

Welcome to
Tifton First
United Methodist Church
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am
September 24, 2023

Opening Worship

Graves Into Gardens

Build My Life

Holy Forever

Announcements & Greeting

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Message

Closing Song

The Jesus Way

Closing Blessing



Congratulations to Rebecca Turner and
Connor Dunn, who were married on
Saturday, September 23.

Congratulations to Rosemary Short on the birth of her
great-granddaughter, Mattie Grace Reed. Daughter of
Josh and Rachel Reed.

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: Robin Hagan (Kirk Hagan's wife/Former
FUMC Youth Director), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's neice), 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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 24, 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 #577 *“God of Grace and God of 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 #393 *“Spirit of the Living God”*
- 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
“Hymn of Heaven”
- Scripture** Matthew 21:23-32
- Sermon** *“Parables of Jesus”* Rev. Chip Grantham
“Two Sons”
- *Hymn** MH #396 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*
- *Benediction**
- *Postlude** Becky Rogers
- *Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of Chad Tullos on his 39th birthday by Chelsi, Henri, Alexander and Andrew Tullos.

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 24

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH

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3:00pm Special Youth Trip / meet at AC at 3:00pm

Monday, September 25

2:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Parlor

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

Tuesday, September 26

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

10:00am Alzheimer Support Group / Parlor

Wednesday, September 27

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 28

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / 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.

HELP A FRIEND

Last Sunday I preached on the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant, and I talked about how we are called to forgive others. I admitted my own struggles with this, and talked about how those closest to you could hurt you the most, because you had higher expectations for them. That is true in your family, and it is true in the life of a church. There is a reason that so many people who feel like they have been hurt or offended in church, or by church members don’t just leave a church, but leave The Church.

In that process of putting up walls, they put themselves in a box where they won’t be hurt again, and unfortunately that hurt becomes their identity. If you know someone who has shut themselves off from church because of something that happened in a church, encourage them to realize they are isolating themselves. Invite them to come back into the fellowship of believers – if not at the church they had been attending, then at another one.

Churches, like families, aren’t perfect. But they are part of God’s plan for us. They help shape us into who we become. And we all have a part to play in carrying out the roles God has gifted us for in the life of His Church.

We all need help at times in finding our way. If we can help someone find their way back into the Church, we truly are doing God’s work!

In Christ,
Chip



Wednesday Night Supper
5:15pm in the Social Hall
Menu for September 27th:

Chicken Pie, Fried Okra, Butterbeans, Fruit Salad,
Rolls & Desserts

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

Now hiring a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings from
8:45am-12:15pm, must be 18+ years old.

Please send resumes to childrendirector@tiftonfumc.org