

Dear Community,

We had a US Army birthday this month. AWESOME shout out to all those veterans out there past and present and the families that stood by them. Father's Day is upon us, BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE FATHERS. I am thankful for mine.

Below are just a few things that each department contributes to our city's success. There isn't a way to paraphrase or make it small. They all do a great job in our city. The train doesn't slow down it gets faster and faster as they say in life. The city staff tries to squeeze a minute and make it ten minutes. I am thankful to hear a few laughs and little break here and there and a breath of air because they work hard in there. THANK YOU.

Brandon and his team have been busy fixing roads, water leaks, tree trimming and preparing of our annual dump day July 11. They removed an unsafe building in their public works area. It needed to come down. It was a part of history but it was time. Great Job guys.

City staff have been busy with customer service phone calls and providing the extra effort to help each citizen in our community. They have been hard at work on public information requests, audit preparation, court issues and on planning and zoning and board of adjustment projects setting up public hearings to just name a few.

From our EMS Captain, Jeff and his team, have been working on getting a portion of Fannin County to provide 911 EMS services. Our Ambulances M11 is out of the shop and back in service. M10 is now in the shop for multiple repairs. Jeff has been getting quotes on radios and for a new ambulance in the event we are awarded the grant.

COVID-19: Continue social distancing, and proper hand washing techniques.

Our Police Chief and his team have been working diligently for our community and with a great deal of assistance from City Secretary Gwyn Jordan, per House Bill 3834, Cyber Security Training completed and submitted to the State for all City employees. Thank you, Gwyn! Continuing training for all officers for greater understanding of the laws they enforce and higher State licensing levels.

**Tips for citizens from Police Chief Scott:** As the country is in a time of unrest over recent events with police and citizens, I wanted to take this time to ensure our citizens that the Whitewright Police Department already has a policy concerning the use of choke holds and rendering aid to subjects injured during police action. The short version is that the use of choke holds is forbidden unless circumstances allow for the use of deadly force. Aid is to be given to any subject injured during a police action immediately upon being taken into custody and it is safe for the officer to do so.

**Municipal Court scheduled for 06/25/2020, 4:00 P.M.**

My prayer: We are all just vapors in life. You have no guarantee of tomorrow or the next hour. Lord, guide us with the time given to us. Lord, give us strength as a nation to stand strong and serve You. Lord, I ask for your blessing and forgiveness of our nation and its sins. I humbly come before You on a bent knee to serve You and be for You. I ask for Your leadership wisdom and guidance. I pray that You guide me in all my ways city staff and council to, direct our path and our citizens, I pray over all the Fathers out there and those that don't know their fathers or who have be estranged for whatever situation, I pray for those to find peace and your comfort, I pray for all those fathers who have passed away and that their memories are good and wonderful, I pray over our churches ministry teams worship team mission teams children's ministry adult ministry teenage ministry, I pray for protection against all harm against us, ill will for us. I pray for protection against suicide for our community I

pray for those who had suffered the loss and those who are struggling with this sickness, I pray for our schools leadership, and I pray against hard-hardheartedness, maliciousness, and removal of the blinders on our eyes to see what You have for us to glorify You as each day is presented to us as a miracle and what we will do with it for You.

I pray for healing recovery and protection over the COVID virus. I pray for our state leadership, Governor, and his staff, their families, and all those that are working to make the best decisions for our state. I pray for emergency services, nurses, doctors, medical staff, researchers, first responders and all those that are associated with this sickness, I pray for those struggling with jobs and finances through this. I pray over the upcoming school year and for the teachers, staff, families, and school leadership to make the best decisions on behalf of the communities health and its future, Lord, I beseech thee for Your guidance, I pray as Nyemiah did to keep focus on the building of our community for the greater good of our town, I pray for our community to be protected against all that would harm or bring destruction, I pray for your Holy Spirits Anointment on all that read this prayer and let them be blessed. I pray for all those that don't have your peace and that they ask and knock and seek you, I pray for your light upon our face, I pray for the upcoming elections for our nation and our state and city. I pray we seek Your face and in all of our matters as one Nation under You, I pray for peace against the deceiver who tries so hard to divide neighbor against neighbor, brother against brother, sister, mother, father, grand dad, grandmother, family against family, nation against nation, different skin color against color, I pray that our peace not be robbed from us our joy not taken from us. Let us store in us Your promises that we were made in your likeness no matter any differences, let us put our divided tongues down and store up Your peace, I wish to not see the another Yugoslavia in our nation, pray for Israel and all their daily battles and for protection. I pray for all the missionaries and nations who do not have Your peace. In Your mighty name we pray, Amen.

Serving you respectfully,

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"Dream to Keep the Down-Home Feeling"

"House Divided Cannot Stand" The Bible and Abraham Lincoln