirst.com)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn UMH 529**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Jess Coleman  
FOUNDATION

**\*Teacher Appreciation**

“Litany of Fortitude for Teachers”

When I am beyond tired after the school day,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to repay sass with snark,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to judge my students uncharitably,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to ignore the quieter students,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to avoid disciplining as I ought,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to avoid difficultly, yet formative conversations,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to not be emotionally attentive or avoid eye contact,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to be negative and not joyful,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to avoid reaching out to students who are struggling  
academically or emotionally,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to skip intercessory prayers for my students,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to drown out the Holy Spirit’s “inconvenient”  
voice of direction,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to talk over their heads because it is easier,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**  
When I am tempted to ignore the work, it takes to effectively evangelize,  
**Give me strength, O Jesus.**

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

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

July 31, 2022

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:



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.

Looking Ahead...

- HANDBELLS return on Monday, August 8th.
CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal returns on Wednesday, August 10th!
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Kick-off is Sunday, August 14th @5:30p.
Church Night Supper returns on Wednesday, August 17th.
Church Council will meet Wednesday, August 17 at 6:15p in the Chapel.
Return of M & M's Luncheon on Sunday, August 28th! Save the Date!

Adapted from the Book of Worship

Leader: Dear friends, you who have responded to the call of God to become teachers in the education system. To teach, to administer the work of teaching, and to support the work of teaching. Knowing it is God who has called each to a specific ministry in educating young minds. Those who are called to the various educational ministries need our loyal support and prayers.

Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments to time and talent? Will you take seriously your role as a learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and traditions of the faith?

Teachers: We have heard God's call to teach and responded to that call. We teach, trusting God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on your prayers and our church family's support system. We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their own lives. We teach depending on this congregation to fulfill our calling.

Congregation: We pledge ourselves to pray for you and the ministry of teaching. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry.

Prayer: Dear God, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. In Jesus's name, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Christy Bandy

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

\*Hymn UMH 277

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

STORIES OF JESUS

Special Music

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Laity Prayer

Martha Fey

Scripture

Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon

"Jesus' Teaching Methods"

Rev. Bandy

\*Hymn UMH 571

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

LANCASHIRE

\*Benediction

Rev. Bandy

\*Response

"Here I Am Lord" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

HERE I AM, LORD

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.



Grace Bell, Marsha Bishop, Patsy Blalock, Wanda Boyd, Claire Boyle, Tammy Brown, Gerry Broyles, Becky Poland Campbell, Penn Clark, Layne Coleman, Terrell Coppage, Norman & Jean Cover, James Crouch, Bess Davis, Savannah Deal, Jim Eaton, Jennifer Fesperman, Rick Fey, Olive Griffin, Rhonda Hart, Tommy Herrin, Jim Hull, Kathleen Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Matthew Jernigan, Cheryl Lott, Chase Mathison, Nancy McBride, Ann McIntosh, Military Service Members, Larry Norman, E. B. Price, Lucie Putala, John Rentz, Johnny Register, Pat Rouse, T.J. Rouse, David Grey Russell, Andee Jolley Schroeder, Don Scott, Saralyn Singletary, Nita Skerratt, Cheryl & Jerry Sloan, Mimi Smith, Jim "Papa" Stewart, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Jamar Taylor Family, Bonnie Thom, Marilyn Thornhill, Brock Thrift, Ellen Voigt, Alvin Walker Jr, Kenny Williams, Henry Williamson, Amanda Winge, Sharon Worton, and Fred Zauner