

## 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 Watch care:** Individuals temporarily living in the area but who do not wish to transfer their church membership may come under the watch care 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

### **2026 VBS**

### **"Illumination Station" Planning Meeting**

Immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, January 25**, we invite you to join us for a volunteer VBS planning meeting in Heritage Hall. A light lunch will be served. Contact Donnie Filaski if you plan to attend or would like more information.

### **Nursery Workers**

**December 28** – Kayla Frederick, Courtney Ramey  
**January 4** – Cheryl Oliver, Karen Skidmore

### **Intercessory Prayer Workers**

**December 28** – Loretta Brooks  
**January 4** – Loretta Brooks

### **Church Lock Up Schedule for December**

Mitchell Martin, Roy Evans

### **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  
Mr. Donnie Filaski, Administrative Assistant/  
Children's Ministry Director  
Mrs. Bethany Beck, Pianist  
Ms. Sue Massey, Organist  
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, December 28, 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 737)

Offertory Prayer – Dennis Turner

Worship In Song – Praise Team

Message – Phil Weaver

\*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 305)

Benediction – Dennis Turner

Postlude

*\*Please stand, if able.*

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).

Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

## Current Sermon Series

# No Matter What

Nehemiah's  
Message for Today

### Today's Message:

"Signed, Sealed...but Delivered?" (Neh. 9:38-10:31)

God's people took the practical step of creating a written document to hold themselves accountable to their promises to the Lord. But did they deliver?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**New Year's Holidays:** The church office will be closed Wednesday-Thursday, **December 31-January 1**, in observance of the New Year's holiday. **(There will be no regularly scheduled activities on Wednesday, December 31.)**

**Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal:** Our first of the year fellowship meal will be in Heritage Hall on **Wednesday, January 7**, at **5:30 PM**. This is a covered-dish meal, so please bring enough to share. Setup/Cleanup crew: Jerry and Joyce Tucker, and Neal and Pam Walden.

**Offering Envelopes:** The 2026 offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway by the elevator. (If you do not see envelopes with your name and would like some, please contact the church office.)

**Lottie Moon Post Office:** There are a number of unclaimed cards at the Lottie Moon Post Office. Don't forget to visit the box located in the hallway by the elevator.



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**  
**CFBC Goal is \$18,000.00.**

**(Received as of December 21, 2025: \$9,852.00)**

## Happy New Year!

**"May [the Lord] give you the desire of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed."**

(Psalm 20:4)

## 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!

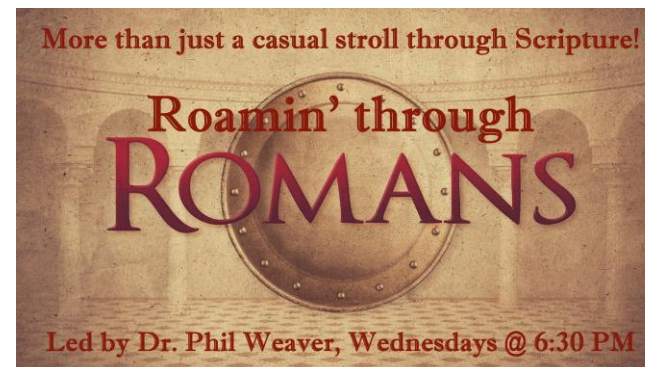
**Live Stream:** Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



## CFBC Online Giving

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**Online Giving:** CFBC now offers online giving through our website at [firstcleveland.com](http://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. 26: “Signed, Sealed...but Delivered?”**  
**(Nehemiah 9:38-10:31)**

God’s people took the practical step of creating a written, sealed document to hold themselves accountable to their promises to the Lord. But did they deliver?

- In Nehemiah 9:38–10:31, God’s people reached a turning point: they stopped merely talking about change and put it in writing.

**1. Signed: A Response to Mercy (Neh. 9:38)**

- The commitment wasn’t a desperate attempt to earn God’s favor, but a response to His historical faithfulness.

**2. Sealed: The Public Ledger of Accountability (Neh. 10:1-31)**

- The document wasn’t just a private note; it was a public contract involving the whole community.
- **Practical Vows:** They focused on three specific, measurable areas: Purity, Priorities, Provision.

**3. Delivered? The Sobering Reality**

- **The Result:** After a short time (by Nehemiah 13), Nehemiah returned to find the people already had broken their vows regarding the Sabbath, temple support, and foreign marriages.

**Practical Applications for the New Year:**

- A) Document your Commitments.
- B) Invite Accountability.
- C) Rely on Grace.

Remember...While you may fail to deliver, God remains the ultimate “Covenant Keeper” who empowers you to start again!

If you’ve never trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, come today and begin to experience that “new things have come” in Him (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). He also will help you keep the commitments you make for the New Year (cf. 2 Tim. 1:12)!



December 28, 2025

**Chad & Miriam  
Pumpelly**

*Pray for the Pumpelly family  
as they train Africans to reach  
Africans with the gospel.*

**Sub-Saharan African Peoples**

Chad and Miriam Pumpelly both grew up as missionary kids, with Chad witnessing his parents share the gospel daily in Uganda. One life that deeply impacted him was Fred, a former criminal involved in car theft. After hearing the gospel, Fred gave his life to Christ. Moved by Fred’s transformation, Chad placed his faith in Christ and was baptized the same day as Fred.

In high school in Kenya, Chad met Miriam, his future wife. After college, they married and pursued ministry, earning three master’s degrees and having two children. They eventually found an opportunity to return to Africa, teaching at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi.

Their ministry thrived, but not all of their children adapted well to life overseas. Trusting God’s plan, they returned to the U.S. However, while leading a church group to Missions College in Richmond, Virginia, Chad felt it was time to return to the mission field.



*Our church supports the mission work of Chad and Miriam Pumpelly when we give through the Cooperative Program.*

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