

Welcome to
Tifton First
Methodist Church
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am
August 16, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Same God

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

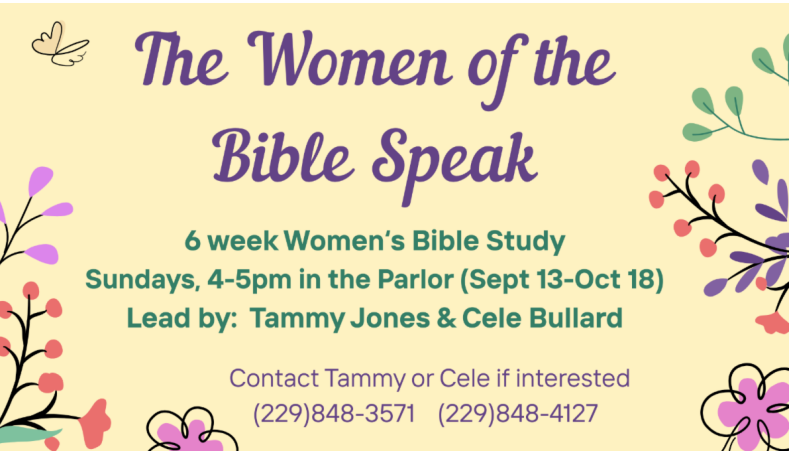
Prayer Concerns & Offering

Children's Moment

Message

Living Hope

Closing Blessing



The Women of the Bible Speak

6 week Women's Bible Study
Sundays, 4-5pm in the Parlor (Sept 13-Oct 18)
Lead by: Tammy Jones & Cele Bullard

Contact Tammy or Cele if interested
(229)848-3571 (229)848-4127

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: Becky Vance, Vikki Vance
FRIENDS & FAMILY: April Spooneybarger (Richard & Kelly Golden's niece), Jimmy Ivey (Steve & Rhonda Pearman's friend), Jack Valance (Jimmy Carson's friend), Cay Holbrook (Corley Holbrook's sister), 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), 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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 16, 2026

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Prelude Becky Rogers

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Becky Rogers

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(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

*Hymn MH #374 “Standing on the Promises”

*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 #349 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Offertory Marilynda Lynch & Mavis Waters

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
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Scripture

Sermon Rev. Chip Grantham
“What in the World? Me and My Thoughts”

*Hymn MH #369 “Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction

*Postlude Becky Rogers



The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God.

Ways to Give

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Give Online at:

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Tifton First Methodist Church

107 12th Street W

Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, August 16

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH

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12:30pm 3D Archery Trip for High School Youth

5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Tuesday, August 18

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

9:45am Characters of the Bible Study / Garrison Seekers

12:30pm Red Cross Bloodmobile / SH

Wednesday, August 19

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

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

4:30pm Children’s Choir (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC

5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH

6:00pm Bible Study with Chip / Chapel

6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC

6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, August 20

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

11:30am Senior Lunch & BINGO / SH

Saturday, August 22

8:00am-5:00pm Youth Santa Fe Canoe Trip
6th-12th Grade

Sanctuary Servant for August: Judy Ross

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.

*Circle 7 & Circle 2 Resume in September.

Walking in the Spirit

Over the past few weeks, as I’ve talked about the difference between Churchianity and Christianity, I’ve been trying to think of some good analogies to “walking in the Spirit.” When we are in step with Christ, being led by His Spirit, there’s a power at work beyond ours. The problem is, when I say that, sometimes people don’t understand what I’m saying.

As I thought about how to explain it, I had three images that came to my mind. The first one was the golf swing. I’m trying to get back into golf after not really playing for twelve and a half years. Last Saturday morning I went to the driving range and couldn’t hit anything. Saturday night I remembered the saying, “let the club do the work.” I went out in the front yard Sunday and hit some practice balls, just trying to swing the club and letting the ball get in the way – what a difference!

Then I thought about when I was paddling my canoe down the white-water rapids. I wasn’t going to overcome the water. But when I learned to use the water, and let it do the work for me, with me just steering the canoe, it was a totally different ride.

The final thought was about when my Daddy taught me how to sail a sailboat. The power wasn’t from anything I was doing; it was from the wind. My job was to position the sail where it responded best to what the wind was doing. Over time you learn to read the signs (the flap of the sail, the change of direction of the wind), and set the sail and rudder to go where you want to go.

When I talk about being sensitive to the Spirit’s leading, in a sense, that’s what I’m talking about – sensing what He’s doing, and what He wants me to do as a part of it!

In Christ,

Chip



Wednesday Night Supper
5:15pm in the Social Hall
Menu for August 19th:

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas,
Carrots, Congealed Salad, Biscuits & Desserts

Note: Please call church office for TO GO plates