

CORNERSTONE COURIER
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PROSPECTIVE MINISTER OF MUSIC TO VISIT SUNDAY

Last August when we made up the budget for this church year we included funds for someone to lead music in our worship services and develop choirs and choral groups for children, youth and adults. That search has led us to the music departments of most of the North Georgia colleges and inquires to other churches. We have found a retired minister with excellent training and experience. He is Art Lesser who

- Bachelor of Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. with a performance Major in Voice and Choral Conducting, and a minor in Music Composition and Christian Education.
- Master of Arts in Church Ministries from Luther Rice Seminary
- Served as Adjunct Professor for Southern Bible College and Theological Seminary.
- Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.
- Served Vineyard Baptist Church in Griffin, Georgia as associate pastor of music and worship with five choirs and youth drama team. Mr. Ed Johnson, Chariman of Deacons for that church wrote us this week saying, "At Easter, he created a program that consisted of five different choirs. Pastor Art was also involved with the teens, creating skits and leading other activities.
- Served the Union Baptist in Griffin, Georgia and developed a graded choir program. Mrs. Donald York who was a choir member there wrote us this week and said, "I believe he is truly a man of God, with a passion for growth in individuals and the congregation. He is gifted in uniting the choir and congregation, encouraging them in their spiritual gifts, which resulted in growth and more member involvement. He is very dedicated with a love of music and people of all ages leading not only the adult choir, but the children's and youth music and drama team."
- Served as Minister of Music and Christian Education Director at First Methodist Church in Thompson, Georgia with five graded choirs and orchestra as well as the Sunday School for Adult and Youth Education.
- Is retired and live here on Walnut Mountain.
- Serves our local Mountaintown Baptist Association as Senior Adult Director. A letter from Rev. Claude Mathis, our Missionary, states "First and foremost, he loves our Lord. Secondly, he has a heart for evangelism desiring to share the gospel with all. Art works well with others and is diligent at accomplishing the task at hand. I do believe that whatever Art sets his heart to do with the help of the Lord, he will accomplish. He would be an asset to any congregation."

Art and his wife, Emily, will be with us on Sunday for both Sunday School and Worship to give the congregation an opportunity to get acquainted with them. If after meeting them, the congregation wishes to proceed with a call for Art to become our Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, we will have a congregational meeting to discuss him following worship on Sunday, January 29th.