

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is growing, and we need a few more hands to help care for our children on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for young people, we would love to have you join our team! Contact Donnie Filaski to see how you can get involved. Your service will plant seeds of love and faith in our "biggest little blessings."

January Operation Christmas Child

Combs, brushes, hair bows, barrettes, etc.

Nursery Workers

January 18 – Kim Barrett, Sherry Neff
January 25 – Nita Battle, Doris Beck

Intercessory Prayer Workers

January 18 – Pat McDuffie
January 25 – Coleda Phillips

Church Lock Up Schedule for January

Jerry Battle, Russ Nash

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, January 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Prelude - Choir

Baptism of Lily Arreguin and Cindi McNeal

Welcome – Dennis Turner

*Congregational Singing (Hymn 56)

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

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

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Worship In Song – Praise Team

Message – Phil Weaver

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 479)

Benediction – Manning Minton

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).

Current Sermon Series

No Matter What

Nehemiah's
Message for Today

Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Grand Adult Luncheon, Monday, January 19, 11:30

AM: "Looking Back – Looking Forward" is the theme for this luncheon. After we enjoy a good covered-dish meal, we will share about some of our blessings from last year and our hopes for 2026. If anyone wants to bring some good ol' blackeye peas and cornbread, Dennis will bring the relish!

Reelfest Student Worship Weekend: Students from across the state will collaborate with their peers, **January 23-24**, to prepare for a culminating student-led worship experience at First Baptist Church Jonesboro. Cost is \$85 and includes conference fees, hotel, transportation, a t-shirt, and lunch on Saturday. See Bethany Beck to register.

VBS 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.



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

(Received as of January 11, 2026: \$13,434.00)

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!

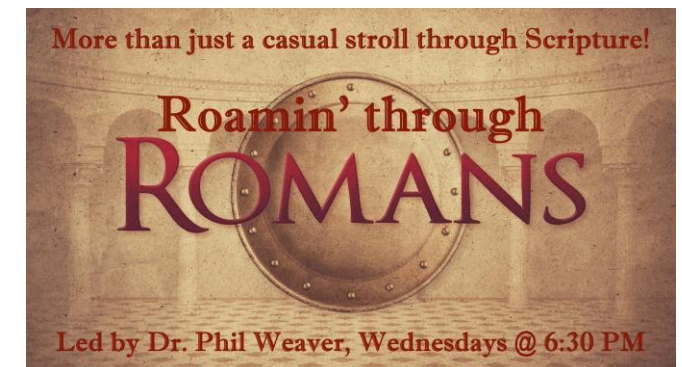
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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.



Cleveland First Baptist Church – Sunday, January 18, 2026

Message by Dr. Phillip E. Weaver

No Matter What: Committed Service to a Holy and Faithful God

Pt. 29: “No Little People, No Little Places:

The Ordinary Serving the Extraordinary” (Neh. 11:20-36)

Overview: Nehemiah 11:20-36 shows us where God placed His people—town by town, name by name. The Lord’s work is not limited to major cities or platforms. **Where you are is exactly where God intends to display His presence!**

- There are no little **people** and no little **places** when God is at work. All places can be **holy** when His people dwell there.

Summary

I. God Assigns His People **Strategically**, Not **Randomly** (Neh. 11:20–30).

- **Truth:** When God’s people dwell in **obedience**, ordinary places become **sacred** spaces (cf. Ex. 3:5).

II. God Uses **Ordinary** People to Accomplish **Extraordinary** Purposes (1 Sam. 16:7; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 6:9).

A) Young David: **Faithfulness** before Fame

B) Zacchaeus: A Small Man, a **Changed** Life

C) The Boy with Five Loaves and Two Fish: **Willingness** over Ability

- **Truth:** God multiplies what is **surrendered**, not what is impressive.

III. Faithful **Presence** Matters as Much as Public **Platform** (Neh. 11:31–36).

- **Truth:** There are no **insignificant** assignments in God’s Kingdom.

Application

1. Serve God Faithfully Where You **Are**—Not Where You **Wish** You Were.

2. Offer What You **Have** to Christ—Even If It Feels **Small**.

3. Remember That God’s Grace Is for the **Overlooked** and the Outsider—Not Just the Popular and **Famous**.

Conclusion: You may feel small, overlooked, or unworthy, but Jesus invites you to come to Him just as you are. Will you commit to serving Christ faithfully where He has placed you? With Him, the ordinary becomes extraordinary—and **eternal**!



January 18, 2026

Ben & Hope Minter

Bogotá, Colombia

*Pray for the Minters as they
begin this new chapter of
gospel ministry in Colombia.*

While in Bogotá, Colombia for an international adoption, Ben Minter jokingly told his wife, Hope, “It’d be ok if God told us to stay here and live.” At the time, international missions wasn’t even on their radar.

They were there for five weeks to bond with their new daughter. During that time, Hope shared the gospel repeatedly—in Spanish. That’s when she sensed God’s deeper purpose.

“God didn’t bless me with two languages just so I could speak with her,” she said. “He did it so I can also share the gospel with many more people.”

Looking out over the city, Ben and Hope realized the joke might actually be a calling. They began asking, “How can we share the gospel here?”

Now, Mercy Hill Church in Greensboro, North Carolina is sending the Minters back to Colombia as newly appointed IMB missionaries.



Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists help send missionaries like the Minters to the nations.

For additional resources, scan the code or visit sbc.net/cpstories