

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 Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is growing, and we need a few more hands to help care for our kiddos on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children, we'd 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 smallest blessings.

Nursery Workers

November 9 – Margie Nash, Pam Walden

November 16 – Kim Barrett, Sherry Neff

Intercessory Prayer Workers

November 9 – Jimmie Brown

November 16 – John and Susan Reynolds

Church Lock Up Schedule for November

Jimmy Armour, Neal Walden

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, November 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM

*Prelude

Welcome – Manning Minton

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

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

Recognition of Veterans – Edna Holcomb

*Congregational Singing (Hymn 786)

Offertory Prayer – Dennis Turner

Worship In Song – Praise Team

*Congregational Singing (Hymn 170)

Choir Special

Message – Phil Weaver

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 481)

Benediction – Dennis Turner

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

Special Called Business Meeting: Immediately following the worship service **today**, there will be a special called business meeting to approve Dr. Phil Weaver, Rev. Dennis Turner, and Dr. Maël Disseau as messengers to the 203rd Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, November 9-11.

Deacons' Meeting: The deacons will meet in Heritage Hall **today**, at **2:00 PM**.

Brotherhood: Men of the Brotherhood will meet in Heritage Hall on **Thursday, November 13**, at **6:30 PM**. Our guest will be Carlos Santiago, who will speak on behalf of United Way, Family Promise, Rotary Club and other charitable organizations. Call the church office or register online to RSVP.

OCC Packing Party: Everyone is invited for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on **Saturday, November 15**, beginning at **10:00 AM**. Please see Cherry Himstedt if you have any questions.

Cultivate, Youth Night of Worship: The youth are invited to a night of worship, fun, and bonding at Skitts Mountain on **November 16**. Cost is \$10.00 (meal included). We will meet at the church at 3:45 PM and return around 9:00 PM.

Quarterly Business Meeting: On **Sunday, November 16**, there will be a quarterly business meeting at **6:00 PM** in Heritage Hall.

TMU Community Choir: On **Tuesday, November 18**, members of the Truett-McConnell University Community Choir will have a concert featuring *The Magnificat* by John Rutter and works by Dan Forrest and Heather Sorenson in our sanctuary beginning at **7:00 PM**.

Youth and College & Career Friendsgiving: The Youth and College and Career groups will be having a Friendsgiving meal on Wednesday, **November 19**, at **6:30 PM** in Heritage Hall. Bring a finger food to share.

Note: The Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Time will be held in the sanctuary on November 12 & 19.

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!

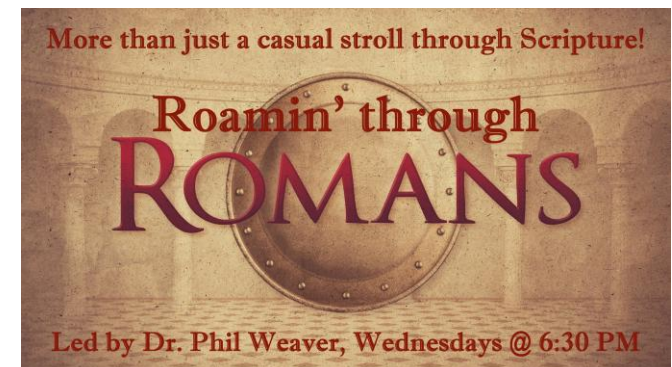
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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. 22: “When God Makes a Name for Himself” (Nehemiah 9:9-15)

From social media influencers chasing followers to ambitious executives striving for corner offices, people strive to “**make a name for themselves.**” Yet, there stands a stark contrast in Scripture: Whereas human ambition seeks its own glory, God moves in mercy and power to establish His own reputation. What does it mean “**when God makes a name for Himself**”?

- At Babel, the people declared, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name” (Gen. 11:4).
- God, through His mighty acts, established a great and enduring name for Himself through His power and provision, independent of human effort.

Summary of Nehemiah 9:9-15

I. God, the Deliverer of a Nation (vv. 9-11)

II. God, the Guide and Lawgiver (v. 12-14)

III. God, the Sustainer and Fulfiller of Promises (v. 15)

The Builders at Babel and God: A Stark Contrast

- Motivation: Pride vs. Mercy
- Methodology: Human Effort vs. Divine Intervention
- Outcome: Scattered vs. Gathered

The concept of God acting to “**make a name for Himself**” appears throughout Scripture: Ex. 9:16; 1 Sam. 12:22; Ps. 8:1; Is. 48:9; Jer. 32:20; Ez. 20:9; et al.

How can you live in light of a God who “makes a name for Himself”?

A) Reject the idolatry of self.

B) Proclaim God’s name to a watching world.

C) Embody God’s name by reflecting His character.

- Remember: The ultimate name which God has exalted is the name of Jesus (cf. Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:10).

At the cross, **Jesus’s name** bore the weight of your sin; at the tomb, it triumphed over death. If you’ve never rested in the **name of Jesus** (Matt. 11:28)—knowing His forgiveness and embracing His lordship, today is the day! Don’t try to climb the tower of your own ambition. Descend into humility and be lifted up by God’s grace in Christ!



November 9, 2025

Brant & Kara Bauman

European Peoples

Pray that the Lord would continue to use the Baumans as they present the gospel in unique and innovative ways.

Brant Bauman serves as a digital engagement strategist for the IMB in Europe, working alongside his wife, Kara, from their base in the United Kingdom. Together, they develop creative strategies to reach the lost globally. Events like the Paris Olympics provide a unique platform for gospel outreach, and Brant has been at the forefront of using innovative methods. For instance, Brant and his team designed custom Olympic pins, a popular collectible among attendees, to spark gospel conversations. They created three different pins, each available at various locations in Paris, encouraging visitors to engage with volunteers who shared more than just pins—they shared the gospel. These pins contained NFC tags, which directed users to a website featuring information about Jesus, a YouVersion Bible reading plan, and the option to chat live with a biblical responder in one of 16 languages. In addition to on-the-ground efforts, Brant’s team ran social media ads during the Olympics, inviting people to explore Christianity. His role extends beyond special events—Brant trains IMB teams and national partners to use digital tools, from cell phones to video games, to share the gospel with those who might otherwise never hear it. These strategies are leading to new believers, new disciples, and new churches worldwide.



Our church supports the ministry of Brant and Kara Bauman when we give through the Cooperative Program.

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



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