

Welcome to
Tifton First
United Methodist Church
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am
September 3, 2023

Opening Worship

Glorious Day

Tend

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Message

Prayer Stations & Communion

Closing Song

Yes and Amen

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. | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or 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.

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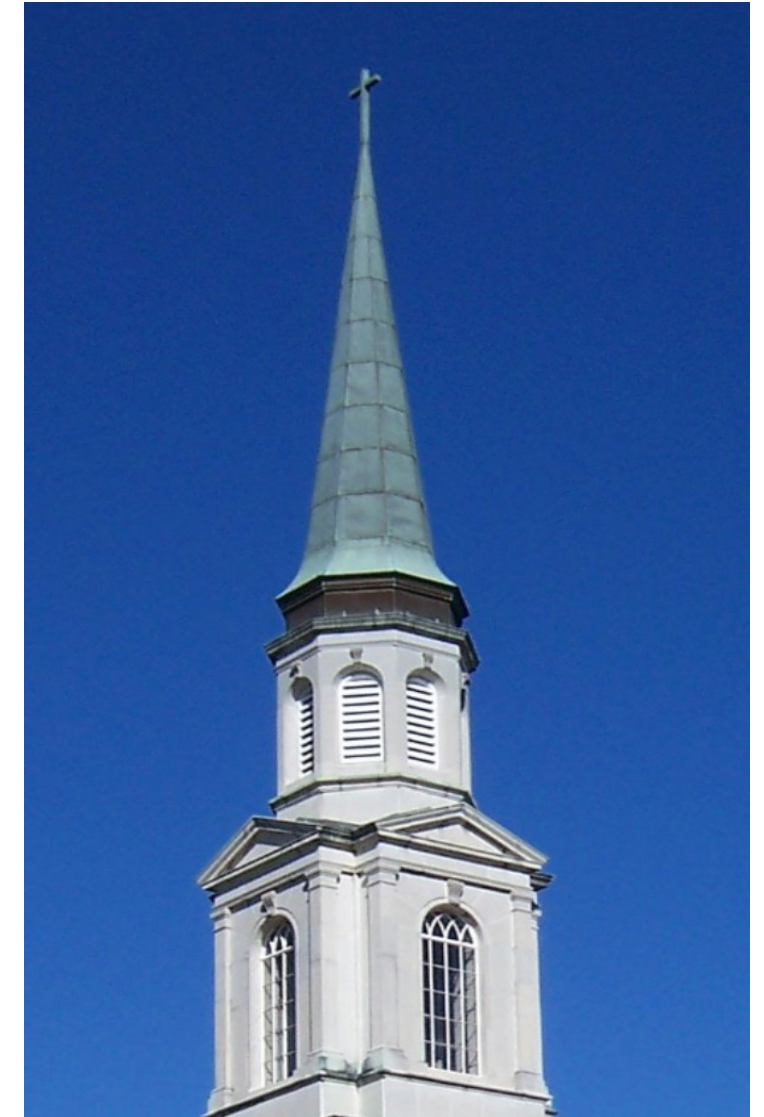
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Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 3, 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 #98 "To God Be the Glory"*

***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 #389 "Freely, Freely"*

Offertory (9:00) Kendra Gannaway
(11:00) *"Here I Am, Lord"* Chancel Choir

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."*

Scripture Matthew 13:47-52

Sermon *"Parables of Jesus"* Rev. Chip Grantham
"Net, Owners of the House"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper #12

***Hymn** *MH #452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Kendra Gannaway

***Please stand as able**

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:

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Give Online at:

www.tiftonfirst.org/give

Mail a check to:

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

Sunday, September 3

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, September 4

Labor Day Holiday - Church Office & AC Closed

Tuesday, September 5

8:30am Fitness Class / AC
11:30am Club 55 Luncheon / SH

Wednesday, September 6

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, September 7

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC
8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for September: 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 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.

Morning Prayers

The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Believers at Rome. In it he writes,
"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Rom 12:1-2 NIV).

That's one of the passages I like to meditate on as I say my morning prayers. One of the patterns I started following when I was in college was to have a time of prayer as I was shaving each morning. This passage goes along with the basic theme of that simple prayer time I started. It has morphed over the years, depending on the situation. But the basic prayer has always been, "Thank you Lord for bringing me through the night. And thank you for another day. Once again, I give myself to you. I thank you for the mercy and grace you have extended me, and I ask that you help me be sensitive to your leading. Give me eyes to see, ears to hear, and the discernment I need to do your will today. And Lord, help me to be an effective witness for you today."

You may not have a long set time for prayer in your daily routine. But I want to encourage you to find those times that are habitual parts of your day, when you can talk to God as you go about your routine. You might just find that your exercise time, your getting dressed time, your brushing your teeth time, or your daily commute become some special times in your walk with God!

In Christ,
Chip



Wednesday Night Supper
5:15pm in the Social Hall
Menu for September 6th:

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

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

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.