



First Methodist Church Preschool 2026 Graduation



On Wednesday, May 13th, at 11:00 a.m., First Methodist Preschool will hold its annual Graduation Program. Fifty-nine children from our Preschool 3 and PreK4 classes will showcase the songs they've learned throughout the year.

We are especially proud to celebrate our thirteen 2026 graduates: Remington Baumgartner, Kash Brownlee, Thomas Cooper, Cayden Eaddy, Roby Franks, Rosie Golden, Emersyn Gotthardt, Trace Hayles, Alec House, Silas Leeson, Ella Mobley, Rush Reeder, Blakely Ruter.

These children, along with the others in our program, are nurtured each week by a dedicated team of teachers who ensure their first school experiences are both positive and enriching. We are grateful for the loving care of Amy Bradford, Mattaya Bryant, Cassie Boyette, Chelsea Coronel, Jessica Fechner, Jayne Gray, Roxie Gross, Mary Harris, Missy Hutto, Brittany Jones, Tammy Jones, Brandy Lawrence, Jessica Leeson, Matthew Lovelace, Lynn Lucas, Andrea McLemore, Terri Stinson, Taylor Tucker, Helen Vicars, Michelle Woodard.

At First Methodist Preschool, we continue to offer quality early education and instill Christian values that lay a strong foundation for our children's future.

Blessings,
Billie Jo Abney



Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to:

Logan & Chrys Milner and family in the death of his mother, Martha Shelley and Hayley, Emmalee & Sam Milner in the death of their mother.

Rob Morrell and family in the death of his mother, Betty Morrell.

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: 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, Mike Turner

Legacy Village: Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone

Cypress Pond: Hoyt & Becky Vance, Vikki Vance

Southern Oaks: Joyce Rooks

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Rebecca Ray (Carolyn Kightlinger's niece), Biddie Vance (Christie Vance's daughter), Dr. Thomas Shepherd (Caylor & 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), John Davis & Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandsons), 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.

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TIFTON FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



— CLASS OF —
2026

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

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Tifton, GA
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 3, 2026

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Senior Sunday

Prelude Becky Rogers

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Becky Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

Recognition of Graduates

(11:00)

*Russ Benton, Ansley Hutto, Payne Lodge,
Ridley Monk, Keller Tubbs*

***Hymn** MH #159 *“Lift High the Cross”*

*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 #451 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Offertory (9:00) Becky Rogers
(11:00) *“The Lord Almighty Reigns”* Chancel Choir

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.”*

Scripture

Sermon Brent Justice

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper #12

***Hymn** MH #370 *“Victory in Jesus”*

*Benediction

***Postlude** Becky Rogers

***Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of our faithful behind-the-scenes volunteers who bless our church each week.

We also celebrate our Class of 2026 graduates and pray God’s guidance over them.

Ways to Give

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Tifton First Methodist Church

107 12th Street W

Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, May 3 Sr. Sunday

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Contemporary & Traditional
Worship / Sanctuary

12:00pm Lunch for Seniors and their families / SH

5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

5:00pm 5th Grade Fun Day / AC

Tuesday, May 5

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

11:30am Club 55 Luncheon / SH

Wednesday, May 6

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

3:30pm Children’s Choir (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC

4:15pm Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC

5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH

6:00pm Bible Study with Chip / Chapel

6:15pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC

6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, May 7

7:10am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Friday, May 8

10:30am 2 yr olds Preschool Graduation Program / SH

Sanctuary Servant for May: Sharon Smiley

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.

Senior Sunday

We’re delighted to be recognizing our graduating high school seniors this morning. This has been a special day in the life of the church for me ever since I came here as the youth minister in 1991. None of the churches I had attended or worked with had anything like this, and I thought it was a special opportunity to celebrate our graduating seniors. It was a tradition I continued, and that Tifton First has continued. We’re blessed to have Brent Justice bringing the message today.

Graduation is one of those pivotal moments – “hinge moments,” like I talked about a couple of weeks ago, when everything is different. We not only want to celebrate our graduates today, but to be praying for them and their families as things change. I was blessed that I had a best friend a year ahead of me, and we had grown up in the church and were determined to stay connected to church as we went to college. For me, it was a time of incredible spiritual growth, and when God called me into the ministry.

For many, it is when God leads them to their occupation. For some, it is when they meet their spouse. And for others, it is a time when God helps them grow in incredible ways. Let’s commit to praying for these graduates today, and at the same time realize the opportunity we have to be in ministry to the graduates who will be coming to Tifton to go to college in the Fall. Maybe we can help answer their parents and home churches prayers to help them get connected and grow deeper in their relationships with Jesus!

In Christ,
Chip



Thursday, May 7 at 7:00pm
Veterans Memorial Park



Wednesday Night Supper
5:15pm in the Social Hall
Menu for May 6th:

Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Biscuits & Desserts

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