

# Welcome to Tifton First Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
September 22, 2024

## Announcements & Greeting

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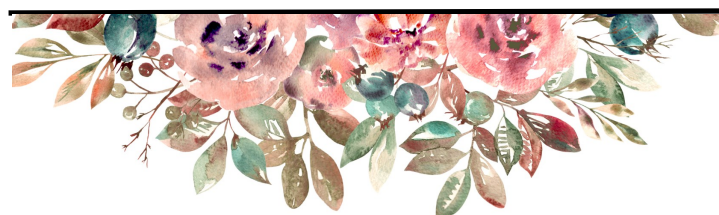
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## Prayer Concerns & Offering

### Message

*How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

### Closing Blessing



*Join Us For A Wedding Shower  
In Honor of*

**BAILEY & TYLER**

Sunday, October 20  
1:30-3:00pm  
Social Hall



Couple is registered at Target, Amazon & Annie's Place

### Join the Church

At Tifton First 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 church

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:** Steve Pearman, 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, David Sone, Christine Hannon, Holly Hall, Martha Marrineau

**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone

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

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

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Leslie Flappy (Sheila Carson's daughter, Floyd Shoup (Tom Shoup's uncle), Barbara Kimble (Tom Shoup's aunt), Tricia Henderson (Dale Pflug's friend), Gena Green (Tammy Dean's cousin), Maria Lane Wells, 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.

### Our Church Staff

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**Sissy Martin, Church Hostess**

**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**

**Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 22, 2024  
Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

<b>Prelude</b>	Kendra Gannaway
<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 #156 “I Love to Tell the Story”</i>
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	
<b>*Gloria Patri (#70)</b>	
<b>*Greeting Time</b>	<i>“The Family of God”</i>
<b>The Sacrament of Christian Baptism</b> (11:00)	Thomas James Kinsley
<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>	<i>MH #377 “It Is Well with My Soul”</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	Becky Rogers
<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>Children’s Moment</b>	
<b>Choral Anthem</b> (11:00)	Chancel Choir <i>“The Lord Almighty Reigns”</i>
<b>Scripture</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Chip Grantham
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>MH #378 “Amazing Grace”</i>
<b>*Benediction</b>	
<b>*Postlude</b>	Becky Rogers
<b>*Please stand as able</b>	



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.

Ways to Give

**Text to Give**  
TIFTONFIRST \$(any dollar amount) to 73256  
Messages and Data rates may apply.  
For example, a \$50 gift would look like this:  
TIFTONFIRST \$50

**Give Online at:**  
www.tiftonfirst.org/give

**Mail a check to:**  
Tifton First Methodist Church  
107 12th Street W  
Tifton, GA 31794

<b><u>Sunday, September 22</u></b>	
9:00am	Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School
11:00am	Contemporary Worship / SH
11:00am	Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
5:00pm	Youth Worship / AC
<b><u>Monday, September 23</u></b>	
5:45pm	Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
<b><u>Tuesday, September 24</u></b>	
8:30am	Fitness Class / AC
<b><u>Wednesday, September 25</u></b>	
12:15pm	Midweek Communion Service / Chapel
4:15pm	Children’s Choir (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CR
5:15pm	Wednesday Night Supper / SH
6:00pm	Wednesday Connection Classes
6:00pm	Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CB
6:00pm	Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC
6:00pm	Bible Study with Chip / Chapel
6:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
<b><u>Thursday, September 26</u></b>	
7:10am	Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus
8:30am	Fitness Class / AC
7:00pm	Orchestra Rehearsal / Choir Room
<b><u>Friday, September 27-Sunday, September 29</u></b>	
	KidzQuest Fall Retreat—3rd-6th Grade

Sanctuary Servant for September: Sharon Smiley

Monthly Activities

**Club 55** - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.  
**Senior Movie** - 2nd Thurs. at 2:00pm in the SH.  
**Circle 7** - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.  
**Senior 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.

Doing Donuts

I grew up in Macon. We moved to the house where I grew up when I was two years old and lived on a dead-end road surrounded by woods. About 3 years later, I woke up one morning to the sound of bulldozers. They were cutting the new, four-lane Highway 80 through the woods behind the house. When I was in the 5th Grade, they opened the Macon Mall, less than a mile from the house. After the mall opened, they built apartments in the woods between the backyard and highway 80. And soon after that they built a shopping center on the other side of the highway. I remember when I was in Jr. High School, listening from inside the house to people drag racing and cutting donuts in the parking lot of the shopping center. Daddy would just shake his head and say, “Yeah, it might be fun, but all they’re doing is going in circles, and burning the rubber off their tires.”

Last Saturday night, I had to make a run to Walmart. As I was leaving, I kept hearing a motorcycle or sports car, but I never could get a glimpse of it. But the noise was so loud. The further I got up Carpenter Road, the louder it got. When I got to the Carpenter Road Church of God, I finally saw it. It was a sports car doing donuts in the parking lot. I shook my head and remembered Daddy’s words.

I wonder how many of us are just doing donuts in our spiritual lives. We’re having fun, but in reality, we’re just wasting time and effort, going in circles, and not getting anywhere. Do you feel like you’re making progress in your spiritual growth, or do you find yourself going from one fun event to another, and never getting into any meaningful growth? If you want to go deeper, let us know. We would love to help you.

In Christ,  
Chip

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**Directory Instructions**

In order to access the Tifton First Methodist On-Line Directory, follow these instructions:

1. On your Mac or PC browser type Instantchurchdirectory.com
2. Click member sign-in
3. Click on the button that reads “First Time Signing In? Create Login”
4. You will be taken to a Welcome Page that will instruct you to type in the email address that you provided when you had your portrait made. You will then be asked to create a password and then confirm that password
5. Next you will receive an email asking you to confirm the email and password. Click the hyperlink provided and you will be taken back to the sign-in page.
6. You will now be able to access the directory on your computer

To access the directory on your mobile device, download the free Instant Church Directory App. Once the App is downloaded, you will be able to use the same email and password to access the directory.



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**5:15pm in the Social Hall**  
**Menu for September 25th:**  
Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Biscuits & Desserts  
**Note:** Please call church office for **TO GO** plates