

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
January 4, 2026

### Announcements & Greeting

*The Lord Our God*

*God With Us*

### Prayer Concerns & Offering

#### Children's Moment

#### Message

*How Great Thou Art*

#### Closing Blessing



#### The 2026 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@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:** Lea Harvin, Lamar Martin, Steve Pearman, Michelle Hunt, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, 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, Christine Hannon, Holly Hall, Dale & Sunny Pflug, Maureen Cook, Pat Mark

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

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

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Linda Fisher (Mary Sumner's daughter), Rebecca Ray (Carolyn Kightlinger's niece), Biddie Vance (Christie Vance's daughter), Dr. Thomas Shepherd (Taylor & Turner Orr's friend), (Steve Cadwell (Steve & Rhonda Pearman's friend), Dennis Bloodworth (Vicky Orr's friend), David Payne (Jimmy Carson's cousin), Tripp Burgess (Mona Mathews' friend), Ryan Kinnard (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Floyd Shoup (Tom Shoup's uncle), Tricia Henderson (Dale & Sunny Pflug's friend), Gena Green (Tammy Dean's cousin), Evelyn Connell (Donnie and Linda Connell's granddaughter), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's niece), Cade Johnson (Gibbs & Diane Patrick's nephew), Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandson), Nicholas Horne, 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

**Rev. Chip Grantham, Senior Pastor**  
[seniorpastor@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:seniorpastor@tiftonfirst.org) | (706) 570-3330

**Rev. Trevor Ward, Associate Pastor**  
[associatepastor@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:associatepastor@tiftonfirst.org) | (478) 607-9003

**Dr. Pat Bennett, Director of Music Ministries**  
[musicdirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:musicdirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Brent Justice, Director of Youth Ministries**  
[youthdirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:youthdirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Tiffany Alexion, Director of Children's Ministries**  
[childrendirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:childrendirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**MaraDare Day, Director of Recreation Ministries**  
[recreationdirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:recreationdirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Dr. Tom Mark, Director of Communications**  
[communicationsdirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:communicationsdirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Billie Jo Abney, Preschool Director**  
[preschooldirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:preschooldirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Melanie Raines, Financial Secretary**  
[financialsecretary@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:financialsecretary@tiftonfirst.org)

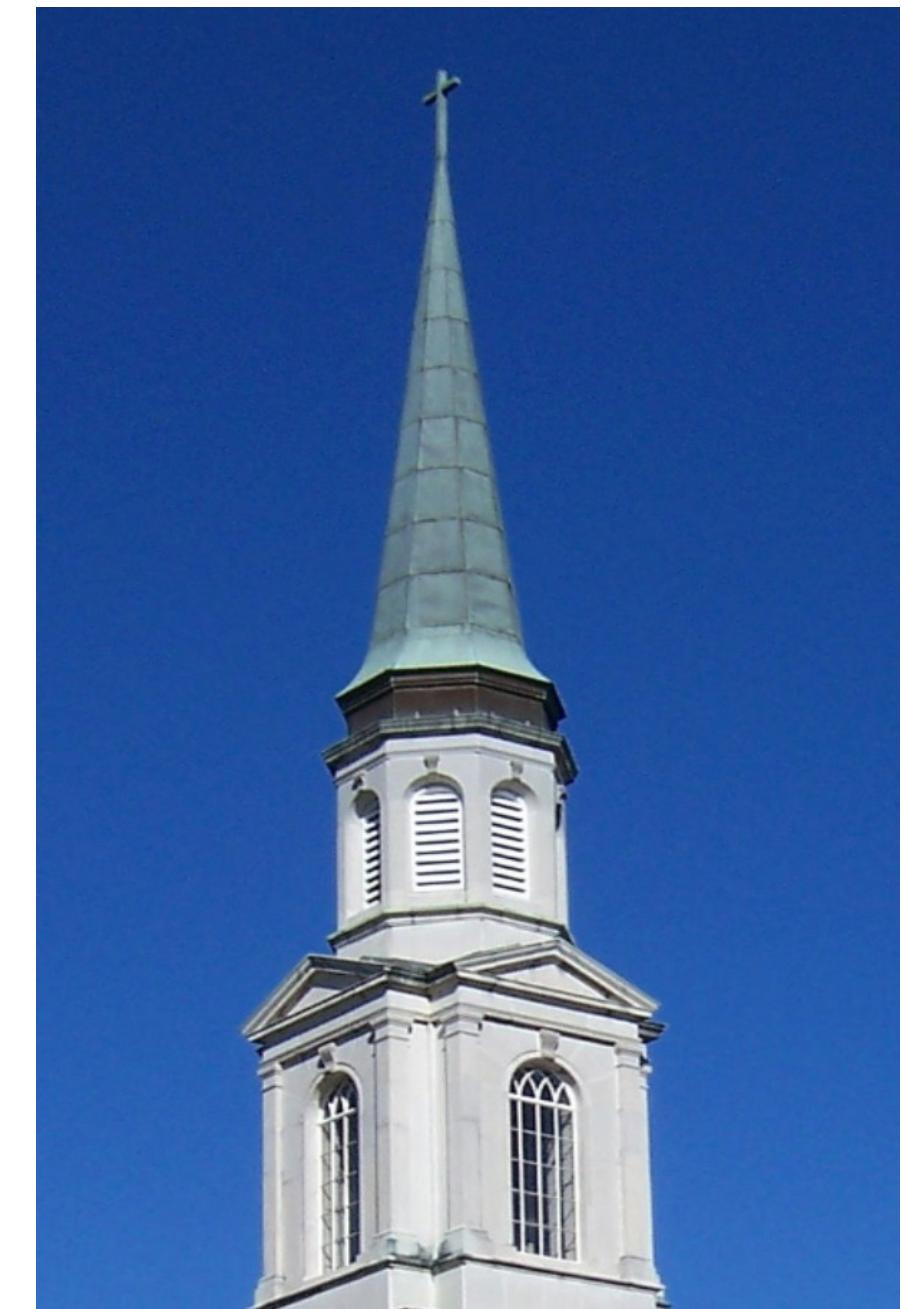
**Debbie Minton, Church Secretary**  
[churchsecretary@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:churchsecretary@tiftonfirst.org)

**Wes Harper, Media Director**  
[mediatvdirector@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:mediatvdirector@tiftonfirst.org)

**Sissy Martin, Church Hostess**  
, Church Pianist

**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**

# TIFTON FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



**Faithful** to SCRIPTURE  
**Creative** in MINISTRY  
**Passionate** for OUTREACH  
**Offering** CHRIST to ALL

107 12th Street West  
Tifton, GA  
229-382-6100  
[www.tiftonfirst.org](http://www.tiftonfirst.org)

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 4, 2026  
Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

### Prelude

**Chiming of the Hour** (11:00)

**Welcome & Announcements**  
(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

### \*Hymn

### \*Affirmation of Faith

### \*Gloria Patri (#70)

### \*Greeting Time

*MH #698 "God of the Ages"*

*"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 #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

**Offertory** Scout Holt

### 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) Scout Holt

### Scripture

**Sermon** Rev. Chip Grantham

**\*Hymn** *MH #128 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

### \*Please stand as able



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Bryce Johnson, whose birthday is January 6, by Erika and Will Johnson.

## 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](http://www.tiftonfirst.org/give)

### Mail a check to:

Tifton First Methodist Church  
107 12th Street W  
Tifton, GA 31794

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! I pray this is a blessed year for you and yours! As we start another year at Tifton First Methodist, I am truly excited for what this year has in store for us. Our church family is growing, our finances are good, and we are continuing to build on the foundation that those who came before us built on.

This year we will be finalizing and starting to live into our new church structure. It is a simplified version of the UMC system, one that we believe will put more of an emphasis on our discipleship-making ministries through our programming. That's the reason we exist – to make disciples and to help grow disciples.

Church life has changed tremendously over the last 30-35 years. The busyness of everyone's lives, technology, and the fact that other things openly compete against the Church in ways they didn't used to have all effected how we view our times together. But we are still making time and finding ways to impact others.

This year, we want to continue to provide inroads for new folks to get connected in the different ministries of our church. If there is an area you want to help in, let us know, and we'll do our best to help you make the connections with the people who can get you plugged in!

In Christ,  
**Chip**

### Sunday, January 4

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH  
11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary  
5:00pm NO Youth Worship

### Tuesday, January 6

8:30am Fitness Class / AC  
11:30am Club 55 Luncheon / SH  
9:45am Bible Study / Garrison Seekers

### Wednesday, January 7

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

### Thursday, January 8

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for January: Diane Gibbs

## Monthly Activities

**Club 55** - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.  
**Circle 7** - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.  
**Circle 2** - 3rd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.  
**Senior Lunch & BINGO** - 3rd Thurs. at 11:30am in the SH.  
**Red Cross Bloodmobile** - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH.  
**Alzheimer Support Group** - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am Leroy Rogers Center.

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

SOCIAL HALL  
STARTS AT 5:15



Wednesday Night Suppers Will Resume On January 14, 2026!