

August 2020

“By His Grace and for His Glory”

First Matters

Cleveland First Baptist Church

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Dear Church Family,

Our return to in-person worship in the sanctuary is August 2, 2020, with 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. While we are excited, we cautiously move forward and urge everyone to use wisdom and thoughtfulness as we regather in-person.

Additionally, we will continue to provide our worship online as well. It will be live at 9:00 AM and available for viewing on Facebook and YouTube to watch at your convenience.

For all in person services, we will be serious about social distancing and will take every possible precaution to provide a clean and safe environment. We have purchased and installed hand sanitizers, as well as disinfectants to aid us in the preparation and use of our space. Bathrooms, common touch surfaces and worship gathering areas are being monitored and cleaned in real time (before and after service times). You are asked to enter the sanctuary by the main front entrance. You will be directed to your seat, where pews are marked off so that households can stay 6 feet apart. We will also exit the same doors with the direction of the ushers. We will have contactless collection of offerings using collection boxes in the vestibule and by continuing to use the nets used in drive-in church by the ushers. The order of the service and words to the songs will be projected on the screen, as we will not be using bulletins or hymnals. Bathrooms will be open in the vestibule and the welcome center area. You are asked not to go into the other parts of the church, such as the Sunday School rooms, nurseries, kitchen, etc.; this will help limit the areas to be disinfected.

We are being mindful of the guidelines and recommendations by our state and local health professionals and leaders. Please help us ensure CFBC's worship services are safe for everyone. Please read over the suggested guidelines on page two of the newsletter.

We understand that some of our dear family and friends are uncomfortable being back in person, so we will continue to provide the best quality online worship possible. We are continually working to improve our online services. We look forward to seeing you in person or online as we worship our living Lord. Please contact any member of our pastoral staff with any questions.

Pastors Bucky, Dennis, and Manning



REOPENING

- If you have any health issues that could be complicated by Covid-19, whether you are younger or older, please consult your medical professional before regathering. CFBC will practice recommended Covid-19 protocols during our in-person gatherings.
- Do not attend if you have a fever or are feeling sick.
- Do not attend if you have been in close contact with someone who recently tested positive for Covid-19.
- Our President, Governor and the CDC encourages the use of masks.
- Be sure to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Please avoid handshaking, high fives, hugs, etc.



Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Prayer Meetings will resume in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM

Children's Missions Activities will resume in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM

Youth Activities will resume at 6:30 PM

No Dates for following activities as of this time.

Sunday School

Sunday Evening Services

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Monthly Fellowship Meals

Grand Adult Luncheons

Grand Adult Trips

Other Activities and Events

Call Church Conference

Sunday, August 16, 2020

There will be a brief called church conference following the Sunday, August 16, morning service for the purpose of approving committee members, general officers, and Sunday school teachers for 2020-2021 church year.

CFBC Memorials & Gifts

🌀 Budget Fund 🌀

In Memory of Stephen Bowman

By Jimmy and Carol Armour

In Honor of the CFBC Pastors and Staff

By Edna Holcomb

In Honor of Terry Goodger

By George and Loretta Brooks

In Memory of Theresa Pickett

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Terry and Barbara Goodger
By Charles and Pat McDuffie

In Memory of Joel Rogers

By Maxine Seabolt

In Honor of Dennis Turner's

40 Years at CFBC

By Crawford and Ann Skelton

🌀 Building Fund 🌀

In Memory of Stephen Bowman

By Neal and Pam Walden

In Memory of Walter Dodd

By Neal and Pam Walden

In Memory of O.B. West, Merle West and Benton West and In Honor of Sonya West

By Joe and Phyllis Vernon

🌀 Digital Sign Fund 🌀

In Memory of Unzell Craven

By James and Bea Rogers

In Memory of Theresa Pickett

By Gary and Stella Hawkinson
By James and Bea Rogers

In Memory of Tony Ramey

By James and Bea Rogers

In Memory of J.L. Seabolt

By Arthur and Betty Palmer



🌀 Music Ministry 🌀

In Memory of Theresa Pickett

By Jeanene Adams

By George and Linda Bartlett

By Linda Byrd

By CFBC Celebration Choir

By Nancy Christy

By Alice Holland

By Sue Massey

By Crawford and Ann Skelton

By Neal and Pam Walden

By Amos and Celia Wipf

Designated Building Fund Policy:

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established a Building Fund to maintain the church buildings, grounds, equipment and provide for the future needs of the church. CFBC welcomes contributions to the fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the Building and Property Committee in cooperation with the Finance Committee of the church.

Thank you to each person for your faithfulness in giving of your tithes and offerings to CFBC.

Three Ways to Give



At Church



Online



By Mail

There are three ways to give. You may drop your gifts by the office (we can meet you at the door); mail it to PO Box 250, Cleveland, GA, 30528; or give online via our webpage www.firstcleveland.com. Just Click on "Online Giving" and follow the links.

If you have questions or need help setting up your account, call Terry Goodger at 706-865-2933. Our work and mission continues!



August Birthdays

- 8/2 Katie Irick
- 8/3 George Bartlett
Bethany Beck
Isabeau McClain
Zeke Williams
- 8/4 Zach Humphries
Crawford Skelton
Bob Stewart
- 8/5 Ricky Barrett
- 8/6 Robert Rogers
- 8/7 Leslie Evans
Joanne Williams
- 8/10 Shirley Crane
Ryleigh Erwin
- 8/12 Laura Cormier
- 8/15 Sue Massey
Susan Reynolds
- 8/16 Bill Mauney
- 8/17 Barbara
Goodger
- 8/19 Kevin Stanley
- 8/20 Kathy Millar
- 8/21 Kismet Mikos
- 8/24 Alley Dorsey
Drew Simmons
Melody Walton
- 8/27 Betty Rogers
- 8/29 Mildred Ables
Fred Himstedt
Michael Pickett
Ally Tatum
- 8/30 Alice Fitzgerald
Mary Newell
- 8/31 James Rogers

Sunday, August 2, 2020 - Fellowship at Don Carter Park in Hall County

Sunday, August 2, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

We will provide all the food. (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dessert, Drinks, and the trimmings.) Just come enjoy the fellowship at site number one. (This is a different site than in the past.) Look for the big blue and white "CFBC Join Us" banner. Bring your lawn chair.

Expressions of Sympathy

•The Family of Unzell Craven

•Mike Roberts and Family in the death of Mike's father, Richard Roberts.

Welcome New Baby

Harper Lea Hoffmeier, born June 27, to grandparents Jay Thomas, great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wallrich and great-aunt Cathey Thomas.

Notes on the Bulletin Board

•Matt and Cherie Bowman Family thanking everyone for their cards and thoughtfulness following the passing of their son, Stephen.

•Michael Pickett Family thanking everyone for the cards, prayers, and kind words in the passing of his mother. They were greatly appreciated, and they feel blessed to be a part of CFBC's church family.

•White County Senior Center thanking all for the Meals-On-Wheels donations.

•Ladies Bible Study to Resume - On Wednesday, August 12, the Ladies Bible study will resume at 9:00 AM. We will practice social distancing by meeting in the fellowship hall. We have a few lessons to complete in Hebrews before beginning the book of Romans in September. All ladies are invited. Come and bring a friend. Call or text Barbara Goodger at 706-892-5253 for more information.

•FBC Ladies - Do you have a talent, hobby, or skill that you think others would enjoy? Please call or text Barbara Goodger for ideas and information on how you may be able to share that fun with others. Looking forward to getting back together.

Family Promise – We are scheduled to host Family Promise August 16-22. We will not house the families but are in need of supplying meals. There are two families (2 adults and 4 children). Call the office 706-865-2933, to sign up.

•August Greeters

Margaret Owens, Wilma Pittman

•September Greeters

Bea Chambers, Betty DeMarco

•Sanctuary Flowers/Donations

August 2 - Crawford and Ann Skelton

August 9 – Sue Massey & Veronica Winder

August 16 – Joan Millar Family

August 23 – Judy Palmour Family

August 30 – Lord's Supper

•Intercessory Prayer Workers

August 2 – Leon and Barbara Pirkle

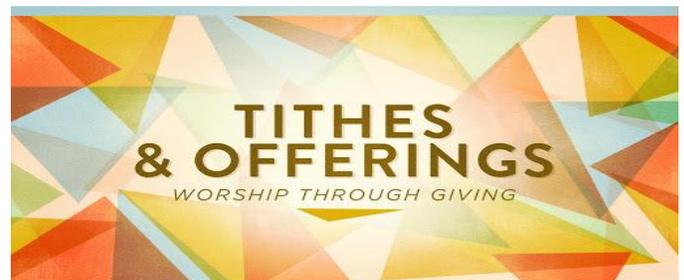
August 9 – Gerald and Shelby Hendrix

August 16 – Don and Rusty Stanley

August 23 – Bob and Linda Hightower

August 30 – Harry and Carolyn Bramble

•Food Pantry food of the month for August is dry cereals and dry oatmeal. Place donations in the labeled basket in the hallway leading to the kitchen.



'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9:7

Stewardship - A way of life!

Tithes & Offerings

Budget Goal YTD.....	\$320,790.00
Budget Receipts YTD....	\$292,020.25
Budget Under.....	-\$ 28,769.75
Building Fund.....	\$ 58,716.00
Annie Armstrong	\$ 7,425.00
Digital Sign Fund	\$ 3,750.00



From My Heart, Dennis Turner, Associate Pastor

Since March 15, we have not held a worship service inside the sanctuary. That is twenty Sundays. We have never experienced anything like this, and it has surely made for some challenging days. While I am thankful we were able to livestream the services and have drive-in church, I think we all agree, it just is not the same as meeting together in person. I miss seeing everyone's faces and hearing us sing and worship together.

This Sunday, we come back to the sanctuary for worship. While I am excited, I am cautious too. Along with Pastor Bucky, Manning, Michael, and our deacons, these last five months have been filled with a good amount of stress in knowing what to do and when to return to in person worship. As a staff, we have sought advice from professionals, circulated a church survey, discussed various scenarios, and covered the situation with prayer. We know some of you have been ready to return in person for some time, while others are still not ready to come back in person yet. We respect each of your choices. We hope you view the decisions we have made in the same manner. It is a difficult task to plan when the information and situations are so fluid. Our intentions have been and remain to do what is best for the overall health of each church member. This is one of the reasons we are choosing to phase in our ministries over the next weeks and months.

So, what can you expect Sunday? First, understand it will be different. While we do want our services to be as normal as possible, we must follow various guidelines from the CDC, health professionals and state leaders. We will be socially distancing with sections of seating marked off. You will be directed to your seats. We will be disinfecting in between the services. Offerings will be taken up contactless. I will be wearing a mask out of concern and care for everyone that I encounter. Some people embrace wearing face masks while others look at it as an infringement of a right. We respect everyone's opinions. As the pandemic continues and even worsens in some areas, health experts and our Governor are advising that wearing face coverings in indoor public areas is one of the easiest and most effective steps that we can take to protect each other and reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, it is not a requirement, as the final choice is left up to you. Following the service, you will exit row by row.

Currently It is our hope and plan to phase in additional activities as soon as possible. The proposed dates for these activities can be found on page 2. As we resume our normal activities, we will be mindful of doing so safely. Don't forget the annual fellowship at Don Carter State Park in Hall County on Sunday evening, August 2, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All the food and drinks will be provided. Just bring your lawn chair and sunscreen!

Let us continue to pray throughout the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak. The coronavirus can cause fear and anxiety. This following passage reminds us that, in every situation, our prayers ground us in God's peace. We step forward with faith: God is with us as we seek protection and discern how best to love our neighbors. While we may not all have fear or anxiety, let us understand that others may have some concerns as we come back together.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7