

## 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



### **Nursery Workers**

**December 7** – Tonya and Samantha Palmour,  
Lauren Stanley

**December 14** – Nan Bowan, Marcus Rocque,  
Lydia Rodriguez

### **Intercessory Prayer Workers**

**December 7** – Frank and Martha Senkbeil

**December 14** – Carol Bailey

### **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.



*“Glory to God in the Highest,  
and on Earth,  
Peace, Goodwill Toward Men.”*  
(Luke 2:14)

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# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Prelude - Choir

Welcome – Dennis Turner

Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle

Matthew, Olivia, Murphy Batchelor

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

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

\*Congregational Singing (Hymn 249)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Worship In Song – Praise Team

\*Congregational Singing (Hymn 262)

Message – Phil Weaver

\*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 292)

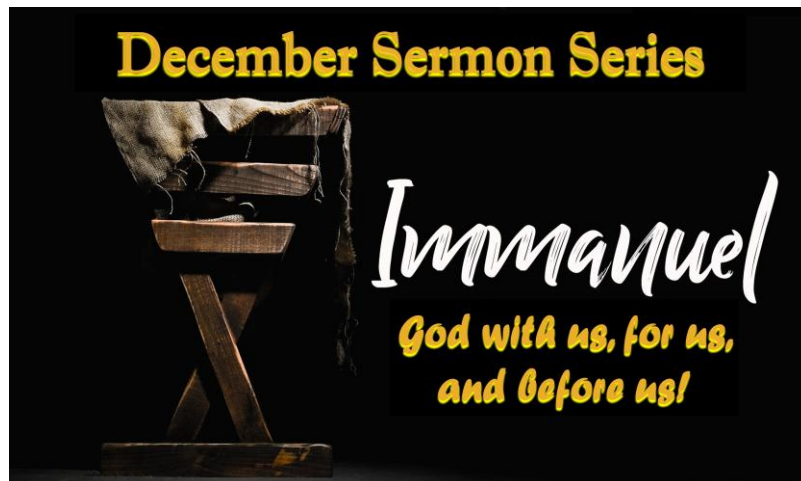
Benediction – Manning Minton

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).*



Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**JOY! He Shall Reign:** The CFBC Celebration Choir and Orchestra will present *JOY! He Shall Reign*, **today**, at **6:00 PM** in our sanctuary. Refreshments will be served following the service in Heritage Hall. Bring a dessert to share.

**Young Woman's Fellowship, Hot Cocoa Night:** Young women of the church are invited for hot cocoa and fellowship at the Pelletiers' home on **Monday, December 8** at **5:00 PM**. Bring a finger food and wear your tacky Christmas apparel. See Olivia Batchelor for more information.

**Women on Mission, Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 AM:** Join us for our Lottie Moon Week of Prayer program and bring a finger food for our Christmas luncheon.

**Kids' Drive-In Cinema:** All children, their parents, and everyone else are invited to join us for popcorn, hot cocoa, a movie, and more in our parking lot on **Friday, December 12**, at **6:00 PM**. Bring a lawn chair and dress warm for a festive outside Christmas event featuring *The Polar Express*!

**2025 White County Library Holiday "Tour of Churches":** CFBC will be featured in the library's 2025 Holiday "Tour of Churches" on **Saturday, December 13**. For event and ticket information, please contact the church office.

**Youth and College/Career Christmas Lights Viewing:** The Youth and College/Career groups will meet at the church for a meal on **Saturday, December 13**, at **5:00 PM**, then travel to the Magical Nights of Lights located at Lake Lanier Islands resort in Buford, Georgia. See Manning Minton to RSVP.

**Grand Adult Christmas Luncheon:** The luncheon has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, December 16**, at **11:30 AM**. The meal is being provided, so be sure to call the church office to make your reservation. Bring a gift (\$10 value) to exchange. Following lunch, everyone is invited to go to Laurel Lodge to sing carols and visit with the residents.

**Lottie Moon Post Office:** The Lottie Moon Post Office located in the hallway of the elevator is now available for use.

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

## 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!

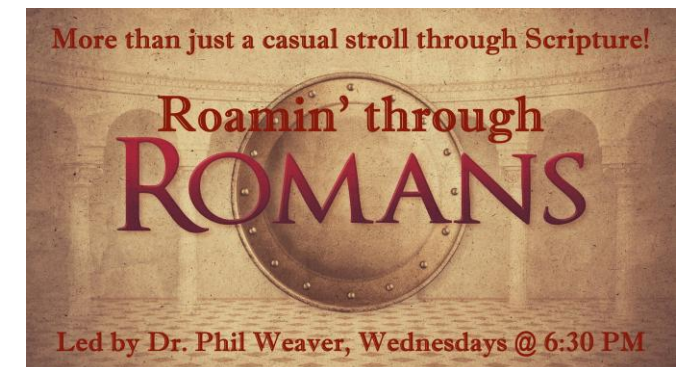
**Live Stream:** Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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**“IMMANUEL: God with Us”**  
**(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14)**

**Central Theme:** The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to be **present** with His people, offering hope, peace, and salvation.

**I. The Promise of Immanuel:** A Sign of **Hope** in Crisis (Is. 7:14)

- **Context:** Israel and Syria provoked political **fear** for Judah and King Ahaz through military **threats**.
- **Application:** The name “Immanuel” brings hope that you are not **alone** in fearful, **uncertain** times.

**II. The Fulfillment in Jesus:** The **Virgin** Birth (Matt. 1:23)

- **Context:** The angel told Joseph to name the child “Jesus” because He would **save** His people from their **sins**.
- **Application:** God's presence is not just a **concept**, but a **person**—the Savior, Jesus Christ.

**III. The Reality of the Incarnation:** The Word Became **Flesh** (Jn. 1:14)

- **Context:** John clarified the profound **mystery** of the incarnation: the Theology of Divine **Presence**.
- **Application:** God walks with you in all circumstances, offering **peace**, guidance, and **comfort**.

**Conclusion:** The truth that God will never leave nor forsake His people is a theme that serves as **bookends** for Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 1:13; 28:20).

**Invitation:** Let the truth of “God **with** us” change how you live. Trust Jesus Christ to be “God with **you**” and embrace the hope, peace, and confidence that come from His presence in your life—and share it with others!



December 7, 2025

**Morgan Walker \***

Central Asian Peoples

*Pray for Morgan as she  
remains obedient to the call  
on her life and that she would  
engage the lost with confidence.*

When Morgan Walker surrendered her life to Jesus, she knew little about missions but felt a call to follow Him and share the gospel. Morgan listened intently as missionary Kelly Zbinden introduced Project 3000 at the IMB's interview conference.

Kelly explained that over 3,000 people groups remain unreached by the gospel, with no known strategy to reach them. Most of these groups live in remote, hard-to-access places. “Are you willing to get uncomfortable and go to them?” Kelly asked, seeking team members to venture to the edge of spiritual lostness to learn about these unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs).

For Morgan, this was her dream, but doubts crept in about her qualifications. Kelly reassured her, saying, “We will train you to do hard things if you're willing to trust God.” His wife, Jamie, added, “We have a team to support you.”

That was all Morgan needed. Now, she explores regions in Central Asia, helping missionaries reach the lost.

\*Names changed for security.



*Your generous gifts through the Cooperative Program support  
missionaries like Morgan as they follow the call on their lives to reach  
the unreached with the gospel.*

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