

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

Thank You, Everyone!

We are so grateful to those who helped with the Kids' Ice Cream Party last Friday. Your willingness to volunteer was truly appreciated and helped make the event a wonderful success!

We're looking forward to our Fall Festival next week, Sunday, October 26, 4:00-6:00 PM!

October Operation Christmas Child

Money for shipping

Nursery Workers

October 19 – Nina Dodson, Marsha Adkins

October 26 – Kayla Frederick, Courtney Ramey

Intercessory Prayer Workers

October 19 – Carol Bailey

October 26 – Norma Holeman

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, October 19, 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 492)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Worship In Song – Praise Team

*Congregational Singing (Hymn 737)

Choir Special

Message – Phil Weaver

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn 504)

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).

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Evening Bible Study: Beginning **today**, there will be a new Bible study starting at **6:00 PM** in Heritage Hall. We will be going through the book **Twelve Ordinary Men** by John MacArthur. It covers the 12 disciples and their ministry. For more information, please see Beverly Lingle.

Grand Friends: Our next visit with our friends at Laurel Lodge will be **Thursday, October 23**. Meet at the lodge at **1:30 PM**.

Gideon Sunday: Next Sunday, **October 26**, during the worship service, Kevin Hill of the Gideons will share an update on their Bible distribution ministry. We will take up a special offering for Bible distribution at the end of the service.

Fall Festival: Get ready for food, drinks, candy, games, and inflatables, **Sunday, October 26**, from **4:00 to 6:00 PM**.

Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal: Join us, **Wednesday, November 5**, at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall for our fellowship meal. It's a covered dish, so bring enough to share. Set-up/Clean-up Crew: Sue Massey, Margaret Owens, Wilma Pittman, and Linda Smith.

Grand Adult Luncheon, Thursday, November 6: We will gather in the fellowship hall for our regular covered-dish luncheon at **11:30 AM**. We will have a time during the lunch to share about what we are thankful for. Invite a friend to join you this month. We will also give away some prizes!

Exciting News!

It's time for a brand new CFBC Pictorial Church Directory!

Diane Fenlason will be taking the photos at the church. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a 15-minute photo session in October before Sunday School in the Welcome Center and after the morning worship service in the vestibule. The following dates and times will be available:

Friday, October 31

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday, November 1

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, November 2

12:45 PM - 4:30 PM

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.



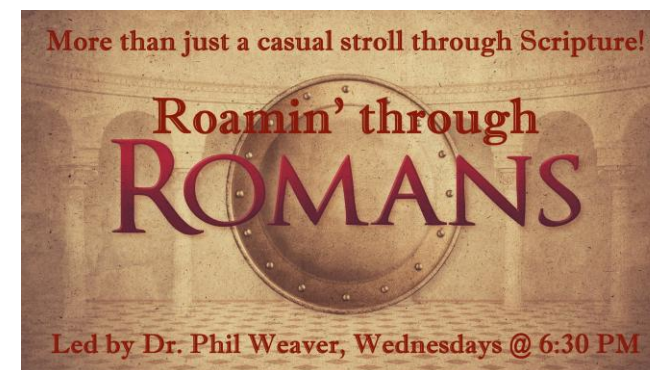
CFBC Online Giving

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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.



Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.



No Matter What: Committed Service to a Holy and Faithful God
Pt. 19: “Maintaining Joyful Hearts in a Wounded World”
(Nehemiah 8:9-12)

The Jews rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and assembled as “one man” to hear Ezra read God’s Law. After decades of neglect, the Word of God was unveiled again! Obedience to God’s Word can transform godly sorrow into joy, helping us to “**maintain joyful hearts in a wounded world.**”

Summary of Nehemiah 8:9-12

- I.** The people’s **mourning** (Neh. 8:9)
- II.** A command to **rejoice** (Neh. 8:9–11)
- III.** A call to **celebration** and **generosity** (Neh. 8:10-11)
- IV.** The source of **strength** (Neh. 8:10)
- V.** The result of **understanding** (Neh. 8:12)

Three key points of application:

- 1)** Acknowledge the **wound** but don’t **wallow** in it.
 - **Conviction** reveals our **need** for God (cf. 2 Cor. 7:10).
- 2)** Lean on the **Lord**, His **Law (Word)**, and His **love**.
 - The joy of the Lord is a **gift** and a **command** (cf. 2 Cor. 6:10).
- 3)** Share the joy of **Jesus** with a wounded **world**.
 - “Minister **grace**” as a **conduit** of God’s love to the lost (cf. Phil. 4:4; 1 Pet. 4:10).

The path to lasting joy begins with facing your brokenness through the lens of God’s Word. You can choose not to be defined by your sorrows but to stand firm, strengthened by the joy of the Lord. Why not commit your life to Jesus Christ today and rely upon His strength to help you **maintain a joyful heart** no matter what you may experience **within this wounded world?**



October 19, 2025

**Owen &
Mila Stoddard**

Pray that God would continue to provide for the Stoddards as they remain faithful to serve in South Asia.

South Asian Peoples

IMB missionaries Owen and Mila Stoddard moved to South Asia when their son Jamin was just six months old. By age two, Jamin showed significant developmental delays, but resources were scarce. Years later, a speech-language pathologist visited a homeschool conference, invited by the IMB’s Asia educational consultant. Jamin’s assessment indicated serious challenges, and Mila worried they might need to leave the mission field. Instead, the consultant assured them that the IMB would support Jamin’s progress. The family partnered with the U.S.-based pathologist on a development plan, committing to try it for a year before re-evaluating. Though often overwhelmed, Mila said God’s faithfulness sustained her. Each year, Jamin improved significantly, enabling the Stoddards to continue their work in South Asia. They credit God’s provision and generous givers for making it possible to remain on the mission field and continue their ministry.



Through our support of the Cooperative Program, our church helps missionaries like the Stoddards remain on the mission field while providing necessary medical care for their son.

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