

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



Skitts Mountain Farms Saturday, September 19, 2026

All kids and parents are invited join us for a family fun day at **Skitts Mountain Farms** on **Saturday, September 19!** We will meet at the church and leave together at **10:00 AM**. Please remember to bring money for your food. For more details or to RSVP, please contact Donnie Filaski.

September Operation Christmas Child

Items: plastic cups, silverware, and coloring books

Nursery Workers

September 13 – Kim Barrett, Wilma Pittman

September 20 – Kayla Frederick, Courtney Ramey

Intercessory Prayer Workers

September 13 – Loretta Brooks

September 20 – Norma Holeman

Church Lock Up Schedule for September

Sam Pelletier, Roy Evans

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.**

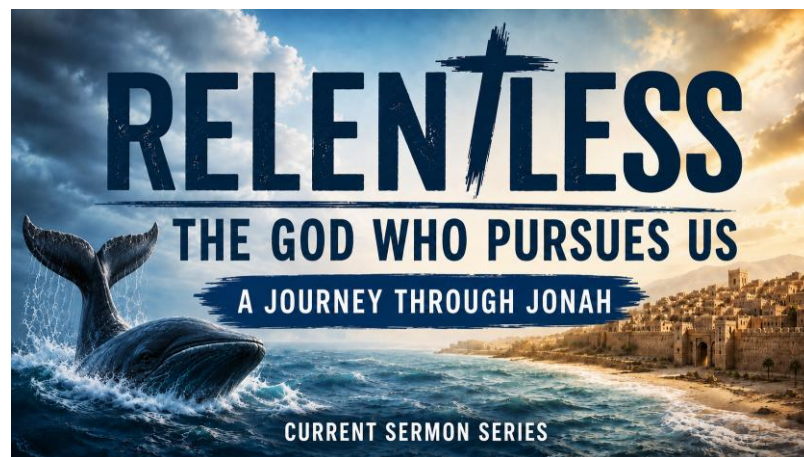
25 Church Street
Cleveland, Georgia 30528
www.firstcleveland.com

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 13, 2026 | 10:30 AM

*Congregational Singing
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: 43)
Offertory Prayer – Dennis Turner
Worship in Song – Praise Team
*Congregational Singing (Hymn: 3)
Choir Special
Message – Phil Weaver
Relentless: "The God Who Loves Us Enough to Intervene"
(Jonah 1:4-16)
*Song of Invitation and Response (Hymn: 596)
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).



Please silence your cellphone before the service begins.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Season of Prayer and Generosity: Beginning **today**, join us for a week of prayer with other Georgia Baptists statewide. Prayer guides and offering envelopes are available.

Called Business Meeting: There will be a special called business meeting **today** at **6:00 PM** in Heritage Hall to consider the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's proposed revisions of CFBC Bylaws Article II, Sections 1-4, and Article IV, Section 4. Copies of the revisions are available in the church office.

WCBA Annual Meeting: The White County Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be **Monday, September 14**, at **5:30 PM** at Helen First Baptist Church. Messengers have been approved already. However, anyone can attend!

Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study: Beginning **September 16** at **10:00 AM**, the Ladies' Bible Study will return to its regular weekly schedule.

College and Career Cornhole Tournament: All College and Career young adults are invited for an evening of food, drinks, prizes, and a cornhole tournament on **Friday, September 18**, at **6:00 PM**. See Manning Minton for more information.

Sunday Ladies' Bible Study: Beginning **September 20** at **5:00 PM**, Cherry Himstedt will be facilitating a study of *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ* (Philippians) by Beth Moore. Books are \$20.00.

Sunday School High Attendance and Outreach: **Sunday, October 4**, will be "High Attendance Sunday" for all Sunday School classes! Make plans to attend and bring a friend! Also, we will have a Sunday School Outreach and Prayer time on **Monday, September 28**, at **6:30 PM** in Heritage Hall.

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.



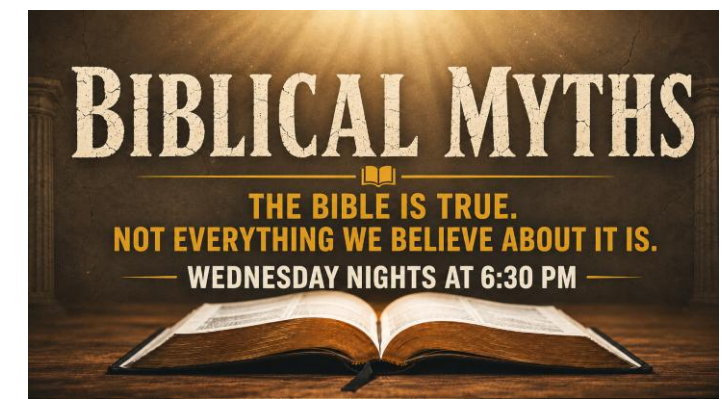
Following the service, we invite you to meet our pastors. They would be delighted to share more information about CFBC. Again, welcome to our church!

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



CFBC Online Giving
firstcleveland.com

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 2: “The God Who Loves Us Enough to Intervene”
(Jonah 1:4–16)

Jonah was running from God, but God loved Jonah too much to allow him to continue unhindered down the path of disobedience. In short, **God loves us enough to intervene!**

I. God May Intervene by Disrupting Our Plans: *“The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea”* (1:4).

A. The storm interrupted Jonah's **disobedience**. (Prov. 3:11–12; Heb. 12:5–6)

B. God's **discipline** is evidence of His **love**. (Heb. 12:6, 10–11)

C. Not every storm is discipline, but every storm should cause us to **examine** our **hearts**. (Ps. 139:23–24; Jas. 1:2–4)

- Remember: Sometimes, grace doesn't look like **calm** water. Sometimes, it looks like a **storm**.

II. God May Use Unlikely People to Confront Us: *“How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god”* (1:6).

A. Disobedience can make us spiritually **insensitive**. (Eph. 5:14; Rom. 13:11)

B. God may use unexpected people to get our **attention** or even **correct** us. (Num. 22:28–31; Prov. 27:6)

C. Our lives should **match** what we **claim** to believe. (Phil. 2:14–15; Jas. 2:17–18)

III. God's Intervention Forces Us to Face What We've Been Avoiding: *“I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you”* (1:12).

A. Restoration begins when we stop making **excuses** and acknowledge our sin. (Prov. 28:13; 1 Jn. 1:9)

B. Our disobedience often affects more than **ourselves**. (1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 6:7)

C. Sometimes, God allows others to become a **mirror** through which we see ourselves more clearly. (Prov. 27:17; Jas. 1:23–25)

IV. When We Surrender, God's Purposes Begin to Move Forward: *“So, they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging”* (1:15).

A. God was in **control** of the storm the entire time. (Ps. 107:28–29; Mk. 4:39–41)

B. Sometimes, we need to stop **rowing** and start **surrendering**. (Jon. 1:13–15; Jas. 4:7)

C. God can accomplish His purposes even through our **failures**. (Jon. 1:16; Rom. 8:28)

God exposed Jonah's disobedience and brought him to the place of surrender. Why? Because God loved Jonah enough to intervene. **God loved us enough to intervene**, too. That's why He sent Jesus! When God intervenes, *recognize* His hand, *acknowledge* your sin, *surrender* your will, and return to Him in obedience. Remember, the “storm” you're experiencing right now may be evidence God is still pursuing you!



September 13, 2026

Katee Sheppard

West Africa

*Pray for continued growth and
boldness among new believers
and trainers in West Africa.*

A line of 22 rocks formed at a West African church—each one representing a Bible story from creation to Revelation. As members placed the rocks, they retold the corresponding stories. It was more than a display; it was training.

IMB missionary Katee Sheppard equips believers to use storytelling methods to share the gospel—especially in communities that learn orally or lack access to Scripture in their language. “Storying trains believers to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations,” she said.

After the training, the church embraced the task as their own. Taking their new skills into the community, they shared boldly—and five people came to faith in Christ.

Now, the church is praying for more trainers, new believers to grow, and more ministry partners to join them. With five members fully trained, Katee has passed the baton and empowered local leaders to continue the work.



*Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists equip churches
worldwide to share the gospel.*

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