

Commitment Time

It is our custom to sing a hymn of commitment at the close of each worship service. This time of "invitation" provides an opportunity to reflect upon the Bible message and make an appropriate personal commitment to the Lord. During this time, our pastors are available at the front to:

Pray with you regarding your commitment to Jesus Christ or another matter of personal concern.

Counsel with you regarding a challenging situation or decision you are facing, especially committing your life to Jesus Christ.

Encourage you as you seek to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.

Receive your request for membership at Cleveland First Baptist Church.

You may become a CFBC member in the following ways:

By Public Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, following Him in obedience by scriptural baptism by immersion.

By Baptism if you already have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ but have never been scripturally baptized by immersion and are willing to be baptized.

By Transfer of Membership if you already have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ, scripturally baptized by immersion, and are a member of another Southern Baptist congregation. We will contact your former church to arrange for the transfer of your membership.

By Statement of Faith that you have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ and have been scripturally baptized by immersion.

***By Watchcare:** Individuals temporarily living in the area but who do not wish to transfer their church membership may come under the watchcare of CFBC. They will be extended the privileges of fellowship and participation in church activities but may not vote in business meetings or serve in positions that require church membership.

All candidates for membership will complete an "Application for Membership," indicating how they're coming (profession, baptism, transfer, statement). All requests for membership will be shared with the congregation at the end of the worship service, and all candidate names will be presented for church approval at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

Schedule of Regular Activities

Sundays

Orchestra/Praise Team Rehearsal – 8:30 AM
Sunday School/Bible Study – 9:15 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM

Wednesdays

Orchestra/Praise Team Rehearsal – 5:30 PM
Youth/Children in Action – 6:30 PM
Bible Study/Prayer Service – 6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM

Children's Ministry Update

Good News Club Volunteers:

We still need "boots-on-the-ground" volunteers to help "some or all" for 2 1/2 hours when school is in session each Thursday, September 4 - February 26. We need line leaders, restroom takers, craft helpers, calm-down helpers, etc.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Wollett.

August Operation Christmas Child

pencils, pens, sharpeners, notebooks

Nursery Workers

August 3 – Tonya & Samanatha Palmour, Lauren Stanley

August 10 - Nan Bowen, Marcus Rocque, Lydia Rodriguez

Intercessory Prayer Workers

August 3 – Frank and Martha Senkbeil

August 10 – Carol Bailey

Deacon Lock-up for July

Dan Palmour, Mike Roberts

Cleveland First Baptist Church Staff

Dr. Phil Weaver, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dennis Turner, Associate Pastor
Rev. Manning Minton, Associate Pastor
of Students and Families
Mr. Michael Pickett, Music Director
Mrs. Bethany Beck, Pianist
Ms. Sue Massey, Organist
Mr. Donnie Filaski, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Bea Rogers, Receptionist
Mr. Terry Goodger, Financial Administrator
Mrs. Terry Trimble, Custodian

Audio and Video Volunteers

Mr. Cory Beck
Mr. Chris Edwards
Mr. Matthew Minton

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
706-865-2933

The logo pictured on the front of this bulletin artistically incorporates the cross, with the letter "C" for Cleveland, in the silhouette of a tree, denoting life, growth, and the mountain region in which we live.



Homecoming

Celebrating 185 Years of Ministry

**We're glad you are here today.
Cleveland First Baptist Church is a
loving family of believers in Jesus Christ.**

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Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 3, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome – Dennis Turner

Pastor's Pals (Children's Time) – Phil Weaver

[Note: This part of the service is on our live stream.]

*Congregational Singing (Hymn 210)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Choir Special

Recognition of Members 50 Years or More

*Congregational Singing (Hymn **)

Message – Phil Weaver

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 305)

Benediction – Manning Minton

Postlude

**Please stand, if able.*

*** Not found in Celebration Hymnal*

The altar is available for you to bring your decisions and prayer needs before the Lord. Come and present yourself as "a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship" (Romans 12:1).

Current Sermon Series

No Matter What

Nehemiah's
Message for Today



Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Called Business Meeting: Immediately following the worship service **today**, there will be a called meeting to elect deacons for the 2025-2028 term. Nominees who have agreed to serve if elected include Jimmy Armour, Ricky Barrett, Roy Evans, Gerald Hendrix, Sam Pelletier, Mike Roberts, and Kevin Wollett (to be ordained).

Homecoming: Following the worship service **today**, you are invited to participate in our Homecoming activities in Heritage Hall and celebrate 185 years of service with us.

No Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal in August: Because of the Homecoming festivities today, there will be no Wednesday evening Fellowship Meal on **August 6**.

Grand Adult Luncheon: Join us in Heritage Hall at 11:30 AM, Thursday, **August 14**, wearing your best Hawaiian outfit. Bring food to share and come prepared to have a good time of fellowship. You are invited to bring a prize or gift.

Quarterly Business Meeting: Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be **August 17** at 6:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Please have your reports to the church off by Thursday, **August 7**.

CFBC Family Night of Worship: Worship our Lord in music on Sunday, **August 24**, at 6:00 PM. If you can sing and/or play an instrument, let Bethany Beck know. This night will be a great time of worship followed by a fellowship time in Heritage Hall. Bring a dessert to share.

Sanctuary Flowers

In lieu of flowers, a donation was made by the family of Crawford and Ann Skelton in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Connect with Us

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you As our special guest. We invite you to fill out a guest's card and give it to an usher during the time of offertory. You can also use the provided QR code with your smartphone to enter online.



Following the service, we invite you to meet our pastors. They would be delighted to share more information about CFBC. Again, welcome to our church!

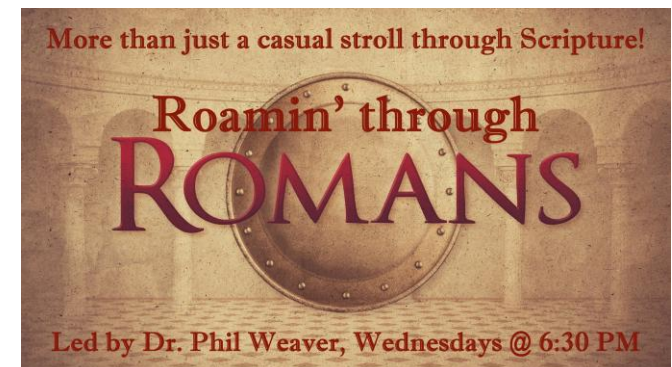
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



CFBC Online Giving

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Online Giving: CFBC now offers online giving through our website at firstcleveland.com. You also can download our church app from the Google Play Store or Apple Store to set up your account.



**No Matter What:
Committed Service to a Holy and Faithful God
Part 8: “Removing the Trash to Reveal the Truth”
(Nehemiah 4:10-14)**

We've all heard the saying, “One man's trash is another man's treasure!” Is that always true—especially in our spiritual lives? Sometimes, what we casually toss aside—or worse, what we cling to—becomes the very thing that chokes our testimony and halts our progress for the Kingdom of God.

- The people cried, “There's so much rubbish we can't rebuild the wall” (Neh. 4:10).

How can we remove the trash to reveal the truth?

1. Recognize the Rubbish (Neh. 4:10).

- “Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us” (Heb. 12:1).
- Spiritually, our “trash” may look like guilt, despair, compromise, busyness, or the idol of self-reliance.

2. Confront the “Trash Talk” (Neh. 4:11-12).

- “The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses” and helping us to take “every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

3. Empty the Dumpster (Neh. 4:13-14).

- A)** Confess and Repent (1 Jn. 1:9).
- B)** Realign Your Priorities (Matt. 6:33).
- C)** Renew Your Mind (Rom. 12:2).
- D)** Rebuild on the Rock (Matt. 7:24-25).
- E)** Resist the Return of Rubbish (Gal. 6:8-9).

Rubbish has no rightful place in God's building site—your heart, your home, your church. If you're still in the rubble of unbelief, still paralyzed by fear, Jesus Christ offers you a hand to pull you from the pit.

Let Christ “remove the trash to reveal the truth” today!