

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
United Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
June 25, 2023

### Opening Worship

*Glorious Day*

*Sons and Daughters*

*Gratitude*

### Announcements & Greeting

### Prayer Concerns & Offering

### Message

### Closing Song

*It Is Well*

### Closing Blessing

#### 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](mailto:seniorpastor@tiftonfumc.org). | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or [associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org). We gladly welcome you to our church family!

#### Prayer Requests

**Members:** Judy Cole, Scout Holt, William Byrd, 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, 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.

#### Our Church Staff

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**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**

**Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist**

# TIFTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Faithful* to SCRIPTURE  
*Creative* in MINISTRY  
*Passionate* for OUTREACH  
*Offering* CHRIST to ALL

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 25, 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 #61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"*
- \*Affirmation of Faith**
- \*Gloria Patri** (#70)
- \*Greeting Time** *"The Family of God"*
- 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 #144 "This Is My Father's World"*
- 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) Chancel Choir  
*"Hymn of Heaven"*
- Scripture** 2 Peter 3
- Sermon** *"Gods Big Mistake"* Rev. Chip Grantham
- \*Hymn** *MH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*
- \*Benediction**
- \*Postlude** Kendra Gannaway
- \*Please stand as able**



The flowers on the altar are placed in loving memory of my brother, J. Hugh Gordon, and my mother, Melba Smith Gordon, for the occasion of their birthdays on June 27 and June 29 by Jane Gordon Lucker.

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:  
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### Give Online at:

[www.tiftonfirst.org/give](http://www.tiftonfirst.org/give)

### Mail a check to:

Tifton First United Methodist Church  
107 12th Street W  
Tifton, GA 31794

### Sunday, June 25

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, June 26

10:00am Pickleball Camp (K-2nd Grade) / AC  
11:00am Pickleball Camp (3rd-5th Grade) / AC

### Tuesday, June 27

8:30am Fitness Class / AC  
10:00am Pickleball Camp (K-2nd Grade) / AC  
11:00am Pickleball Camp (3rd-5th Grade) / AC  
5:00pm Youth Fishing & Faith / Short's Lodge

### Wednesday, June 28

12:00pm Grub & Grow Family Event Water Day  
12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel  
6:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training / SH  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Thursday, June 29

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for June: Anne Hobby

## 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.**



June 19, 2023

Rev. Chip Grantham, Senior Pastor  
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### RE: Annual Conference 2023

Dear Chip,

We wish to express to you, Trevor, Lamar and Sissy, the church staff, and all the folks at Tifton 1<sup>st</sup> our heartfelt thanks for an incredible Annual Conference. During our gathering, I heard, repeatedly, "Annual Conference is always great when it's held in Tifton." I could not agree more!

Additionally, it was a wonderful "homecoming" for Rebecca and me. From the warm greeting as we arrived at the UGA Conference Center to the magnificence of the Ordination Service, the love we received is something we will never forget. There are truly no words to adequately express how much it meant to us. Tifton 1<sup>st</sup> holds a very dear place in our hearts and we cannot thank you all enough for this outpouring of love.

God's call became clear at Tifton 1<sup>st</sup>; God's call was nurtured at Tifton 1<sup>st</sup>; God's call was affirmed at Tifton 1<sup>st</sup>. To have the Ordination Service in the Sanctuary where we worshipped for so many years was such an incredible gift. To describe it as "magnificent" seems a gross injustice. It was truly a high and Holy service of worship!

While relieved by the conclusion of the ordination process, there is the unmistakable presence of a Holy weight as I embrace what God has in store. The journey to ordination has been filled with many obstacles, twists, and turns. Through it all, we have come to realize that God used every single one in our preparation for this work. We could have never navigated this path without the incredible people who call Tifton 1<sup>st</sup> home. We are eternally grateful!

Again, many thanks for all you have done for us. Rebecca and I continue lift you all in prayer.

In Christ,

Joseph I. Carter