

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
February 23, 2025

**Announcements & Greeting**

*Who You Say I Am*

*Trust In God*

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Message**

*No Longer Slaves*

**Closing Blessing**

NEW MEMBER  
WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our newest member,  
Tallulah Rogers.

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

Susan Short in the death of her  
granddaughter, Rachel Cope.

Ernie Kennard in the death of his  
wife, Joyce and Bill & Donna Kennard  
in the death of their sister-in-law.

Carol Gilbert & family in the death of  
her husband, Stewart Gilbert.

**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. | Rev. Trevor Ward  
(478) 607-9003 or 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, Maureen Cook

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

**Cypress Pond:** Hoyt & Becky Vance, Vikki Vance

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Manson Woody (Vicky Orr's friend),  
Dennis Bloodworth (Vicky Orr's friend), Cynthia Kicklighter  
(Lonnie Lewis' sister), Sandra Nobles (Carolyn Kightlinger's friend),  
Bobby Walker (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), Tricia Henderson (Dale & Sunny 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), 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 LaFave (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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Tifton, GA**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 23, 2025

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 #159 “Lift High the Cross”</i>
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	
<b>*Gloria Patri</b> (#70)	
<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 #172 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”</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)	<i>“Hymn of Heaven”</i> Chancel Choir
<b>Scripture</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Chip Grantham
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>MH #174 “His Name Is Wonderful”</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 Jeff Smiley by Sharon Smiley and family.

Ways to Give

<b>Text to Give</b> TIFTONFIRST \$(any dollar amount) to 73256 Messages and Data rates may apply. For example, a \$50 gift would look like this: TIFTONFIRST \$50 <b>Give Online at:</b> www.tiftonfirst.org/give <b>Mail a check to:</b> Tifton First Methodist Church 107 12th Street W Tifton, GA 31794
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Sunday, February 23

9:00am	Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School
11:00am	Contemporary Worship / SH
11:00am	Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
5:00pm	Youth Worship / AC

Monday, February 24

12:00pm	Women’s Bible Study / Parlor
12:30pm	Women’s Support Group / Christian Covenant
4:00pm	Evangelism Team Meeting / Parlor
5:45pm	Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am	Fitness Class / AC
9:45am	Bible Study / Garrison Seekers
12:00pm	Worship Team Meeting / Parlor

Wednesday, February 26

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, February 27

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

Sanctuary Servant for February: Marguerite Lavender

Monthly Activities

**Club 55** - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.  
**Senior Movie** - 2nd Tues. at 2:00pm in the SH. (\*Note change of day)  
**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.

Tying Flies

When I was 11 I’d gone to Savannah with my grandmother, who helped care for both my great-aunt, who had just come home from back surgery, and her husband who had had a heart-attack and was in the hospital. I obviously had a lot of time on my hands, and not a lot to do. My great-uncle was an avid outdoorsman and had Outdoor Life Magazines filling shelves and baskets in the den. So, I spent a lot of time reading. I came across an article on how to tie a particular fly (a lure used in fly fishing). I was intrigued and copied the fly pattern, drawing it as best I could. I was determined I was going to make one.

When we got home, I started attempting to make a copy of the fly with my grandmother’s sewing thread and a hook that I had taken a pair of pliers to in order to bend the eye to look like the one in my sketch. I made something – regardless of the fact that I didn’t have a fly rod and wouldn’t know how to use one if I did. For my next birthday, I got a fly-tying kit, and the following spring I got a fly rod. I’m no expert, but I have tied everything from trout flies to bass bugs. Daddy had shown me a small popper that he used to fish with on Lake Blackshear, and I started making copies of that. I’ve caught a 22-inch rainbow trout on a fly I tied, as well as bass, crappie, and plenty of bream. But my favorite memories of tying flies and fly-fishing are of me and my dad, fishing for bream, with copies I made of that little popper. I wouldn’t take anything for that last time we fished together, a week before he died.

We’ve had a lot of deaths tied to the church over the last weeks. Losing those we love is always so hard. But as I thought about pulling out my flyrod the other day, I thought about the precious gift God had given me of a shared interest, and time spent together with my dad. I thanked God for that special time, and I started trying to find my fly-tying vise. I pray you are making some special time for, and memories with, your children and grandchildren. And I pray that you have something you enjoy doing that reminds you of those you’ve lost. Thank God, because of Jesus, we have the hope of being with them again!

In Christ,  
*Chip*



**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**5:15pm in the Social Hall**  
**Menu for February 26th:**

Chicken Pie, Corn on the Cob, Butterbeans,  
Fried Okra, Salad, Rolls & Desserts

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