

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**

Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
December 29, 2024

**Announcements & Greeting**

**Opening Worship**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

*No Longer Slaves*

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Message**

*Make Room*

**Closing Blessing**



**The 2025 Flower Calendar is Available!**

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 by the Pastor's office.

**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:  
(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:** Jeanette Dickens, Steve Pearman, Phillip Dominy, Michelle Hunt, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, Jackie Martin, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson.  
**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, Dale & Sunny Pflug  
**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone, Hal Henderson  
**Cypress Pond:** Hoyt & Becky Vance  
**THE OAKS AT SUWANEЕ CREEK:** Jane Blasingame.  
**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** David Payne (Jimmy Carson's cousin), Tripp Burgess (Mona Mathews' friend), Ryan Kinnard (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), 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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**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**  
**Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist**

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 29, 2024

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 #57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
- \*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 #61 “Come, Thou Almighty King”
- 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
- Special Music (11:00)

Lee & Mona Mathews
- Scripture
- Sermon

Rev. Chip Grantham
- \*Hymn

MH #77 “How Great Thou Art”
- \*Benediction

Rev. Chip Grantham
- \*Postlude

Becky Rogers
- \*Please stand as able



The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of Judy Evans on her birthday by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who love her dearly.

Ways to Give

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Tifton First Methodist Church

107 12th Street W

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**Sunday, December 29**  
9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH  
11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
5:00pm NO Youth Worship / AC

**Tuesday, December 31**  
8:30am NO Fitness Class / AC  
  
NO Wednesday Night Supper, Children’s Choir, Children’s Activities, Youth Activities or Adult Connections classes this week.

**Church Office and Activities Center will be Closed**  
**Wednesday, January 1**

**Thursday, January 2**  
8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for December: Vicki Walker

Sanctuary Servant for January: Barbara Coburn

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.

Happy New Year!

It’s hard to believe that in three days we will be in 2025. This year, with its non-stop pace has truly flown by, and as always – your faithful support of this church has been overwhelming! We have been through so much this year, and the way that you pulled together in every challenge and opportunity we faced is truly inspiring.

I’m excited about the opportunities that are before us in this next year. The Church Council will be meeting on Saturday, January 11th, to start working through some of the new possibilities we have. I am hopeful that we can have a renewed interest in Sunday School, in our age-level ministries, in our Bible studies, and an overall emphasis on Discipleship in the year to come.

Along those lines, I am again offering copies of a Bible reading plan that will take you through the Bible in a year. I don’t care whether you go through the whole book in a year or not. I do hope that you will be intentional about making time for studying your Bible. And I hope you’ll bring it to Sunday school and church, so you can get that much more familiar and maybe take notes in it, as well.

As we close out this year, and prepare to start the next, I would be remiss if I didn’t express the thanks of myself and my family, and the staff and their families for all of the expressions of love that you shared with us this year and over Christmas. We are truly thankful and pray that you will have a Happy New Year!

In Christ,  
Chip



Wednesday Night Suppers Will Resume On January 15, 2025!