

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
United Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
August 20, 2023

### Opening Worship

*I Believe*

*No Longer Slaves*

*Gratitude*

### Announcements & Greeting

### Prayer Concerns & Offering

### Message

### Closing Song

*Promises*

### Closing Blessing



#### Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to:

Mike & Gail Gibson in the death of  
her sister, Mona Ellard.

#### 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:** Jackie Martin, Judy Cole, 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:** Eleanor Giles, Jack & Ann Stone, David Sone, Christine Hannon.

**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker, Harry Barrineau.

**THE OAKS AT SUWANEE CREEK:** Jane Blasingame.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Gloria Manning (Marie Gann's friend), John Sapp (Tracy Malone's friend), 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 (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Amy Meeks (Carolyn 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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**Sissy Martin, Church Hostess**

**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

August 20, 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 #380 *“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”*
- \*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 #377 *“Amazing Grace”*
- 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**
- Choral Anthem** (11:00) Chancel Choir  
*“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”*
- Scripture** Matthew 13:1-23
- Sermon** Rev. Chip Grantham  
*“Parable of the Sower”*
- \*Hymn** MH #453 *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*
- \*Benediction**
- \*Postlude** Kendra Gannaway
- \*Please stand as able**

### 2023 Altar Flowers

We still have available dates for Altar flowers. Call Debbie in the church office (382-6100) to reserve your date or add your name to the flower calendar on the bulletin board going in to the Sanctuary.

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

Messages and Data rates may 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, August 20

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, August 21

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

6:00pm Church Council Meeting / Searchers

7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / SH

### Tuesday, August 22

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

### Wednesday, August 23

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

3:45pm Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC

5:00pm Children’s Choirs (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CB

5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH

6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC

6:15pm Bible Study with Chip / Chapel

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Thursday, August 24

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for August : Sharon Smiley

## 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 10:00am 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.



Frances Harris frequently walked the halls of Tifton First United Methodist Church with camera in hand, ever ready to capture the heartbeat of our church. She used her elementary school teacher talents to create amazing bulletin boards to showcase new members and share current activities. Frances loved her church and, in her will, set up an exceptionally generous gift to the Endowment Fund. When she realized she was in her final season, again and again she reminded her family of her plans for leaving this rich legacy to the church she so loved. Those of us left behind would do well to follow suit in

our givings.

We acknowledge with much appreciation those who have given in either large or small donations to our Endowment Fund. Gifts left through estate planning, such as in wills, through life insurance, or annuities are just a few of the kinds of gifts that help grow the Fund. Other kinds of gifts include cash, real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement funds, etc. If you have any questions about how you can make a gift to Tifton First United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund, please contact the church office or any of the Endowment Fund Trustees.

FUMC Tifton Endowment Fund Trustees



### Wednesday Night Supper

5:15pm in the Social Hall

Menu for August 23rd:

Grilled Pork Loin with Plum Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Black-Eye Peas, Turnip Greens, Congealed Salad,  
Cornbread & Desserts

**Note:** Please call church office for **TO GO** plates