

Welcome to
Tifton First
United Methodist Church
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am
September 10, 2023

Opening Worship

The Father's House

Gratitude

Tend

Announcements & Greeting

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Message

Closing Song

Worthy of Your Name

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: Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, 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 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: Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's niece), 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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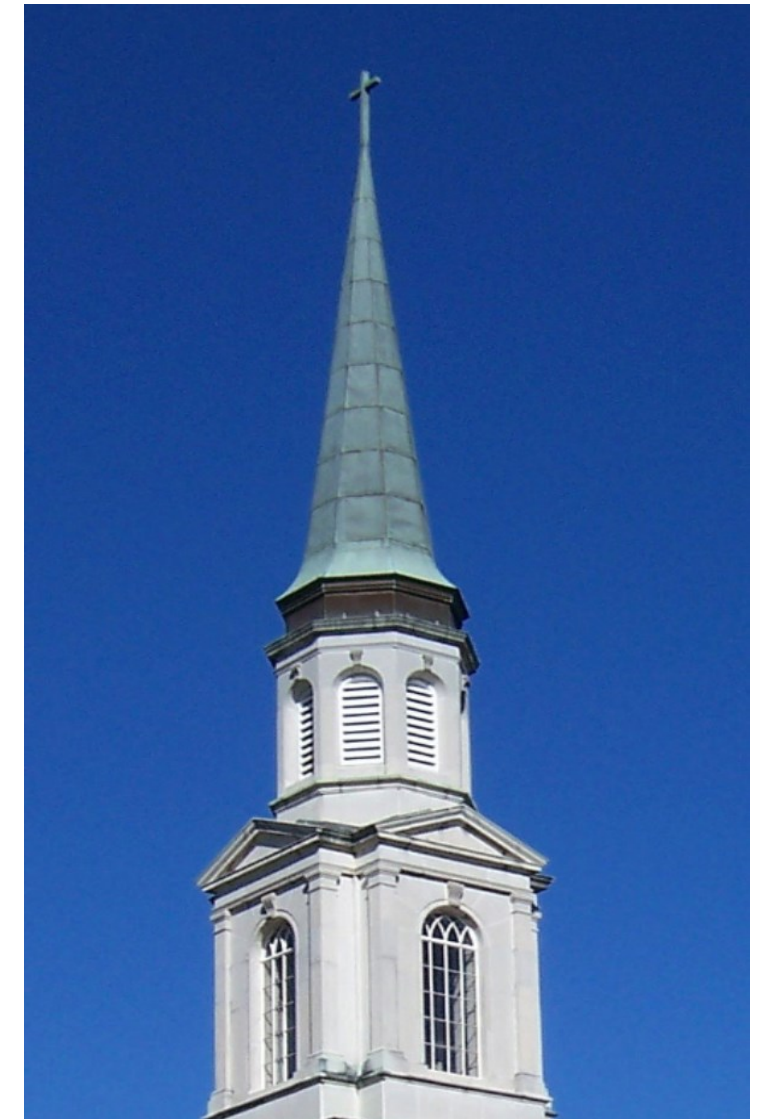
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Becky Rogers, Church Organist

Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist

TIFTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Faithful to SCRIPTURE
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Offering CHRIST to ALL

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 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 #159 *“Lift High the Cross”*
- *Affirmation of Faith**
- *Gloria Patri** (#70)
- *Greeting Time** *“The Family of God”*
- 3rd Grade Bible Presentation**
- 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 #591 *“Rescue the Perishing”*
- Offertory** (9:00) *“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”* Chancel Choir solo, Alexandria Branch
(11:00) 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
“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”
solo, Alexandria Branch
- Scripture** Matthew 18:10-20
- Sermon** *“Parables of Jesus”* Rev. Chip Grantham
“Lost Sheep”
- *Hymn** MH #337 *“Only Trust Him”*
- *Benediction**
- *Postlude** Becky Rogers
- *Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William A. Martin, Sr. by Marilyn M. Longino and William A. Martin, Jr.

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, September 10

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH
11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
3rd Grade Bible Presentation
5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Monday, September 11

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
6:00pm Children’s Ministry Meeting / Parlor
6:00pm Boy Scout Dinner / SH
7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / CR

Tuesday, September 12

8:30am Fitness Class / AC
10:00am Circle 7 / Parlor

Wednesday, September 13

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 14

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC
8:30am Fitness Class / AC
2:00pm Senior Adult Movie / SH

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.

Remembering One of Our Own

There are two groups of portraits which hang outside my office door. The larger group, to the left of my door, are the pictures we have of the senior ministers who have served this church. In the group to the right are the pastors who have come out of this church and gone into the ordained ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are in the process of getting Joseph Carter’s portrait framed and hung.

Among the pictures is one of Dr. Billy Greer, who recently passed away. Billy grew up in Tifton and was the son of the late Bill & Winni Greer. He graduated from Valdosta State College. Drawn to the ministry, he studied at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology and earned an M.Div. degree from Drew University. He was a research assistant for a year for Professor William Barclay, the distinguished Scottish theologian at the University of Glasgow. Billy went on to earn a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree at Emory University and a PhD. in Higher Education Administration at Georgia State University. He continued his studies at the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.

Upon returning from Scotland, Billy was ordained an elder in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. During the next 12 years he served churches in Macon, Centerville, and Columbus. In Cuthbert he pastored the church, and served Andrew College as chaplain, teaching Old and New Testament, and serving on the Board of Trustees and its executive committee. Recognizing his leadership skills, Andrew College tapped him for the presidency in 1980. His success as Andrew’s president led to him being called to Brevard College where he served as president for seven years (1985-1992). In 1992 he assumed the presidency of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk/Virginia Beach. Under Billy’s 23 years at the helm, Virginia Wesleyan notably increased its enrollment, athletics program, physical facilities, and endowment. Following his retirement from Virginia Wesleyan he served for 18 months as interim president of the Eastern Shore Community College.

Billy is survived by his wife, Fann Dewar, their three sons and families. He is also survived by his sister Linda Greer Burton (Joe) of Raleigh. Joe Burton is Richard Burton’s brother.

We are thankful for all those who God has sent out from Tifton First into full-time ministry. We are also thankful for the others who are not ordained, and those who were touched here, but wound up serving other churches before they entered the ministry. To have had so many answer the call from this church is a true blessing!

In Christ,
Chip



Wednesday Night Supper
5:15pm in the Social Hall
Menu for September 13th:

Grilled Smoked Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes, Pineapple Casserole, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Desserts

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