

## 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

### VBS Planning Meeting

With VBS just around the corner, we'd love to get together one more time to touch base. If you're helping out this year, please join us for a volunteer meeting and a light lunch in Heritage Hall on **Sunday, May 24** (right after the worship service). We'll go over the final details so everyone feels ready for a great week! Let Donnie Filaski know if you plan to attend.

#### May Operation Christmas Child

Items: tee shirts and socks for girls

#### Nursery Workers

**May 10** – Brandi Filaski, Jennifer Wollett  
**May 17** – Margie Nash, Pam Walden

#### Intercessory Prayer Workers

**May 10** – Loretta Brooks  
**May 17** – Norma Holeman

#### Church Lock Up Schedule for May

Jimmy Armour, 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.



# Happy Mother's Day!

**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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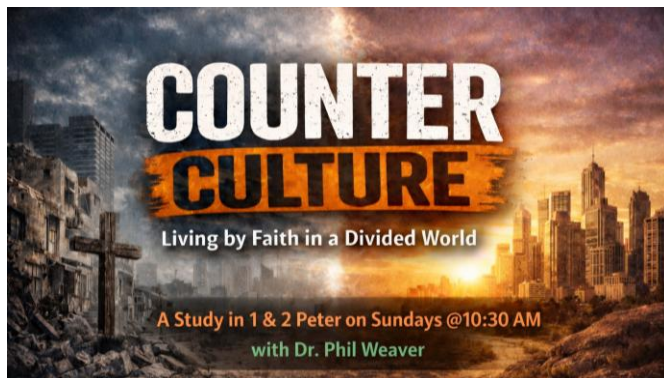
# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 10:30 AM

- \*Congregational Singing (Insert)  
Welcome – Manning Minton
  - Pastor's Pals (Children's Time) – Phil Weaver  
[Note: This part of the service is on our live stream.]
  - \*Congregational Singing (Hymn: 410)  
Offertory Prayer – Dennis Turner  
Worship In Music – Orchestra
  - \*Congregational Singing (Hymn: 139)  
Choir Special  
Message – Phil Weaver  
"Counter-Cultural Homes" (1 Peter 3:1-12)
  - \*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 548)  
Recognition of Mothers & Benediction – Dennis Turner  
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).

**Attention, Mothers and Mother Figures!** Because you're so special to us, we have a little something for you today! Be sure to pick up your gift before you leave. Your CFBC family loves and appreciates you!



Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**GA Baptist Children's Home:** Please consider supporting the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. With your offering, we can change children's lives forever!

**Grand Adult Luncheon, Thursday, May 14, 11:30 AM:** Our program will feature Deputy Pete Sebella from the White County Sheriff's Office. He will share about the latest scams and offer helpful tips on how to recognize and avoid them. The meal is our regular covered-dish luncheon.

**Brotherhood "Ladies Night," Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM:** Men are invited to bring their wives, and our widows are also invited. Instead of a speaker, Lisa Deaton will be singing for us that evening. Call the church office to RSVP.

**Bonfire and Hayride:** Children and Youth are invited for a bonfire and hayride at the Martins' home on **Saturday, May 16**. Meet at the church at **3:30 PM**. For more information or to sign up, call the church office.

**Evangelism Lunch and Learn:** Make plans to join us after the worship service on **Sunday, May 17**, for some great tips on how to share your faith and engage others in Gospel conversations with Steve Foster of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Tracts, listening guides, and a light lunch will be provided. RSVP by calling the church office or register online.

**Quarterly Business Meeting:** On Sunday, **May 24**, there will be a quarterly business meeting in Heritage Hall at 6:00 PM. Please have your reports to the church office by Thursday, **May 14**.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are placed by the family of Jerry and Nita Battle in memory of their mothers, Frances Battle and Marjorie Felder, and in honor of all the mothers of Cleveland First Baptist Church.

## 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!

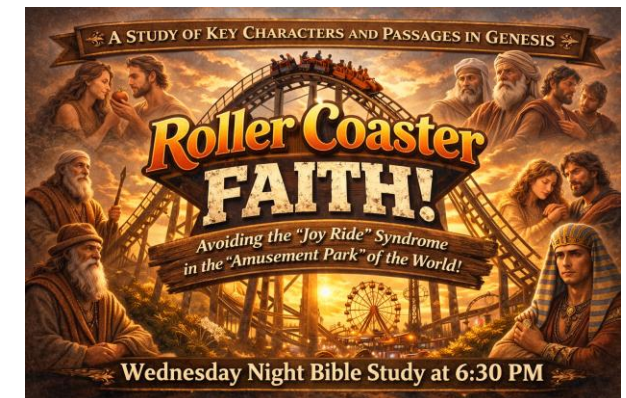
**Live Stream:** Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



### CFBC Online Giving

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**Online Giving:** CFBC now offers online giving through our website at [firstcleveland.com](http://firstcleveland.com). You also can download our church app from the Google Play Store or Apple Store to set up your account.



## Counter Culture: Living by Faith in a Divided World Part 5: "Counter-Cultural Homes" (1 Peter 3:1-12)

Have you ever tried to put something together without the instructions? Today, we're trying to build families, define roles, and establish relationships without consulting God's Word—the ultimate "Instruction Manual."

- From the very beginning in Genesis, God established His original **blueprint** for the family!
- God designed marriage between a man and a woman with complementary roles, unity, and **partnership** in order to establish a home that reflects His **glory** (cf. Gen. 2:21-25).
- Because of largescale spiritual deviation from God's plan, we're paying the price of **broken** homes, confusion about identity, lack of stability, and declining **respect** within our society.

### Three Principles Regarding "Counter-Cultural Homes":

#### 1. A Powerful **Witness** in Marriage (1 Peter 3:1-7).

- Peter wasn't talking about **superiority** or inferiority. His emphasis was on **order**, respect, and influence.
- **Actions** often speak louder than arguments. A consistent, Christlike life can **soften** a hardened heart (1 Pet. 3:7; cf. Eph. 5:24; Col. 3:19).
- Marriage is one of the clearest testimonies to the **gospel**.

#### 2. **Unity** Among Believers (1 Peter 3:8-9).

- When the Bible speaks of unity, it's not implying a sense of **uniformity** but rather unity among **diversity**.
- When there's **conflict** in the home, disagreements in the church, or tension in relationships, show **grace** (1 Pet. 3:8).
- Choose **understanding** over argument. Choose **humility** over pride. Choose **blessing** over retaliation (cf. Rom. 12:17-18; Eph. 4:32).

#### 3. The Blessing of **Righteous** Living (1 Peter 3:10-12).

- Pathway to the "Good Life": Guard your **speech**; turn away from evil; do **good**; seek peace (1 Pet. 3:10-11).
- David: "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry.... The righteous cry, and the Lord **hears** and **delivers** them out of all their troubles" (Ps. 34:15, 17).
- How do we practice righteous living? By speaking **life**—not negativity, choosing **integrity**—not shortcuts, and pursuing **peace**—not conflict.

**Doesn't it make sense that life simply "works better" when we "follow the instructions" and live according to how God designed us?**

How's your home? Are you following God's design? Are your relationships reflecting Christ? Or have you drifted into cultural patterns? Today's the day to realign your home with God's Word, restore what's been neglected, and recommit to living differently. You can't build a "**counter-cultural home**" without Christ at the center of both your life and your family!



# EVANGELISM TRAINING

## Lunch and Learn

WITH STEVE FOSTER  
OF THE GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
After the 10:30 AM  
Worship Service

**CLEVELAND  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**A MEAL**  
will be  
provided!

**LISTENING GUIDE**  
will be  
available!

**TRACTS**  
will be  
available!

Make plans to join us for some great tips on how to  
**share your faith and to engage others** in Gospel conversations!

**PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

*"How beautiful are the feet  
of those who bring good news!"*

ROMANS 10:15



May 10, 2026

## Stephen Cox

*Pray for Stephen's team as they make  
Jesus known across Thailand.*

Northern Thailand

"To be Thai is to be Buddhist." Stephen Cox heard that phrase often after moving to northern Thailand, where less than 1% of the population is evangelical. Many Thai believers told him they had never heard the gospel growing up.

Cox and his IMB team wanted to change that. Since nearly everyone in Thailand uses social media, they launched a digital outreach campaign. They trained Thai believers to respond to online inquiries and follow up in person. The first ad simply asked, "How can we pray for you?"

It came during national tragedies—flooding in Chiang Mai and a deadly school bus fire in Bangkok. Ads acknowledged the brokenness and pointed people to the gospel and disaster relief. One ad featured the testimony of a Thai believer.

The campaign reached 980,000 people. Over 70,000 watched the full testimony, and more than 500 reached out for follow-up.



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innovative strategies to share the gospel.*

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