

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

Good News Club Volunteers:

Good News Club has begun with over 50 students attending so far! We still need "boots-on-the-ground" volunteers to help for "some or all" of our club meeting time when school is in session each Thursday through 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.

October Operation Christmas Child

Items: Money for shipping

Nursery Workers

October 4 – Nita Battle, Brandi Filaski
October 11 – Tonya Palmour & Samantha Palmour,
Lauren Stanley

Intercessory Prayer Workers

October 4 – Coleda Phillips
October 11 – Leon & Barbara Pirkle

Church Lock Up Schedule for October

Nate Carpenter, Kevin Stanley

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 4, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Choir Special

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: 434)

Offertory Prayer – Dennis Turner

Worship in Song – Praise Team

*Congregational Singing (Hymn: **)

Message – Phil Weaver

Relentless: "The God Who Can Reach the Unreachable"
(Jonah 3:4-10)

*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 654)

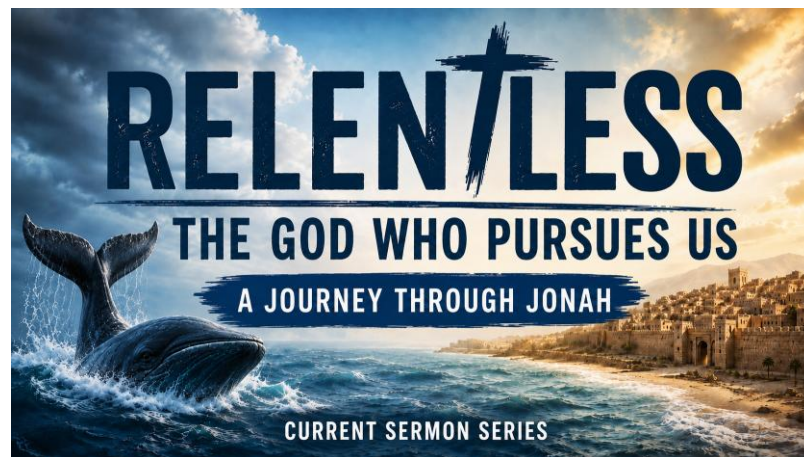
Benediction – Manning Minton

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

Covered-Dish Fellowship Meal: Join us on **Wednesday, October 7**, at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall for good food and fellowship. It's a covered dish, so bring enough to share. Setup/Cleanup Crew: George and Linda Bartlett, Jerry and Nita Battle, Alex and Marie Belcher, and Bob and Sonja Waddell.

Grand Adult Luncheon, Thursday, October 8, 11:30 AM: The superintendent of the White County School System, Dr. Jonathan Stribling, will be our guest speaker. This luncheon will be a covered-dish meal as usual, with a twist—we will have a Banana Split Bar with chocolate, caramel, and strawberry toppings, whipped cream, chopped nuts and cherries, and of course, bananas and ice cream.

AARP Smart Driver Class: CFBC will be hosting an AARP Smart Driver Class **on Thursday, October 15, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. You may be eligible for a 10% discount on your auto insurance if you complete the course. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Optional boxed lunches are available for \$10. Please call the church office to register.

Youth Bonfire and Pumpkin Decorating: The youth are invited to a pumpkin decorating party and bonfire on **Saturday, October 17**, from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. Food will be provided. Sign up by calling the church office or see Manning Minton. Bring your own pumpkin.

College and Career, Jaemor Farms Fun Day: Following the Worship Service on **Sunday, October 18**, 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.

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!

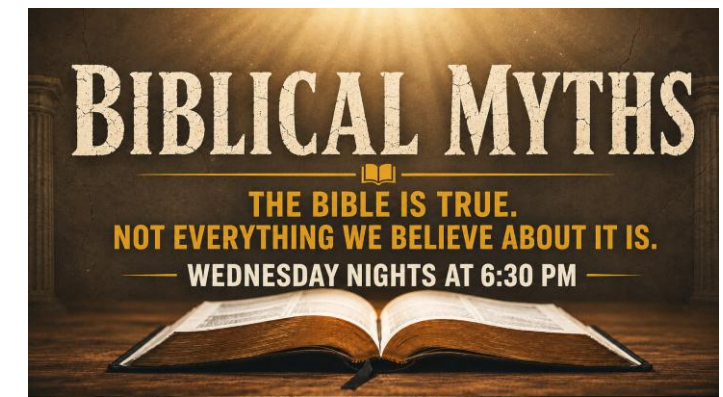
Live Stream: Download the CFBC app or follow our Facebook page for announcements and live stream of the worship service.



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 5: “The God Who Can Reach the Unreachable” (Jonah 3:4-10)

Have you ever looked at the condition of our world—or even your own community—and wondered, “What difference can one person possibly make?” If you begin believing everything depends upon you and me, the task can become overwhelming!

- God never asked Jonah to **change** Nineveh. He asked Jonah to faithfully **deliver** His message to Nineveh. God would take care of the **results**!

Four Powerful Truths about Our Great God:

I. GOD USES THE FAITHFUL PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD: “*Then Jonah began to go through the city one day’s walk; and he cried out...*” (3:4).

A. Our responsibility is **faithfulness**, not results (Is. 55:11; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 3:6).

B. God can use **imperfect** messengers (Rom. 6:15; 1 Cor. 4:7).

II. GOD’S WORD CAN REACH PEOPLE WE THINK ARE UNREACHABLE: “*Then the people of Nineveh believed in God...*” (3:5).

A. No person is **beyond** the reach of God (Is. 59:1; Lk.18:27).

B. Genuine repentance produces **visible** change (Is. 55:7; 2 Cor. 7:10).

III. GOD RESPONDS WITH MERCY TO THOSE WHO TURN TO HIM: “*When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way...*” (3:10).

A. God’s **warning** was itself an expression of grace (Ez. 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9).

B. God’s mercy extends farther than our **boundaries** (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 7:9).

IV. GOD CALLS US TO BE FAITHFUL AND LEAVE THE RESULTS TO HIM: “*Then the people of Nineveh believed in God...*” (3:5).

A. We are responsible for **delivering** the message (Rom. 10:14; 1 Cor. 4:1-2).

B. God is responsible for **producing** the results (1 Cor. 3:7; Eph. 3:20-21).

Nineveh gives us a glimpse of the heart of the God who “so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son.” Nineveh should remind you that your past doesn’t put you beyond God’s mercy. The message of Scripture is not: “Clean yourself up enough and perhaps God will accept you.” The message is: Turn to God.



WHITE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2027 EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

Ask Me How I Know He Lives!

WEAR YOUR
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 SHARE HIS LOVE

Church members are encouraged to wear this shirt and engage in Gospel conversations leading up to Easter 2027.

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LEADING HEARTS TO EASTER 2027

Ask • Share • Lead.
 HE IS RISEN! HE IS ALIVE!



October 4, 2026

Greg & Grace Gibson

Pray God will bless Nations Church to grow and that they can plant numerous churches locally and globally.

Ashburn, Virginia

Greg Gibson and his family planted Nations Church in Washington, D.C.—a city where the nations have already come. Their congregation includes people from Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Korea, China, Columbia, Peru, and Vietnam.

“Our vision is to reach the nations by loving our neighbors,” Greg says. Nations Church regularly invites international pastors from D.C. to share how God is at work among their ethnic communities.

“If we can plant churches here, we believe God may use us to help plant churches globally as well,” Greg shares.

Just weeks after their public launch in March 2024, Nations Church sent its first overseas missionary to Warsaw, Poland, to serve Ukrainian refugees. The church is already living out its goal of being a multiplying church—locally and globally.



Through the Cooperative Program, our church helps support gospel-centered multiplication through churches like Nations.

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