

Dr. Paul Noe, Pastor  
 Rev. Mark Abbott, Associate Pastor & Minister of Music  
 Rev. Brian Ayers, Associate Pastor & Minister of Youth  
 Mrs. Missy Ferraro, Children's Coordinator

### **Homecoming Celebration!** With Special Guest Dennis Swanberg Sunday, August 13th

**Schedule:**

No 8:30am Worship Service or Sunday School  
 10:00am Service in Pavilion  
 11:30am Ground Breaking on Softball Field  
 (if Approved on July 30)

Fellowship Luncheon at Noon in the Family Life Center

**Please Bring Enough Food for Your Family & Extra for our Guests**  
 No Evening Worship Service or Activities

"...I will bless thee... And thou shalt be a blessing."  
 Genesis 12:2



**March for Jesus**  
**Saturday, August 26th**  
 Meet at Curtis Baptist Church  
 at 7:45am.  
 (March Begins at 8:00am)

**August 15 Deadline**  
 For all info to be included in the September Newsletter.

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### **COMING SOON!** **New Church Pictorial Directory**

Sign up for your photography session soon! Each participating family will receive a free 8 X 10 photograph, and a free church directory.

**Dates of Photography:**

September 13-17 and September 28-October 2

Contact Lisa Izlar at the Church Office for More Information.

## “PASTOR PAUL’S PARAGRAPHS”

**Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater Baptist Church:**

**Blessings!!** I am certainly looking forward to our **Homecoming Celebration on August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Our special guest this year will be Christian comedian, **Dennis Swanberg**. This will be the third time that Brother Dennis has been with us here at Sweetwater. The service will begin at 10:00 AM in the Pavilion Building. There will be no 8:30 am worship service or Sunday School. Also, we will have a church-wide covered dish luncheon together. Please bring enough food for your family and a little extra for our guests. You may drop off your covered dish items in the Family Life Center prior to the service. In addition, if our church votes to proceed with the construction of a new sanctuary/educational facility on July 30, we will be having a groundbreaking ceremony as part of the Homecoming festivities. I hope that you will make plans to be a part of this exciting and historical day.

Your **Nominating Committee** has been busy at work to secure workers and leaders for the 2017-2018 church year. There will be a **special called business meeting on Wednesday evening, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, for the purpose of approving the Nominating Committee report and to elect deacons. Please, pray for your Nominating Committee and for the individuals who will serve during the upcoming church year.

The Aiken Baptist Association ***Expanding God’s Kingdom Church Growth Rally*** will be during the dates of **August 14-16** at the **Clearwater First Baptist Church**. The services will begin at **7:00 pm nightly**. There will be wonderful music and dynamic speakers throughout the conference. Let me encourage you to participate in this great opportunity.

The third annual **“March for Jesus”** will be on Saturday morning, **August 26<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:00 AM. The event begins at Curtis Baptist Church on Broad Street in Augusta. This is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact for the Kingdom of God by taking a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you will come and march with me as we let the CSRA know that Jesus Christ is Lord!

We will begin sign-up soon for photography dates for a new **church pictorial directory**. The dates for family portraits will be September 13 - 17 and September 28 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-up will be in the Information Center and online. More details will be given in the weeks to come. **Mrs. Lisa Izlar** is our Pictorial Directory Coordinator. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at the church office.

**Is it a joy and a privilege to serve you!!**

**With a Pastor’s Love,**

***Brother Paul***  
**Philippians 1:3**



## ***August Events***

August 1 — Norma Pate Group, 6:30pm

August 13 — Homecoming Sunday

August 14-16 — Expanding God's Kingdom Church Growth Rally, 7pm (Clearwater FBC)

August 15 — Norma Pate Group, 6:30pm

August 16 — Finance Committee Meeting, 7:15pm

August 19 — Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8am; Joyous Seniors' Kick-off, 5pm

August 21 — Monthly Visitation, 6:30pm

August 23 — Special Called Business Meeting To Elect Officers, Teachers, & Deacons, 6:30pm

August 26 — March For Jesus, Meet at 7:45am; Women's Ministry Event

August 30 — Missions Night, 6:30pm



## ***Happy Birthday!***

8/2 — Benji Thompson, Joyce Bazemore, Charlie Snead, Abbie Prince

8/3 — Sandra Scales

8/5 — Tricia Vaughn

8/6 — Garrett Whitfield, Ray Bush, Kathy Crawford

8/7 — Beverly Simpson

8/8 — Jane Robinson, Brittany Hurt

8/9 — Roger Ratcliff, Rene Garcia, Tom Stuckey

8/10 — Michael Malone, Steve Lanham, Erin Walker, Sawyer & Sydney Bunch

8/11 — Roger Bell, Carol Lewis, Alicia Byars, Julie Williams

8/12 — Allen Simmons, Jim Williams, Katie Johnson, Paul Schwarz

8/13 — MaryAnn Bunch, Rachel Ayers

8/15 — Amanda Barnes, Al Whiteaker

8/17 — Lynda Price, Sheri Lepard, Ed Browder

8/18 — Bo Mabe, Norma Pate

8/19 — Junior Johnson, Melissa Shead

8/20 — Kelsey Cumbee, Logan Brown, Heather Arnold, Chesney Lepard, Sondra Blaxton, Benay Byers

8/21 — Ola Mae Steedley

8/22 — Sandra McDaniel

8/23 — Tonya Mock, Randy Kitchens

8/24 — Connie Black

8/25 — Bonnie Bradley

8/26 — Ashley Loehr

8/27 — Ashley Williams

8/28 — Trish Ingle

8/30 — David McClain, Wendi Byrd, Aimee Shearouse, Clay Timmons, Taylor Lyons

8/31 — Ken Smith, Carson Shearouse, Bill Farmer, Jim Rau, Ashlie Kelly



# August Schedules

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

### August 6

Charity Lyons &  
Jackie Lyons

Crib: Patsy Walker & Helen Butler  
Toddler: Paul Bunch & Cindi O'Driscoll

Barbara Schmidt &  
Linda Black

### August 13

No Service

Crib: Mike & Nancy Clark  
Toddler: Katie Johnson & Ginny Pardue

No Service

### August 20

Allen &  
Wendi Byrd

Crib: Stephanie Redfern & Susan Folk  
Toddler: Libby Zahner & Aurora Spangler

Helen Butler &  
Kathy Crawford

### August 27

Amy Clark &  
Sunnie Cook

Crib: Toni Steedley & Cade Hawkins  
Toddler: Eric & Tina Wiggins

Gina &  
Cassidy Farrer

### CMC Ministry Delivery Schedule

#### August

Shirley McBride &  
Libby Zahner

*"For the word of  
the Lord is right;  
and all his works  
are done in truth."  
Psalm 33:4*



#### SECURITY:

**8:30 AM**  
**11:00 AM**  
**6:00 PM**

#### August 6

Jody Mathis  
Tim Thaxton  
Ronnie Berry

#### August 13

No Service  
Jimmy Pardue  
No Service

#### August 20

Tillman Miller  
Terry Mathis  
Jimmy Pardue

#### August 27

David Harley  
Miller Butler  
Terrill Lepard

#### Deacons on Call

##### August 6

Zeb Ryan  
Robert Ratcliff

##### August 13

Ronnie Berry  
Chic Morris

##### August 20

Jim Wilmoth  
Billy McBride

##### August 27

Carl Boulware  
Dick O'Driscoll

8:30 AM	11:00 AM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>August 6</b>		<b>August 13</b>	
<b>Mark Stewart</b>	<b>Miller Butler</b>	<b>No Service</b>	<b>Terry Mathis</b>
<b>Mile Lybrand</b>	<b>Chuck Nail</b>		<b>Miller Butler</b>
<b>Phillip Dickert</b>	<b>Steve Whisenant</b>		<b>Chuck Nail</b>
<b>Russell Eubanks</b>	<b>Eric Wiggins</b>		<b>Robert Ratcliff</b>
<b>David McClain</b>	<b>Jim Williams</b>		<b>Steve Whisenant</b>
<b>August 20</b>		<b>August 27</b>	
<b>John Morgan</b>	<b>Eric Wiggins</b>	<b>Rocky McKle</b>	<b>Dean McDaniel</b>
<b>Billy Cross</b>	<b>Jim Williams</b>	<b>Gordon Ferguson</b>	<b>Robert Ratcliff</b>
<b>Robert Thompson</b>	<b>Jimmy Pardue</b>	<b>Russell Britt</b>	<b>Steve Whisenant</b>
<b>Jim Reece</b>	<b>Miller Butler</b>	<b>Melvin Scales</b>	<b>Eric Wiggins</b>
<b>Rod Ingle</b>	<b>Chuck Nail</b>	<b>Chris Gillespie</b>	<b>Jim Williams</b>

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# A Note from Mark...

Dear Church Family,

Mark Lowry, the famous Christian Comedian, once told a story about sitting on the bus one morning with Gloria Gaither. He asked her, "Gloria, what's the Lord been teaching you lately?" She replied, "Mark, I'm beginning to understand that God is sometimes more in the interruptions of life than in all of the plans that we make."

Sometimes if we aren't careful we can miss the Divine appointments that come our way. Most of us have a normal daily routine which keeps us very busy. We are all seeking to get the most out of the day, and sometimes hope that we could fit just one more hour into a 24 hour day. Sometimes all of our schedules come to a screeching halt when we get a phone call, an unexpected visitor, flat tire, etc. Interruptions, Interruptions, Interruptions!!! However, if we seek to see things through the eyes of Christ, then we begin to realize that the interruptions during the course of the day could be "Divine Appointments." God has placed them in our path so that we might meet a need, or be His witnesses. It could be the person across the gas pump, or the clerk at the grocery store. People are searching and if we aren't careful, we can miss the opportunity to share Christ, or be his "hands and feet" to someone in need.

Are you looking for "Divine Appointments" during the course of your day? If we aren't careful, the busyness of life can cloud our vision and keep us from being Christ to those around us...

Seeking to Serve,

Mark



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Web Site:

[www.sweetwaterbc.org](http://www.sweetwaterbc.org)

### FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- ⇒ August 6 — Croatia
- ⇒ August 13 — Taiwan
- ⇒ August 20 — Czech Republic
- ⇒ August 27 — El Salvador

Please remember to pray for our Southern Baptist missionaries and workers this month.



*"Not by strength or by might, but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts."  
Zechariah 4:6*



**GOAL: \$2,500,000.00**

***Reveal God's Plan Received:***

***\$1,884,288.39***

**MISSIONS NIGHT** Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30pm!

**Deacons' Meeting, August 20th, 4pm in Room A-201**

***Men's Prayer Breakfast—Saturday, August 19, 8am in the Fellowship Hall***  
Please sign up on the sheet at the Information Center. Thank you!

**Joyous Seniors' Kick-Off, Saturday, August 19th**

5:00pm in the Family Life Center

### **MONTHLY VISITATION**

Monday, August 21st, 6:30pm in Room A-201

**Women's Ministry—Chocolate & Friends!**

**Saturday, August 26th**

***Contact Shirley McBride or Nikki Mock For Details***