

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
United Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
August 27, 2023

### Opening Worship

*Take You at Your Word*

*I Believe*

*Communion*

### Announcements & Greeting

### Prayer Concerns & Offering

### Message

### Closing Song

*Make Room*

### 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:** 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 & Becky VanceVance, 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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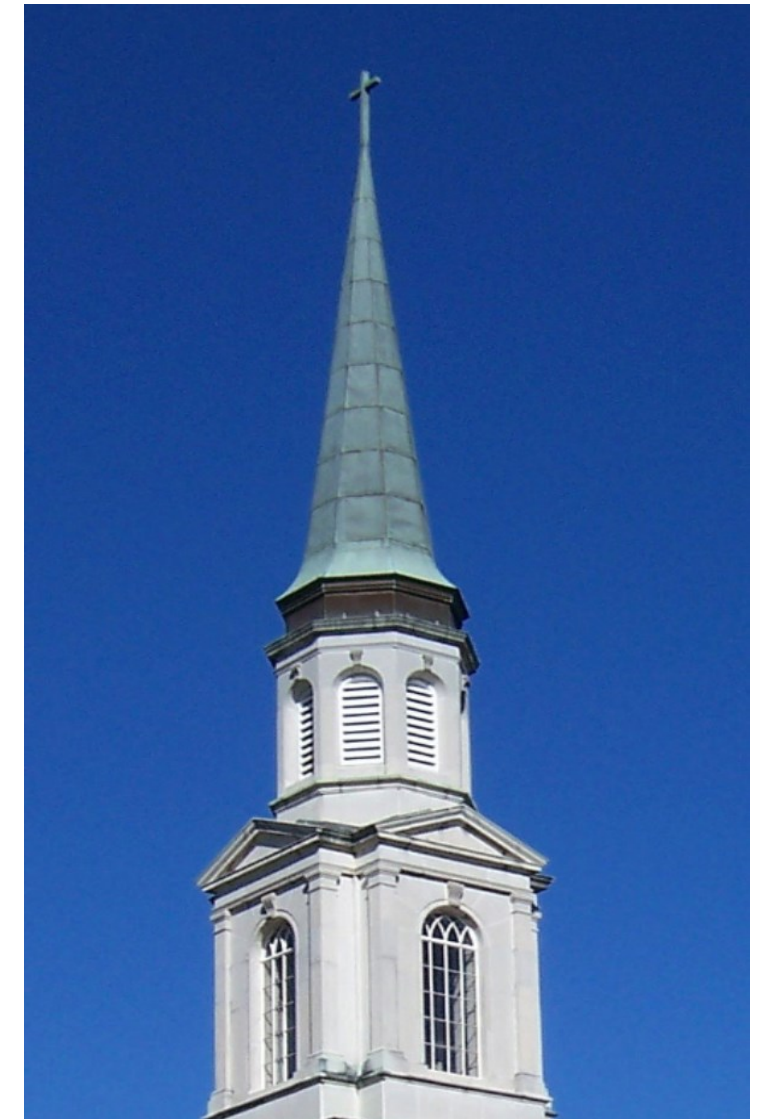
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**Sissy Martin, Church Hostess**

**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 27, 2023

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

- Prelude** Kendra Gannaway
- 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”*
- 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 #156 *“I Love to Tell the Story”*
- Offertory** Becky Rogers
- 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  
*“I Love You, Lord”*
- Scripture** Matthew 13:24-43
- Sermon** *“Parables of Jesus”* Rev. Chip Grantham  
*“Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast”*
- \*Hymn** MH #172 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*
- \*Benediction**
- \*Postlude** Becky Rogers
- \*Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Melvin & Anita Merrill and Chris & Jackie Click Merrill by their family.

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

### Mail a check to:

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

### Sunday, August 27

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 28

2:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Parlor  
5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room  
7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / SH

### Tuesday, August 29

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

### Wednesday, August 30

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel  
3:15pm Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC  
4:45pm 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 / Parlor  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Thursday, August 31

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.

## Air Conditioning

Have you thought lately how many ways you are blessed? As blessed as we are, we take so many things for granted. Just think about air conditioning. It sounds trivial I know. But having gone without air for a few days earlier in the year, I know it's something I've really become accustomed to. As I write this, I'm sitting in the kitchen of Bailey's house, while the crew from D&M are putting in a new unit. She hasn't had air conditioning since Friday.

Fortunately, she could come and stay with us until she could get them out to look, give her a quote, order a unit, and now be at the point of installing it. But how many people are going through this incredibly hot summer without air conditioning? Not many of us know what it is to go without air conditioning, heat, electricity, food, or a roof over our heads in a place where we aren't afraid. Most of us can get the medical attention we need and cover the basics. We truly are blessed!

Each week we help many individuals and families who are unable to cover those same basics. In fact, Debbie has the challenge of accomplishing her regular duties because so many people are calling to see if they can get assistance every day. But thanks to you and your giving, we are able to help some of those who need it, and you are being used by God to be a blessing to others.

In Christ,  
Chip



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**5:15pm in the Social Hall**  
**Menu for August 30th:**

Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Squash Casserole, Congealed Salad,  
Rolls & Desserts

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