

Welcome to
Tifton First
United Methodist Church
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am
May 21, 2023

Opening Worship

Glorious Day

Holy Spirit

It Is Well

Announcements & Greeting

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Message

Closing Song

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Closing Blessing

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our newest members,
Debrah Brooks, Janet Byrnes & Pat Smith.

Congratulations to Matthew & Shelby Martin who
were married on Saturday, May 13.

Join the Church

At Tifton First United Methodist Church, we invite you to
join our church at any of our services. You may do so by
one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming
a member, contact Rev. Chip Grantham (706) 570-3330 or
seniorpastor@tiftonfumc.org. | Rev. Trevor Ward
(478) 607-9003 or associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org.
We gladly welcome you to our church family!

Prayer Requests

Members: Judy Cole, Scout Holt, William Byrd, Dale Pflug,
Ron Evans, Sheila Carson, Martha Barrineau, Janet Conner.

Long-Term Prayer: Charlie Griffin, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's
son), Hoyt Vance, Christine Kennedy.

Shut-In: Mary Nola McCrea

Maple Court: Jack & Ann Stone, David Sone, Christine Hannon,
Billie Puckett.

Legacy Village: Roy Walker, Harry Barrineau.

THE OAKS AT SUWANEE CREEK: Jane Blasingame.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Gene Botsford, Dale Pflug's friend,
Jan Jones (Lee Mathews's sister & Wanda Mathews' daughter),
Sonny Walton (Christie Vance's cousin), Martha Fleming (Tom
Shoup's aunt), Lisa Ashcraft (Jill Roberts' sister), Drama Norton (Jo
Windom's mother), Ginny Flowers ((Jackie Martin's daughter),
Cade Johnson (Gibbs & Diane Patrick's nephew), Joel Ethridge (J.
Michael & Teresa Moore's son-in-law & Virginia Hatcher's nephew),
Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandson), Nicholas Horne, Tommy
Smallwood (friend of Dale and Sunny Pflug's), Amy Meeks (Carloyn
Kightlinger's friend), Elena Kang (Carolyn Kightlinger's great
niece), **PLEASE REMEMBER** to call the church office with an
update on those you've placed on the prayer list **OR** if you are
admitted to the hospital so we are aware of your hospitalization and
to keep our prayer list accurate.

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Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 21, 2023

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Prelude Becky Rogers

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Becky Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

***Hymn** MH #154 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

*Affirmation of Faith

***Gloria Patri** (#70)

***Greeting Time** *“The Family of God”*

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Harley Grey Elizabeth Daugherty

Morning Prayer / 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** (11:00) MH #310 *“He Lives”*

Offertory Kendra Gannaway

Doxology #95

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Children’s Moment Kaycie Self

Choral Anthem (11:00) *“Here I Am, Lord”* Chancel Choir

Scripture

Sermon Rev. Chip Grantham

***Hymn** MH #327 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

*Benediction

***Postlude** Kendra Gannaway

***Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of Abigail Harvin on her 16th birthday (May 21st) by Mom, Dad and Madeline.

On the Sunday you place flowers in the church, you can take them after the worship service or let Debbie know if you would like to donate them to our shut-ins.

Ways to Give

Text to Give

TFUMC Give \$(any dollar amount) to 73256

Standard text message rates do apply.

For example, a \$50 gift would look like this:

TFUMC Give \$50

Give Online at:

www.tiftonfirst.org/give

Mail a check to:

Tifton First United Methodist Church

107 12th Street W

Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, May 21

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH

11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Monday, May 22

2:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Parlor

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / SH

Tuesday, May 23

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Wednesday, May 24

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, May 25

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

12:30pm Red Cross Bloodmobile / SH

Friday, May 26

7:00pm Youth Lock-In / AC

(Friday, 7:00pm—Saturday, 7:00am)

Sanctuary Servant for May: Judy Ross

Monthly Activities

Club 55 - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.

Senior Adult Movie - 2nd Thurs. at 2:00pm in the SH.

Circle 7 - 2nd Tues. at 9:30am in the Parlor.

Senior Adult Lunch & BINGO - 3rd Thurs. at 11:30am in the SH.

Circle 2 - 3rd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.

Red Cross Bloodmobile - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH.

Stephen Ministry - 3rd Tues. at 6:00pm in the Searchers Classroom.

Caregiver Support Group - 4th Mon. at 2:00pm in the Parlor.

**Club 55, Senior Adult Movie & Senior Adult Lunch & BINGO
Do Not Meet in June & July.**

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR DISAFFILIATION

Today, Lamar, Sissy, Trevor, and I will be participating in a special online annual conference, for the purpose of voting to approve the disaffiliation of churches that want to leave the South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This afternoon, we’ll vote to approve the disaffiliation of 193 churches. This meeting has been planned for some time as all these churches voted to disaffiliate during the last year, and those votes have been publicized. We’re just acknowledging the votes.

After the vote today, the South Georgia Annual Conference will have lost 50% of its churches to disaffiliation during the past 3 years, and 57% of its membership. That breaks my heart. I wanted you to hear it from me, but I also wanted to share a few facts related to this issue.

In 2019 the UMC held a special called General Conference to “once and for all settle the human sexuality issue in the UMC.” The traditional stance, that all humans were of sacred value and loved by God, but that homosexuality was incompatible with Christian teaching, held. We continued in our stance that we did not ordain self-avowed, practicing homosexuals; we did not perform same-sex marriage ceremonies; we did not allow those ceremonies on our properties; and we did not give church monies in support of LGBTQ+ causes. As a part of that, there was a provision that allowed churches and pastors who did not agree with our traditional stance to disaffiliate.

Unfortunately, some conservative elements in the UMC decided this was their opportunity to break away and form a new church, where they could be in charge. They shared a false message that the UMC had changed its beliefs and stances, and scared churches into leaving. And due to their actions in our conference and because of our proximity to North Georgia, as well as the actions of their former Bishop, a lot of people reacted.

South Georgia has lost 289 churches to disaffiliation, and we’ve lost 2,800 nationwide. But that’s only 7% of the total churches in the US, and South Georgia, North Florida, and Alabama are where most of the disaffiliations have occurred. We continue to monitor the situation and are waiting to see what happens at the General Conference in 2024, to see if this breakaway by some conservative churches provides the opportunity for a different outcome at General Conference. If it does, we have clear exit ramps later in 2024, if we feel we need to leave.

In the meantime, we will continue to do what we do best – love God and love one another. And be a beacon of that love in our community.

We’ll keep you posted!

In Christ,
Chip

The Playground is complete! Thanks to Richard Golden, Blair Golden, Tommy Bargeron and the Trustees that helped with the work on this project. We especially appreciate the donation of the playhouse by Scott & Nicole Fulp. This project would not have been possible without the generous donations that provided funding. We now have a beautiful playground to enhance our children’s ministry. We invite all of you to stop by and see it.

Thanks,

The Playground Committee: Billie Jo Abney, Diane Bargeron,
Allison Fulwood, Bobbie Fresh, Lauren Fresh & Wayne McGill