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1. Welcome, **First United Methodist Church of Manchester** to our Chamber membership. Pastor Stephen Soulen welcomes you and your family to his Sunday sermons at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The church also offers Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 on Sunday morning. In addition, you and your family are invited to Wednesday services at 6:30 (supper at 6:00- call for reservations). The church also operates His Kids, a pre-school program for children two to four years old and an After School Program for elementary school children. The After School Program runs five days per week at a cost of \$40.00 per week. Children are picked up at school and are supervised until program is over at 5:30 p.m. For more information, **contact Pastor Stephen Soulen or Meredith Smith, Administrative Assistant at 706-846-3213** or email manchesterumc@windstream.net

2. Finally, this week both the Senate and the House passed the **three free trade agreements between the United States and Columbia, Panama and South Korea**. Backers of these agreements are predicting that they will create over 250,000 jobs over the next decade. The South Korea deal would boost American exports by as much as **\$10.9 billion** in the first year in which it's in full effect, according to the U. S. International Trade Commission. The accord with Colombia would increase exports as much as **\$1.1 billion a year**. According to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, these agreements will prevent the loss of 380,000 jobs.



3. Beginning this week, the **Little White House is being showcased on Brown's Guide's home page** for 12 consecutive days. Brown's Guide New 2.0 suite is the largest and fastest-growing portal website for the Georgia travel and recreation industry. For more information visit them at: <http://www.brownsguides.com/>

4. **United Way of LaGrange is hosting a three-day shopping extravaganza beginning Thursday, October 20th**. Preview Party is Thursday evening, October 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with food, beverages, entertainment, a silent auction and the first opportunity to shop. The \$25.00 ticket gets you in that evening, and on Friday and Saturday. General admission Friday and Saturday is \$5.00. United Way's Patty Youngblood says "We are



hoping to have a big crown and would love to have our friends from Meriwether County join us!". See attached flyer for more details



5. **Manchester Farm, Garden and Hardware** has lots of new merchandise for the fall, including new collegiate items for UGA, Auburn and Alabama, just in time for football season and holiday shopping. Also check out their new



line of merchandise from Browning including sunglasses, drink coozies, visor clips, coolers and flashlights. These make great gifts for yourself or those hunters in your family. For the kids, there is a nice assortment of John Deere toys for infants and young children including tractors, sandbox toys, trikes, bikes, wagons and pedal tractors. Also, it's a great time to buy flower bulbs - plant now for beautiful flowers in the spring. Visit them at their location on Warm Springs Highway in Manchester or check them out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=147995705232394>

6. The **Rotary Club of Meriwether County will host its 25th Annual Car and Bike Show at Sledge Automotive on Georgia 85 on Saturday, October 15th beginning at 9:00 a.m.** This event always brings out lots of spectacular cars and bikes and this show will feature the actual NASCAR racing cards of legends Jeff Gordon (#24) and Jimmie Johnson (#48). Come out and join the fun - bring the family - entry fee for cars and bikes is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door; there is no charge for observers.

7. Also, this weekend, bring the family out for the **Manchester's Annual Railroad Days event to be held on Saturday, October 15th.** For more information, contact Jennifer Meares 706-846-5341 or email: manchesterga@windstream.net



8. **On Friday, October 21st, your Chamber will host a free seminar** which will coach you through all you need to know to find the right job, including dressing for success; understanding what employers want; how to develop your resume and tips on successful interviewing. Session coordinator is Laurie Lewis and the free program will take place at the Manchester Public Library from 10:00 a.m. 'til 3:00 p.m. This program will be offered again in Greenville at the R. D. Hill Center on Friday October 28th. For more information contact Laurie Lewis at [Laurie Lewis \(llewis01@windstream.net\)](mailto:llewis01@windstream.net)

9. Put on your running shoes and plan to come out for the **Annual Candlelight Tour Run to be held on Friday, November 18th.** The one mile starts at 9:30 p.m. and the 5K begins at 10:00 p.m. The race typically draws over 200 runners from throughout Georgia and the Southeast. There will be plenty of food, hot chocolate and door prizes. Entry fee is \$20.00 if received by November 11th and \$25.00 after that. All runners receive a long sleeved cotton t-shirt, along with food hot chocolate and door prizes. Sponsorships are available for \$100.00 each.



10. ***Governor Nathan Deal will lead a delegation to China and South Korea this week on his first Asia trade mission.*** The delegation will include Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Chris Cummiskey and others. The visit will take place October 16th-22nd. Korea is Georgia's 11th largest export market and sixth largest import market. In 2010, Georgia exports to Korea were almost \$632 million - up 39%. 55 Korean facilities operate in Georgia, employing around 5,800 workers. During his trip, ***Governor Deal will address the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry*** China is Georgia's second largest export market with a total near \$2.4 billion in exports 2010.

Around two dozen Chinese facilities operate in Georgia. During this portion of the trip, economic development agreements with Shandong Province and the city of Shanghai will be signed.