

Welcome to

Tifton First

Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am

June 28, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

His Mercy Is More

Great Are You Lord

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Children’s Moment

Message

It Is Well

Closing Blessing

Update on Roofing

The roofing company will be reroofing the breezeway from the sanctuary building all the way to the Education Building. The project began Monday, 6/22, and will take two to three weeks to complete. During this time we will not have midweek communion as we will not be able to access any doorways under the breezeway while they are working. However, we will be able to use the door to the sanctuary building outside the chapel ON SUNDAYS ONLY. We apologize for the inconvenience, but this is long overdue, and the repairs are greatly needed.

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: Robin Faircloth, 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, Pat Mark, Mike Turner

Legacy Village: Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone

Cypress Pond: Hoyt & Becky Vance, Vikki Vance

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Tammy Dennison (Caylor & Turner Orr’s friend), Jess Humber (Jimmy Carson’s friend), Hailey Dutton (ABAC student on Mission trip to Houston, TX), Allison Lindsey, Rebecca Ray (Carolyn Kightlinger’s niece), Biddie Vance (Christie Vance’s daughter), 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), 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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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 28, 2026

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Prelude “Faith and Freedom” Tifton First Orchestra

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Becky Rogers

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(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

*Hymn MH #698 “God of the Ages”

*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 #697 “America”

Offertory Chancel Choir & Orchestra
“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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) Chancel Choir & Orchestra
“The Star-Spangled Banner” solo, Terri Branch

Scripture Luke 4:16-21

Sermon Rev. Chip Grantham
“Kingdom Values-Liberty”

*Hymn MH #696 “America the Beautiful”

*Benediction

*Postlude Becky Rogers

*Please stand as able



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of my brother, J. Hugh Gordon, and my mother, Melba Smith Gordon, for the occasion of their birthdays on June 27 and June 29 by Jane Gordon Lucker.

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:
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Give Online at:
www.tiftonfirst.org/give

Mail a check to:
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107 12th Street W
Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, June 28
9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH
11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Tuesday, June 30
8:30am Fitness Class / AC
10:00am Pool Party for Infants - 5th Grade

Wednesday, July 1
12:15pm NO Midweek Communion Service

Thursday, July 2
8:30am Fitness Class / AC

Sanctuary Servant for June: Diane Patrick
Sanctuary Servant for July: Marguerite Lavender

Monthly Activities

*Club 55 - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.
*Circle 7 - 2nd Tues. at 9:30am 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.

*Club 55 & Senior Lunch & BINGO & Circle 7 & Circle 2
Do Not Meet in June & July.

The Importance of the Bible to the Founders

I’m preaching a series on the Kingdom Values that were a central part of this nation’s founding documents. The reality is that the founders held the Bible in high regard and believed that it was important for the citizens of this country to have access to the Bible.

You may have heard me preach on how the first Bible printed in this country was authorized by Congress, and printed for use in the schools. The early years of this nation saw the creation of a number of Bible Societies. The Philadelphia Bible Society, America’s first Bible society, was officially organized on December 12, 1808. The Rev. Dr. William White was president of the Society and Declaration signer Benjamin Rush was a vice president. The Society was formed to ensure that every person in Philadelphia had access to the “existence, character, will, works, and grace in Jesus Christ in the Bible.”

By 1816, 121 more Bible societies had been started across the nation. These early Bible societies had the support and involvement of many of America’s Founding Fathers. For example, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe were lifetime members of the Virginia Bible Society, which was formed in 1813. Elias Boudinot (president of Congress; framer of the Bill of Rights), John Jay (original Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (military general; signer of the US Constitution), Bushrod Washington (Justice on the US Supreme Court), William Wirt (Attorney General of the United States), and many others were officers of the American Bible Society, founded in 1816.

John Adams wrote the Massachusetts militia in a letter in 1798: Because We have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by morality and Religion. Avarice, Ambition, Revenge or Gallantry, would break the strongest Cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net. Our Constitution was made only for moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

They knew that a Christian nation only worked with a people who knew their Creator!

Happy Semiquincentennial - Sestercentennial - Quarter Millennium - 250th Anniversary or whatever you choose to call the 4th! I hope it’s a blessed one!

In Christ,
Chip

