

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
January 12, 2025

**Announcements & Greeting**

*Great Things*

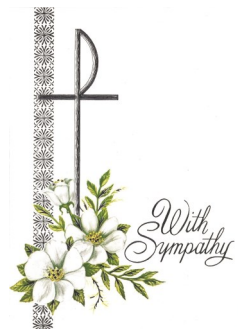
*What A Beautiful Name*

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Message**

*Gratitude*

**Closing Blessing**



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

Blake Lodge and family in the death of his father, John Lodge.

**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@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:seniorpastor@tiftonfirst.org). | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or [associatepastor@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:associatepastor@tiftonfirst.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, Vikki Vance

**THE OAKS AT SUWANEE 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.

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 12, 2025  
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 #98 “To God Be the 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 #452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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) “How Great Thou Art” Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 24:42-51

Sermon “Find Us Faithful” Rev. Chip Grantham and Joe West

\*Hymn MH #714 “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Becky Rogers

\*Please stand as able



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.

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

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107 12th Street W  
Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, January 12

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:00am Children, Youth & Parents Breakfast / AC  
11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH  
11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
3:00pm Staff Parrish / Parlor  
5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Monday, January 13

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel  
3:30pm Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CB  
4:30pm Children’s Choir (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CR  
5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH  
6:00pm Bible Study on Acts with Chip / Chapel  
6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC  
6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, January 16

7:10am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus  
8:30am Fitness Class / AC  
11:30am Senior Lunch & BINGO  
7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / Choir Room

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.

Back to the Routine

This week we get back into the routine of our weekly programming, with a few significant changes. Last year we tried something new (for us) with moving our Children’s programming to take place after Wednesday Night Supper, which would coincide with our Youth programming and hopefully allow parents to have an option for small group studies while the children and youth were engaged in their studies. It was a great idea, but it turned out to be a challenge for some parents with children, especially younger children, who had earlier bedtimes, as well as some students who had busy Thursdays.

Starting this Wednesday, we will be moving our Children’s programming back to the previous spot between the end of the school day and the start of supper. Our Children’s programming will start at 3:30, with Children’s Choir to follow at 4:30. Youth will remain at its usual time following Wednesday Night Supper. My Adult Bible study will be starting at 6:00 in the Chapel, and we will be starting a new study on Acts. Trevor has plans for some unique programs that include a study of Season 2 of “The Chosen.” And Pat will have Chancel Choir rehearsal beginning at 6:15.

There are other opportunities that are being discussed for later in the year. The Church Council met yesterday, and it was encouraged to begin thinking about what the respective committees would be doing as we move through the year. It’s always a great thing to be having our Wednesday Night Suppers again. Being connected with fellowship and study just adds to the blessings of being a part of a local church. We’re glad that you are a part of this church, and look forward to our times together!

In Christ,  
Chip



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

Pulled Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, Hash Brown Casserole,  
Slaw, Barbeque Bread & Desserts

Note: Please call church office for TO GO plates