

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

Ladies' Bible Study – 10:00 AM
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

COLORING CONTEST

Hey kids! Get ready to show off your artistic skills!

Join this year's Fall Festival Kids' Coloring Contest! Coloring pages are available at the church office. Entrees must be turned in by October 20. Winners will be announced during the festival, October 25, at 5:00 PM. See Donnie Filaski for more information.

October Operation Christmas Child

Items: Money for shipping

Nursery Workers

October 11 – Nan Bowen, Margaret Owens
October 25 – Kim Barrett, Wilma Pittman

Intercessory Prayer Workers

October 18 – John & Susan Reynolds
October 25 – Joyce Schofill

Church Lock Up Schedule for October

Nate Carpenter, Kevin Wollett

Cleveland First Baptist Church Staff

Dr. Phil Weaver, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dennis Turner, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults and Pastoral Care
Rev. Manning Minton, Associate Pastor of Students
Mr. Michael Pickett, Music Ministry Director
Mr. Donnie Filaski, Administrative Assistant and 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.**

25 Church Street
Cleveland, Georgia 30528
www.firstcleveland.com

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 18, 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: 503)

Offertory Prayer – Manning Minton

*Congregational Singing (Hymn: **)

Choir Special

Message – Phil Weaver

Relentless: "The God Who Works on Our Hearts"
(Jonah 4:5-9)

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: Insert)

Benediction – Manning Minton

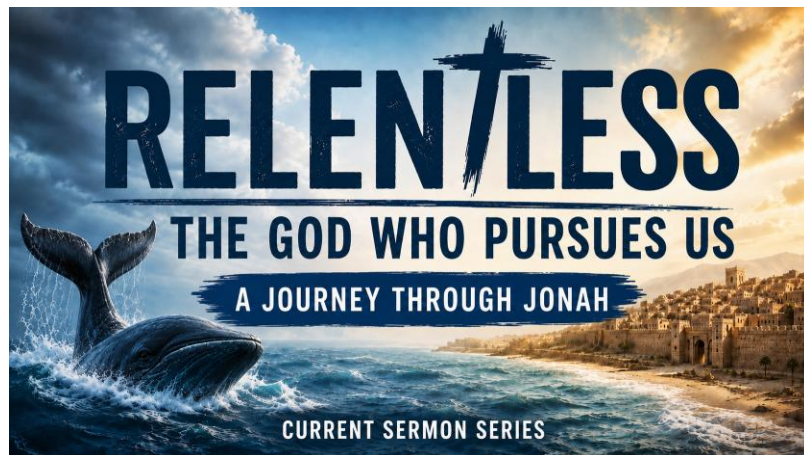
Postlude

*Please stand, if able.

**Not Found in Hymnal

The 2026 Georgia State Missions Offering
totaled \$1,805.00. Thank you!

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

College and Career, Jaemor Farms Fun Day: Following the Worship Service **today**, the College and Career group will be going to Jaemor Farms for games, hayrides, and a corn maze. Admission is covered. Bring money for lunch and other activities. See Manning Minton for more information.

Grand Adult Trip, Hamrick's, Anderson, South Carolina, Thursday, October 22, depart at 8:00 AM: This is one of our popular annual trips, so come along and spend the morning shopping at Hamrick's during their popular Bus Week! Everyone will receive a 10% off coupon, and Bus Week features additional store specials. We will stop for lunch around 1:30 PM, followed by more shopping before returning home. Seating is limited to twenty-six passengers, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your seat!

2026 GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING, November 8-10: This year's meeting will be held at Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins, GA. CFBC may send up to 15 messengers to represent our congregation. Members interested in serving as messengers are asked to notify the church office **by noon on Thursday, October 29.**

Special Called Business Meeting: Immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, November 1**, there will be a special called business meeting to approve messengers to the 204th Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins, Georgia, **November 8-10.**

"Discovering CFBC" Lunch and Learn, November 1: All new members, prospective members, and guests are invited to join us after the worship service on November 1 for a meal and an overview of our church's beliefs and ministries led by Dr. Phil Weaver.

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Gary and Marsha Adkins in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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!

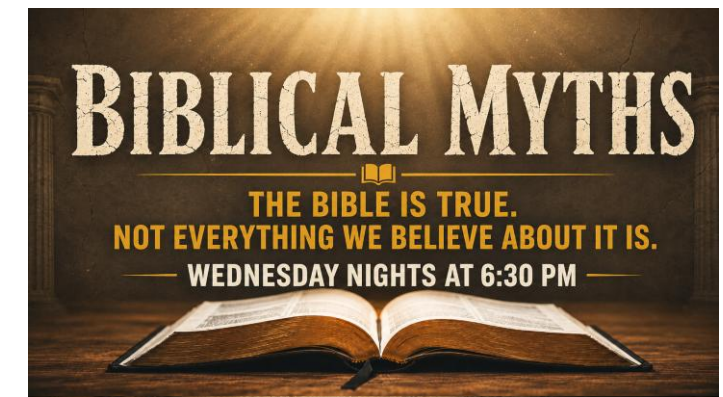
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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.



RELENTLESS: The God Who Pursues Us

Part 7: “The God Who Works on Our Hearts” (Jonah 4:5–9)

Jonah's emotions were like a “spiritual yo-yo,” going up and down. He ran from God then prayed to God. He was grateful for his deliverance but angry about Nineveh's. One moment he wanted to live, then he wanted to die. Do you celebrate God's blessings when they benefit you only to question His goodness when He blesses someone else?

4 Ways God Works through Circumstances to Reshape Our Hearts:

I. God Challenges Our Expectations (Jonah 4:5): “Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.”

- **A.** Your expectations can reveal your hidden desires (Prov. 16:2).
- **B.** Your disappointment can expose your misplaced priorities (Phil. 2:4).

II. God Provides for Our Needs (Jonah 4:6): “So, the LORD God appointed a plant, and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant.”

- **A.** God's provision demonstrates His undeserved mercy toward you (Ps. 145:9).
- **B.** God's blessings can reveal what brings you joy (Lk. 12:15).

III. God Disrupts Our Comfort (Jonah 4:7–8): “But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it withered.”

- **A.** God may remove what you enjoy to redirect what you value (Matt. 6:19-20).
- **B.** Difficult circumstances can help you develop spiritual maturity (Jas. 1:2-4).

IV. God Cultivates Our Compassion (Jonah 4:9): “Then God said to Jonah, ‘Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?’ And he said, ‘I have good reason to be angry, even to death.’”

- **A.** God's questions challenge your sense of entitlement (Rom. 9:20).
- **B.** God's correction calls you to greater compassion (1 Jn. 3:17; Col. 1:12).

What is it that makes you happy or angry? Are you more concerned about personal comfort than God's purposes? What's God working on in your heart? Will you pray, “Lord, don't merely change what's happening around me. Change what's happening *within* me. Give me a heart that looks more like Yours.” That change can become a reality by coming to Jesus Christ today!



The poster is framed by a black border and decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of brown, yellow, and red. At the top center is the Cleveland First Baptist Church logo, which includes a stylized 'C' and 'F' intertwined. Below the logo, the text 'CLEVELAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH' is written in a serif font. The main title 'FALL FESTIVAL' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the text 'FOOD - DRINKS - CANDY - GAMES - INFLATABLES' is written in a smaller, bold, black font. A red rectangular box contains the date and time 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 4:00 - 6:00 PM' in white text. At the bottom, a black rectangular box contains the text 'A bin for candy is located at the donation receptacle in the welcome area for anyone who would like to provide candy. For anyone interested in sponsoring a trunk/game, please contact Donnie Filaski or Manning Minton.' in white text.

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Just As I Am - I Come Broken

Your sins shall be as white as snow - Is. 1:18

1. Just as I am with - out one plea but that Thy blood was
2. Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
3. Just as I am I would be lost, but mer - cy and grace my

shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O
one dark blot. To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
free - dom bought. And now to glo - ry in Your cross, O

REFRAIN
1. Lamb of God, I come, I Come. I come
2. 3. Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Lamb of God, I come, I come.

bro - ken to be mend - ed. I come wound - ed to be healed. I come

des - p'rate to be res - cued. I come emp - ty to be filled. I come

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guilt - y to be par - doned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb, and I'm
To Coda
wel - comed with o - pen arms, praise God, just as I am.
D.S. al Coda CODA
am. I come am. Praise God, just as I am.



October 18, 2026

Matthew Hembree

Ponce, Puerto Rico

Pray volunteers in Puerto Rico will recognize the call to make disciples in their local communities.

Matthew Hembree serves with Send Relief Puerto Rico, training and equipping the 2,500–3,000 short-term volunteers who come each year to serve local communities. His role is to guide teams missionally and coach them through meaningful ministry opportunities across the island.

Many Puerto Ricans have endured deep hardship—financial crises, political instability, earthquakes, and hurricanes. Matthew notes that these struggles have left many searching for lasting hope.

“Our world longs for stability,” he says. “But for families in poverty or disaster recovery, lasting hope feels foreign. Yet the hope of Christ has endured for thousands of years—and it’s still sufficient today.”

Matthew reminds volunteers that this unshakable hope is needed just as much back home as it is in Puerto Rico.



Through the Cooperative Program, our church helps ministries like Send Relief Puerto Rico extend Christ’s love to those in crisis.

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

