

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



Palm Sunday

We invite our CFBC kids to join us in a special time of worship on **Sunday, March 29!** During the prelude, children are welcome to carry palm branches down the center aisle and lay them on the altar. We look forward to preparing our hearts for our Lord's sacrifice with the youngest of our members.

March Operation Christmas Child

girl stuff, dolls, jewelry, etc.

Nursery Workers

March 15 – Margie Nash, Pam Walden

March 22 – Kim Barrett, Sherry Neff

Intercessory Prayer Workers

March 15 – Norma Holeman

March 22 – Pat McDuffie

Church Lock Up Schedule for March

Fred Himstedt, Ricky Barrett

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
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Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Prelude - Orchestra

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: 503)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

Choir Special

*Congregational Singing (Hymn: 17)

Message – Phil Weaver

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 79)

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).

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is \$9,500.00.

Current Sermon Series

No Matter What

Nehemiah's
Message for Today

Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Young Women's Faith and Flapjacks: Young Women of CFBC are invited to join us in Heritage Hall on **Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 PM** for a late-night breakfast while we listen to Mrs. Kim Weaver share her testimony.

Crafters: Crafters will meet at **10:00 AM** in Heritage Hall on **Thursday, March 19.**

Brotherhood: Calling all men! Join us **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 PM** in **Heritage Hall** for our next Brotherhood meeting. We're excited to host **Dwain Carter** from Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. Please **RSVP** by calling the church office or registering online.

Spring Festival: CFBC is hosting a **Spring Festival** in our parking lot on **Saturday, April 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.** We are currently collecting candy donations; please look for the designated bin near the Welcome Area. We are also in need of baked goods for our Cake Walk! If you'd like to contribute or have questions, please see **Donnie Filaski** or **Manning Minton** for more details.

Resurrection Sunday Services: Celebrate our Lord's resurrection with us Easter **Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 AM** for our Sunrise Service, then again at **10:30 AM** for our Morning Worship. There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday "Observed": The church office will be closed, **Monday, April 6.**

Global Youth Camp: Sign up now for this year's Global Youth Camp in Chatsworth, Georgia (**June 29 – July 3**). Cost is \$230.00, with a \$75.00 deposit due now. See Manning Minton for more information.

Graduation Sunday, May 3: All graduates and parents of graduates are asked to send in a photo, full name, and the school graduating from to Manning Minton (mminton@firstcleveland.com) by Sunday, **April 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!

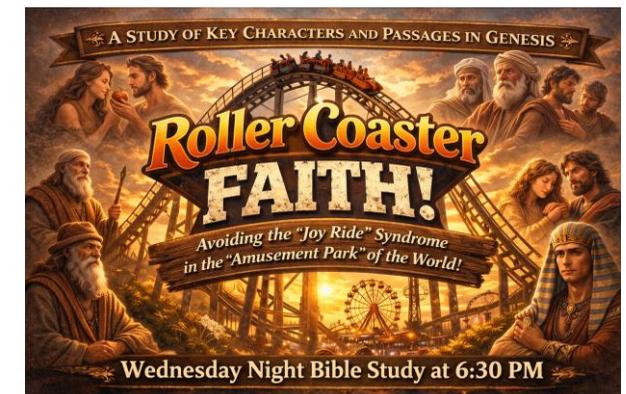
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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. 34: “Not of This World: Maintaining Holiness in a Mixed-Up World No Matter What!” (Nehemiah 13:15-31)

Introduction: Nehemiah returned to find spiritual drift among God's people. The situation reminds us that victory in one season of life doesn't **guarantee** faithfulness in the next. The human mind, heart, and hands are fickle and can lead us into a “pickle”!

- We face pressures to compromise: **A)** constant **connectivity** that crowds out sacred rest; **B)** “**hustle**” culture that idolizes productivity; **C)** cultural assimilation that **erodes** spiritual distinctiveness.

Outline of Nehemiah 13:15-31

I. Guard the Sacred **Rhythm**: Resisting the Profane Pace (13:15–22).

- Rest is an act of **trust**, not merely completion.
- Nehemiah restored boundaries because holiness requires intentional **limits**.
- **Principle:** When sacred rhythms disappear, spiritual **identity** erodes.

II. Reject the Sin of **Convenience**: Prioritizing God over Profit (13:23–27).

- We see modern parallels when believers cave to moral compromise for **career** advancement, fall prey to spiritual neglect for **financial** gain, and engage in cultural conformity for **social** acceptance.
- **Principle:** Convenience today can become **catastrophe** tomorrow.

III. Restore the Sacred **Leadership**: Ensuring Purity in God's House (13:28–30).

- Spiritual leadership shapes spiritual **direction**.
- **Principle:** **Holiness** in leadership protects **holiness** in the people.

IV. Depend on Divine **Grace**: Demonstrating Holiness through Ongoing Renewal (13:31).

- Our best efforts are **incomplete** without God's grace.
- **Principle:** Holiness isn't **perfection** achieved, but **dependence** practiced.

Overarching Lessons from Nehemiah's Final Chapter:

1) Sacred things must be intentionally **protected**; **2)** Convenience is often the gateway to compromise; **3)** Distinctiveness is essential to Christian **witness**; **4)** Reform requires both **confrontation** and compassion; **5)** Holiness depends on God's ongoing grace.

- We're in the world but not of it. We're **engaged** with the world but not *married* to it! We're distinct from the world but not **isolated** from it.

Invitation: Will you repent of the sin of convenience, commit to holiness, and seek total dependence on God's grace today? Jesus Christ alone makes us new. Won't you come to Him today—no matter what?



March 15, 2026

**Jordan &
Jessamy Adams**

West Lafayette, Indiana

*Pray for more students at
Purdue to hear the gospel, trust
Christ, and become disciple-
makers on their campus.*

When Erin and Ellie moved into their tiny dorm room at Purdue University, they were strangers. But within weeks, they became best friends. Ellie, a missionary kid from Argentina, started attending The Chapel, a church plant led by Jordan and Jessamy Adams. Erin, who'd never been to church before, tagged along one Sunday and heard the gospel for the first time.

That day changed everything. Erin realized Jesus loved her deeply, despite her brokenness. “Now, I’m a child of God,” she says.

The Adamses moved to West Lafayette in 2023 with a team of nearly 50 to launch The Chapel and a college ministry called The Salt Company. In their first year, they baptized 81 people. At Purdue, where life is highly relational, gospel conversations spread fast—and lives are being transformed.



Your Cooperative Program gifts help send church planters like the Adamses to places where students like Erin are discovering Jesus for the first time.

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