

## 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



### **May Operation Christmas Child**

Items: tee shirts and socks for girls

### **Nursery Workers**

- May 31** – Nita Battle, Nina Dodson  
**June 7** – Tonya & Samantha Palmour, Lauren Stanley

### **Intercessory Prayer Workers**

- May 31** – Coleda Phillips  
**June 7** – Leon and Barbara Pirkle

### **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.



# 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, May 31, 2026 | 10:30 AM

\*Congregation 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: 329)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton  
Choir Special

\*Congregational Singing (Hymn: 327)

Message – Phil Weaver

"The Refining Fire of Suffering" (1 Peter 4:12-19)

\*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 319)

Observance of the Lord's Supper

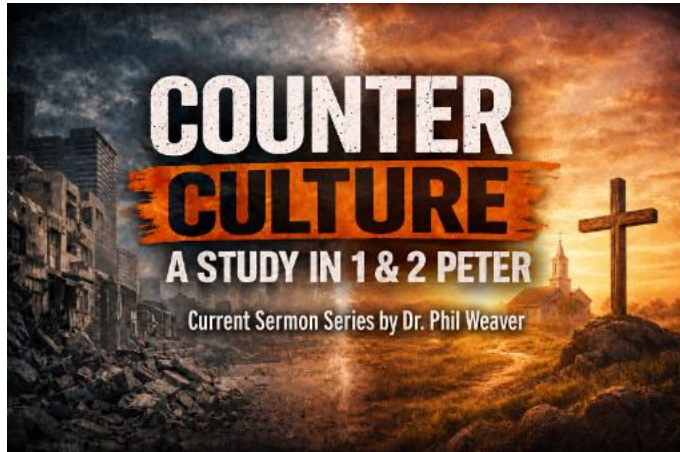
Benediction – Manning Minton

Postlude

\*Please stand, if able.

\*\*Not 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

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

**Suggestions for Potential Deacon Candidates:** After prayerful consideration, please complete the Suggestions for Potential Deacon Candidates and return on or before **Sunday, June 14, 2026**.

**Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal:** Join us at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall for food and fellowship on **Wednesday June 3**. It's a covered dish, so bring enough to share. Setup/Clean-up Crew: George and Linda Bartlett, Jerry and Nita Battle, Alex and Marie Belcher, Bob and Sonja Waddell.

**Grand Adult, Thursday, June 4, 11:30 AM—"Slice of Pie Luncheon":** At this luncheon, pizza will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a salad or a dessert.

**No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities, June 10:** Because of the VBS festivities the week of June 8 -12, there will be **no** regularly scheduled evening activities on **Wednesday, June 10**.

**Illumination Station VBS, June 8 – 12:** Get ready for an unforgettable VBS this year packed with exciting activities! Join us as we shine the light on who Jesus really is. Register online or by calling the church office. See Donnie Filaski for more information.

**VBS isn't just for kids—adults are invited, too!**

Join Sam Pelletier in the choir room during VBS week for an engaging Bible study on the book of 2 Peter. We hope to see you there!

## 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!

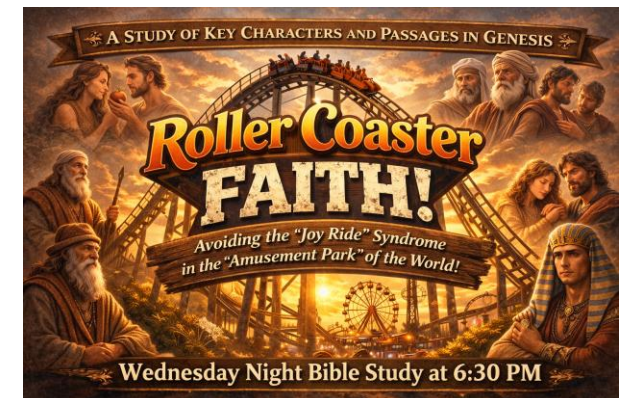
**Live Stream:** Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



## 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 8: “The Refining Fire of Suffering” (1 Peter 4:12-19)

Christians are increasingly under attack in our culture. Why? Because biblical Christianity makes exclusive truth claims, and culture views that kind of conviction as intolerant. Peter reminded believers that **suffering** for Christ isn't defeat; it's **refinement!**

### Four Vital Imperatives from 1 Peter 4:12-19

#### 1. Do Not Be Surprised by Trials (1 Peter 4:12).

- The Christian life isn't exempt from **difficulty** (cf. 2 Tim. 3:12; Jn. 16:33). Following Jesus doesn't remove **trials**.
- The fire isn't a sign God has **forgotten** you. It may be proof He's **refining** you!

#### 2. Rejoice in Sharing Christ's Sufferings (1 Peter 4:13–14).

- Suffering produces spiritual **maturity** (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; Jas. 1:3-4).
- The heat removes **impurities**.

#### 3. Suffer for Righteousness, Not Sin (1 Peter 4:15–16).

- Not all suffering is **noble**.
- If you suffer, let it be because you followed Jesus **faithfully** (cf. Matt. 5:16; Col. 4:5-6)—not because you behaved **foolishly!**

#### 4. Entrust Yourself to God (1 Peter 4:17–19).

- Trust God even when life **hurts** (cf. Prov. 3:5; Rom. 8:28).
- Don't let suffering make you **bitter**, cynical, angry, or spiritually **defeated**. Keep serving. Keep loving. Keep following Christ!
- Persecution isn't a sign you're **failing**. Sometimes, it's evidence you're faithfully **following** Christ.

Today, entrust yourself to your faithful Creator, who sent His Son to endure **“the refining fire of suffering”** on your behalf! Remember, suffering for Jesus Christ is never wasted because God is shaping us *here* (earth), so we fit better *there* (heaven)!



May 31, 2026

## John Heading

Fairborn, Ohio

*Pray John will be sensitive to the spiritual needs of people in crisis, not just to meet their physical needs.*

John Heading serves as the state director of Ohio Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, coordinating deployment teams and helping the ministry become more effective in serving those in crisis. As an SBC-endorsed chaplain, John not only supports his team members spiritually but also engages with local residents, assessing their emotional needs and looking for opportunities to share the gospel.

John says the most rewarding part is seeing people respond—not just to the physical help they receive, but to the hope of Christ. “Recently, Amy and her family lost everything in a flood,” he recalls. “By the end of the day, she gave her life to Christ. Her next request was to learn how to follow Him—and for her husband to be saved.”



*Through the Cooperative Program, our church helps provide practical and spiritual aid through Disaster Relief teams across North America.*

For additional resources, scan the code or visit [sbc.net/cpstories](https://sbc.net/cpstories)