

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
United Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
July 7, 2024

**Announcements & Greeting**

*Praise*

*The Lord Will Provide*

*Fall Afresh*

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Message**

**Communion**

*Communion*

**Closing Blessing**

**Prayer Requests**

**Members:** Phillip Dominy, Michelle Hunt, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, Jackie Martin, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson, Martha Barrineau.

**Long-Term Prayer:** Charlie Griffin, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's son), Christine Kennedy.

**Shut-In:** Mary Nola McCrea

**Maple Court:** Eleanor Giles, Jack & Ann Stone, David Sone, Christine Hannon, Holly Hall, Martha Marrineau

**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker

**Cypress Pond:** Hoyt & Becky Vance, Dale & Sunny Pflug

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

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Tricia Henderson (Dale Pflug's friend), Gena Green (Tammy Dean's cousin), Maria Lane Wells, Jeanette Dickens (Lisa Reinhardt's mother), Evelyn Connell (Donnie and Linda Connell's granddaughter), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's niece), 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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**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**

**Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist**



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

Wayne & Jerri Poe in the death of their great-grandson, Hunter.

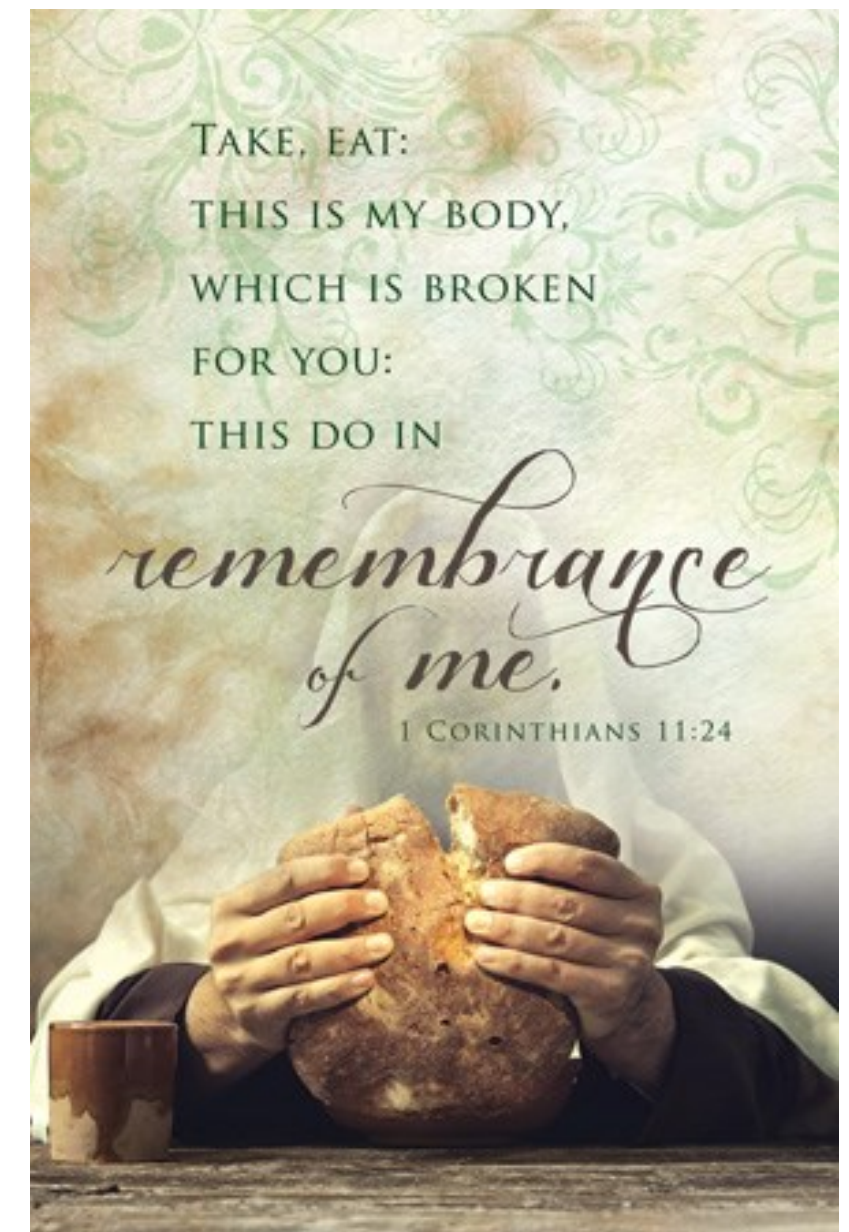
**Join the Church**

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!

**TIFTON FIRST  
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CHURCH**



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***Passionate*** for OUTREACH  
***Offering*** CHRIST to ALL

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 7, 2024  
Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

<b>Prelude</b>	Becky Rogers
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b> (11:00)	Becky Rogers
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> (Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)	
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>MH #698 “God of the Ages”</i>
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	
<b>*Gloria Patri (#70)</b>	
<b>*Greeting Time</b>	<i>“The Family of God”</i>
<b>Morning Prayer / Lord’s Prayer</b> 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.	
<b>*Hymn</b> (11:00)	<i>MH #710 “Faith of Our Fathers”</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	Kendra Gannaway
<b>Doxology</b> #95 <i>“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.”</i>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Hebrews 12:1-3
<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Chip Grantham <i>“Teamwork”</i>
<b>The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper</b>	#12
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>MH #696 “America the Beautiful”</i>
<b>*Benediction</b>	
<b>*Postlude</b>	Kendra Gannaway
<b>*Please stand as able</b>	



The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of my parents’, Jimmie and Linda Norman, 57th anniversary on July 5 by Missy Norman.

Ways to Give

<b>Text to Give</b> 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
<b>Give Online at:</b> www.tiftonfirst.org/give
<b>Mail a check to:</b> Tifton First United Methodist Church 107 12th Street W Tifton, GA 31794

<b><u>Sunday, July 7</u></b> 9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH 11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
<b><u>Monday, July 8</u></b> 9:00am Methodist Mini’s / AC
<b><u>Tuesday, July 9</u></b> 8:30am Fitness Class / AC 5:00pm NO Youth Fishing & Faith
<b><u>Wednesday, July 10</u></b> 9:00am Methodist Mini’s / AC 12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel <b>River of Life—Youth</b> Wednesday, 7/10-Sunday, 7/14
<b><u>Thursday, July 11</u></b> 8:30am Fitness Class / AC All Day River of Life / Youth
<b><u>Friday, July 12</u></b> All Day River of Life / Youth
<b><u>Saturday, July 13</u></b> All Day River of Life / Youth

Sanctuary Servant for July: Linda Tuten

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.
- Alzheimer Support Group - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am Leroy Rogers Center.
- \*Club 55, Senior Adult Movie & Senior Adult Lunch & BINGO Do Not Meet in June & July.

Called Church Conference

If you were here last Sunday, you heard Dr. Joe West bring us up to speed on the actions of the Church Council, in response to the recommendation of the Navigation Team to ask the District Superintendent for a Church Conference, which the Council approved unanimously. Joe informed us that he had reached out to Rev. Dr. Paula Lewis, and that she’d responded with a date of Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. That’s when we will hold a church conference to vote on whether Tifton First will depart from the United Methodist Church.

This vote is for all the professing members of this church. What does that mean? It means that you went through confirmation and joined this church; or you professed your faith in Christ Jesus, was baptized and joined this church; or you transferred into the membership of this church from another church congregation. If you aren’t sure if you’re listed in our membership, you can call the church office to see.

You must be physically present to vote. You can receive assistance, but you must be here. There are no absentee ballots or proxy votes.

Unfortunately, the ballot makes it look like this is only about the issue of sexuality. Though many would like to change the wording to express what their main concerns are, this is the only ballot we have, and the lawyers felt that it had to be tied in context to the ballot that was used around churches disaffiliating over the last few years, and that was around the issue of sexuality.

We don’t like the wording, but the bottom line is, the ballot is a yes/no choice – Yes to leave the denomination, No to stay in the denomination. We are asking that you do not take a ballot and then not vote and turn in a blank ballot. Abstentions are included as no votes in the final count, so in essence, if you take a ballot and don’t mark it, you are voting no.

If you have any questions, please make sure to bring them to the attention of the pastors, the members of the Navigation Team, or the Church Council. They have done their best to provide answers to your questions, but we know time is of the essence for people getting the information they need to make informed decisions.

In Christ,  
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