

## 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 ½ hours when school is in session each Thursday, starting **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 at [jenniferwollett4@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferwollett4@gmail.com).

#### **August Operation Christmas Child**

pencils, pens, sharpeners, notebooks

#### **Nursery Workers**

**August 31** – Cheryl Oliver, Karen Skidmore

**September 7** – Nita Battle, Margie Nash

#### **Intercessory Prayer Workers**

**August 31** – Loretta Brooks

**September 7** – Jimmie Brown

#### **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.



## *Welcome to Church!*

**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 31, 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 36)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Worship In Song – Praise Team

\*Congregational Singing (Hymn 349)

Choir Special

Message – Phil Weaver

\*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 548)

Observance of the Lord's Supper

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

**Labor Day, Monday, September 1:** The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

**Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal:** Join us Wednesday, **September 3**, at 5:30 PM in Heritage Hall for good food and fellowship. It's a covered dish, so bring enough to share. Setup/Clean up crew: Jerry and Joyce Tucker, and Neal and Pam Walden.

**TMU Ekklesiasafest:** CFBC will be participating in the annual Ekklesiasafest (Church Fest) at Truett-McConnell University on Thursday, **September 4**, from 5:30–7:30 PM. Please call the church office if you would like to help.

**"Discovering CFBC" Luncheon:** Immediately following the worship service, Sunday, **September 7**, we will be having a luncheon for new and prospective members. Dr. Phil will give an overview of our church and answer any questions you may have.

**Ordination Council:** All **ordained men** of the church are invited to participate in an Ordination Council for deacon candidate Kevin Wollett on **Sunday, September 7**, at **2:30 PM** in the Choir Room. (Council Members, please arrive at 2:00 PM.)

**Called Business Meeting:** Immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, September 14**, we will have a special called business meeting to approve messengers to the WCBA Annual Meeting.

**WCBA Annual Meeting:** The White County Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, **September 15**, at 5:30 PM at Friendship Baptist Church. Call the church office by September 11 if you would like to serve as a messenger.

**State Mission Offering:** During September, we're participating in the 2025 "Mission Georgia" State Mission Offering. This year's theme is "Missions in Motion," and the statewide goal is \$1.5 Million. Mark your contributions "State Missions."

## Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are placed by the family of Dan and Tonya Palmour in memory of John Palmour.

## 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!

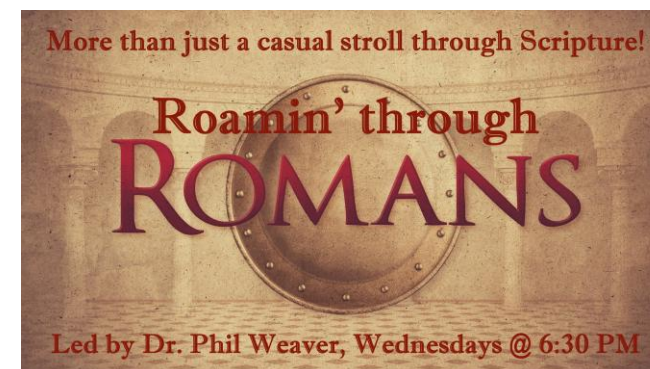
**Live Stream:** Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



## 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**

**Pt. 12: “Standing Firm in the Truth  
(When Others Are Stretching It)” [Neh. 6:1-9]**

When faced with the dastardly deeds and deception of his opposition, Nehemiah *stood firm* in the truth when others were *stretching it*! Stretching isn't so innocent, especially when it comes to the truth. Twisting words, bending facts, and rationalizing sin carry eternal consequences!

- **“Standing firm”**: Refusing to change one's position, decision, or beliefs, especially when facing opposition.
- **“Stretching the truth”**: Exaggerating or saying something that is not completely honest, especially to one's advantage.

**The Context: Nehemiah's Opponents and His Response (6:1-9)**

- A.** Their Strategy (6:1–4): Twisting Nehemiah's faithful mission into a political conspiracy.
- B.** Their Temptation (6:5–9): Luring Nehemiah to the plain (and temple) under the pretense of diplomacy.
- C.** His Response (6:3, 8-9): Praying, refusing every diversion, and keeping his hands on the work, trusting God for strength.

**Why the Truth Gets Stretched—and Why It Matters:**

- \* Sinful, Selfish Ambition: People warp facts to protect reputations (Prov. 28:1).
- \* Fear and Intimidation: People twist the truth when they feel threatened (Ps. 31:13–15).
- \* Spiritual Warfare: The devil is “the father of lies” (Jn. 8:44).

**4 Ways to Stand Firm in the Truth When Others Are Stretching It:**

- 1. Anchor** Yourself in God's Word (Ps. 119:11, 160; Jn. 17:17).
- 2.** Keep Your Eyes on the Mission (Prov. 4:25-27).
- 3.** Clothe Yourself with Spiritual Armor (Eph. 6:10-18).
- 4.** Pray for Wisdom and Boldness (Jas. 1:5; Josh. 1:9).

Will you be like Nehemiah—undaunted, unwavering, and unashamed? The world is filled with “Silly Putty theology”—truth stretched until it snaps back into dangerous distortion. However, God calls us to **stand firm in the truth**, keep our hands on His work, and trust His power to strengthen us.

Jesus didn't stretch the truth, but He stretched out His hands on the cross for you! Will you **stand in the truth**? No more bending. No more twisting. Stand unshakably in Christ today—*no matter what*!