

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

Good News Club Volunteers:

We still need "boots-on-the-ground" volunteers to help "some or all" for 2 1/2 hours when school is in session each Thursday, September 3 - February 25. We need line leaders, restroom takers, craft helpers, calm-down helpers, etc. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Wollett at jenniferwollett4@gmail.com.

August Operation Christmas Child

Items: pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and coloring books

Nursery Workers

August 23 – Nita Battle, Nina Dodson

August 30 – Tonya & Samantha Palmour, Lauren Stanley

Intercessory Prayer Workers

August 23 – Joyce Schofill

August 30 – Frank & Martha Senkbeil

Church Lock Up Schedule for August

Mike Roberts, Fred Himstedt

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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Cleveland, Georgia 30528
www.firstcleveland.com

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2026 | 10:30 AM

*Congregational Singing (Hymn: **)

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: 348)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

*Congregational Singing (Hymn: Insert)

Choir Special

Message – Phil Weaver

"Stand in Grace": Growing Daily into Christlikeness"
(Titus 2:11-14)

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 344)

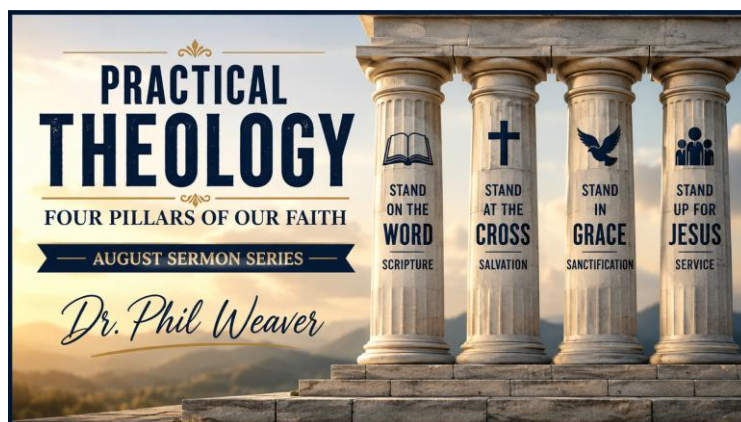
Benediction – Manning Minton

Postlude

*Please stand, if able.

**Not found in 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

2026-2029 Deacon Term: The following men have been approved to serve as deacons for the 2026-2029 term: Alex Belcher, Bradley Greene, Mark Johnson, John Reynolds, and Lee Underwood.

Family Night of Worship: Worship our Lord in music **tonight at 6:00 PM**. This night will be a great time of worship followed by a fellowship time in Heritage Hall. Bring a dessert to share.

IMB Missionary Guest Speakers: On **Wednesday, August 26**, at **6:30 PM**, IMB missionaries "Duncan and Ellie" will share with us about their ministry in Central Asia. Everyone is invited!

Ocoee River White Water Rafting: 11th and 12th grade students and college and career will enjoy a white-water rafting trip on the Ocoee River on **Saturday, August 29**. Cost is \$25.00 plus money for a meal. See Manning Minton for more information.

Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal: Join us Wednesday, **September 2**, at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall for good food and fellowship. It's a covered dish, so bring enough to share. Setup/Clean up crew: Neal and Pam Walden, Rodney and Debbie Willis, and Dave Wall.

Called Business Meeting: On **Sunday, September 13**, at **6:00 PM** in Heritage Hall, there will be a special called business meeting to consider the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's proposed revisions of CFBC Bylaws Article II, Sections 1-4, and Article IV, Section 4. Copies of the revisions are available in the church office.

WCBA Annual Meeting: The White County Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be **Monday, September 14**, at **5:30 PM** at Helen First Baptist Church. Messengers have been approved already. However, anyone can attend!

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are placed by the family of Fred and Cherry Himstedt in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary, which was August 21.

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!

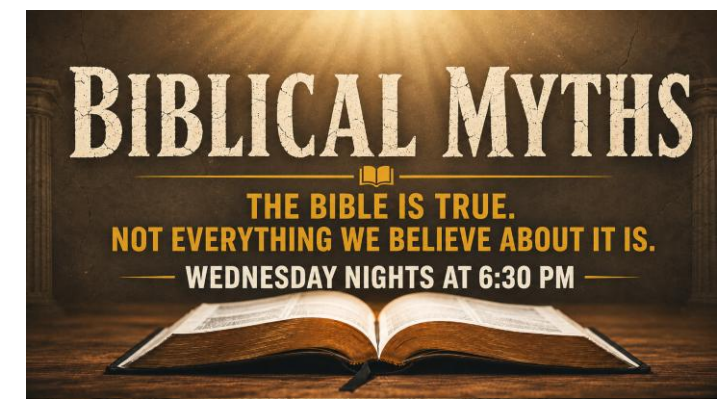
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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.



Practical Theology: Four Pillars of Our Faith

Pillar 3: Stand in Grace: Growing Daily into Christlikeness (Titus 2:11-14)

Sometimes, we make the mistake of thinking grace is only what gets us *into* the Christian life—like the front door of a house. The Bible teaches something much greater!

- Grace doesn't merely save us from the **penalty** of sin. Grace helps transform us from the **power** and **practice** of sin.

3 Powerful Principles about the Ongoing Purpose and Provision of God's Grace:

1. Grace **Teaches** Us (vv. 11-12).

- Grace calls us away from **sin**.
- Grace also teaches us what to **pursue**.

2. Grace **Changes** Us (v. 14).

- Sanctification is the **ongoing** work of God in which believers are increasingly **transformed** into the likeness of Christ.
- Spiritual growth is not **passive**; it's **intentional**.
- The world is trying to **conform** us. God is working to **transform** us.

3. Grace Gives Us **Hope** (v. 13).

- We anticipate Christ's **return**.
- Holiness prepares us for **eternity**.

4 Practical Applications:

A. **Cooperate** with the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16).

B. Pursue Spiritual **Disciplines**.

C. Put Away Sinful **Habits**.

D. Reflect Christ at **Home**, **Work**, and **Church**.

- Practical theology means the truth we **profess** becomes **visible** in the life we live.

Stand on the Word! Stand at the Cross! Stand in Grace! Grow daily into Christlikeness. The same grace that saves you continues working to transform you. Keep growing. Keep abiding. Keep yielding. Keep becoming more like Jesus!



August 23, 2026

**Kevin & Andria
Ibanez**

*Pray God will provide a
building for O'side Church.*

Oceanside, California

Kevin and Andria Ibanez lead O'side Church in Oceanside, California, reaching mostly younger adults from underserved and unreached backgrounds—though their ministry touches all life stages.

Ministry in Oceanside is challenging. "It's hard to get people to commit," Kevin says. "They're busy or overwhelmed, and showing up for discipleship can be a struggle." Still, the Ibanezes are seeing lives transformed as people encounter the love, joy, and hope of Jesus.

Kevin shares about a group of young adult men who recently came to Christ. Many joined a life-changing mission trip to Davao City, Philippines. "Most couldn't afford it, but we prayed," Kevin says. "God provided through generous supporters, and He used our team in an incredible way."



Through the Cooperative Program, our church helps missionaries like the Ibanezes bring the gospel to people who need it most.

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