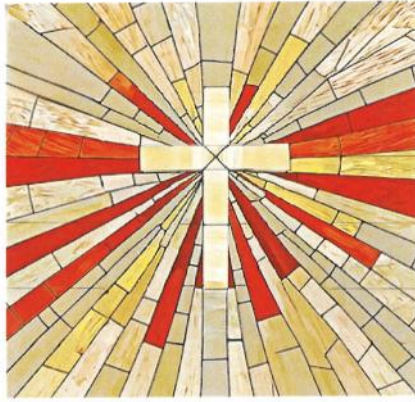




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July 2026 Prayer List

"Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers." -Ephesians 6:18

Prayer Requests For Our Community & Beyond:

Our church, its ministries, and leadership.

Our country, our community, and our church leaders.

For those affected by injustice and violence in all the ways they present themselves.

All medical and emergency personnel.

The Kairos Prison Ministry.

The World with all its needs, near and far from us.

Our Men and Women in the Military:

Ryan Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Karl Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Tyler Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Bobby Marshburn, Ensign in the Navy

Mason McDaniel, Godson of Janni & Dynelle Martin, US Army

Major Scott Powell, son of Thomas Powell, US Army

Steven Wheeler, brother-in-law of Jan Roe

PFC Connor Legg, grandson of Jack Legg, US Army

Those in Assisted Living:

Gayle Pritchett

Brighter Mornings at the Shoals

7456 Hwy 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558

Janet Varner

25 Glen Lake Parkway NE Apt 1215

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Those at home:

Lucy Gailey

The Pines

P.O. Box 458, Maysville, GA 30558

Dr. Don McFadden

119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Shirley Parham

2900 McEver Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504

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108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams

Mitchell Adams

Grant Anderson

Keith Ariail

Heather Ballenger

Pam Barnett

Betty Baxter

Roger Beauchamp

Saoirse Bergman

Phillippe Berra

Jimmy Bolton

Steave Breeding

Amy Brown

Marie Canady

Elton Collins

Betty Corn

Bob Crocket

Sonia Davis

Anna Diemond

Lorraine Dipple

Cathy Fletcher

Carol Hatcher

Kenny Hill

Dash Hughes

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Claudia Lacy

Dave Ladd

Linda Lamb

Kim & Doug Legg

Debbie Manus

Bobby Marshburn

Greg Martin

Tiffany Mathis

Mike Matthews

Charlotte Maxwell

Patsy McCall

Larry & Brenda Meadows

Charles Morris

Reagan Mullinax

John Murphy

June Murphy

Tom Murphy

Wanda Murphy

Tara Pittard

Kim Reaves

Colleen Rios

Tony Rios

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Winona Siwick

Janice Smith

Jade Stickland

Faye Sullens

James Thomas

Lisa Till

Paul Vecker

Blakeley Waddell

Chester Walters

Samantha Watson

Please contact the church office with any updates. Thank you!

Joys & Celebrations

**Congratulations to Judy Harbin and family
on the birth of her great granddaughter**

Emalynn Ruth Szatkowski

June 4, 2026

6lbs 10ounces

Trustee of the Month

Carine Griffeth

Counters

7/5	Dave Moon Ray Morris
7/12	Al Fleming Pete McClellan
7/19	Bill Davis Dave Crouch
7/26	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins

A/V

7/5	Manning Pittard Julia Crouch Zachary Crouch
7/12	Russell Crouch Karen Hill Evvie Phillips
7/19	Russell Crouch Zachary Crouch Manning Pittard
7/26	Sara Hill Manning Pittard Elise Phillips

Altar Guild

Annette Anderson

Mary Walters

Acolytes

7/5	Anna Riley Phillips OPEN
7/12	OPEN OPEN
7/19	Julia Crouch Elise Phillips
7/26	Karen Hill OPEN

Parents, online scheduling for Acolytes is now available. Please click [here](#) to sign your child up. Thank you!!

Children's Church

7/5	Remain in worship
7/12	Lydia Hoadley
7/19	Joy Scott
7/26	Kristen Hill

SAVE THE DATE

8/3– Preschool Open House

8/4– CFMC Preschool 1st Day

8/5– LIFT

8/9– Youth Group @ CFMC

8/23– Kids Pool Party

8/23– Kids Club & Youth Group

8/25– Commerce High Exchange Student
Dinner

Happy Birthday

Oscar Samaniego	7/4
Avery Hux	7/5
Kristen Hill	7/8
Reed Cassidy	7/9
Brenda Meadows	7/16
Stephanie Barnett	7/17
Jackie Dearman	7/17
Edward Adams	7/19
Leanne Wadsworth	7/20
Don McFadden	7/22
Parker Moon	7/25
George Turk	7/26
Jimmy Hooper	7/28
Stephanie Carr	7/29
John Gaissert	7/30
Alison Hux	7/31

HAPPY Anniversary!

Betty and George Turk	7/1
Carolyn and David Stephenson	7/7
Shelia and Michael Sales	7/10
Lisa and Bob Marshburn	7/22
Anne and Al Fleming	7/25

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday and/or anniversary has not appeared in the church newsletter, please contact the church office, 706-340-8611 or office@cfmc.life with the correct information.



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Volunteers Needed for Kids & Youth Ministry!

Do you have a heart for the next generation? We'd love for you to be part of our Kids & Youth Ministry team! Whether you enjoy teaching, encouraging, organizing, or simply lending a helping hand, there's a place for you. No matter your experience, we'll provide the training and support you need. A background check and child safety training are required for all volunteers working with children and youth.

Interested?

Please [email](#) the church office to learn more and find the role that's right for you.

We'd love to have you join us as we invest in the lives of our children and youth!



Dekalb Farmers Market

CFMC will travel to Dekalb Farmers market on Wednesday, July 15th. Transportation will be provided. Please meet in the church parking lot at 9am. Bring money for lunch and for any purchases you wish to make at the market. **Please RSVP [here](#) by July 8** so we can reserve the appropriate size van.



Kayaking & Tubing

You are invited to join us for a fun day of tubing or kayaking on the Broad River in Royston on Sunday, July 19! After worship, we'll meet for lunch at Culver's, then travel to Royston and plan to be in the water by 2:00 p.m. The float takes up to **4 hours**, so come prepared with sunscreen, snacks, and plenty of drinks to stay comfortable throughout the afternoon. Rental prices: Kayaks \$30 per person and Tubes \$15 per person and can be made by cash or card. Whether you choose a tube or a kayak, it's sure to be a relaxing day of fun, fellowship, and adventure on the river. We hope you'll join us for a great day together! Please RSVP [here](#).



Kids, Youth & Circle 5

All kids and youth are invited to Brookside Commerce on Tuesday, July 21st at 2:00pm to help with Circle 5's monthly mission project. They will provide snacks, crafts, and games for the residents at Brookside to participate in. This is a fun time for both the residents and for our church members. Parents please note that transportation to the facility will not be provided.

LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

August 5 kicks off the 4th year of our monthly intergenerational gathering, **LIFT (Living in Faith Together)!** Participants meet together for dinner and Bible Study on the **1st Wednesday of each month** (August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4) and will resume in January 2027. This is an opportunity to learn and grow in faith together with church friends of all ages (yes, ALL ages!).

We ask that you sign up each month so we can plan the meal accordingly. Please RSVP [here](#).

Whether you've attended before or are joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you as we grow in faith together with our church family!

A donation of \$5 per person (\$20 max for families greater than 4) is asked to help offset the cost of the meal.



Join us as we kick off another school year through our annual Back to School Bash on July 26th at 5pm! If you would like to help provide school supplies that will be used to fill up the backpacks, see the school supply list. Please drop off supplies to the FLC by July 24th. These backpacks will be given to our local community schools for students in need and are a great way to give back to our community. After we finish putting the backpacks together, we will share a meal together. Everyone is welcome!!!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- 24 PACK CRAYOLA CRAYONS
- #2 PRE-SHARPENED PENCILS
- CAP ERASERS
- BLACK PENS
- RED PENS
- PACK OF 4 EXPO MARKERS-WIDE TIP
- PACK OF 4 EXPO MARKERS-FINE TIP
- PLASTIC SCHOOL BOX OR PENCIL CASE
- SCISSORS
- GLUE STICKS (NO SCENTS OR GLITTER)
- SINGLE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK
- LOOSELEAF PAPER-WIDE & COLLEGE RULED
- 3 INCH BINDER
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS & PRONGS
- HEADPHONES OR EAR BUDS
- CLOROX WIPES

July 2026 Trustee Flash

We're happy to share that Phase 1 continues to move along nicely, even with a few rainy stretches along the way. Trustees have been giving their time and care to keep things progressing, and we're thankful for every bit of it. One bright spot: the heavy rains actually gave the new drainage pipe system a real test, and it passed beautifully—the Education Building stayed dry through it all.

1. The asphalt work is complete.
2. The grading around the driveway is finished, too.
3. The porous pavers in the parking lot are coming along well.
4. We're delighted that the canopies over the FLC parking lot entrance, the Youth Room entrance, and the Sanctuary entrance on the FLC side have all been installed.
5. The sidewalk from the parking lot to the Sanctuary is now covered, which will be a real blessing on rainy Sundays.
6. The exterior wall on the Education Building that was once underground has been cleaned and freshly painted, and it looks wonderful.
7. Plantings will begin just as soon as the pavers are finished—we can't wait to see it all come together.
8. The railings for the steps at the Sanctuary entrance are in progress and moving along nicely.
9. New lighting for the parking lot will be installed soon, which will be a welcome addition for evening events.
10. We're hopeful the playground will be finished before preschool starts up again. Half will be "astro-turf" and the other half grass, all surrounded by an aluminum fence—and the covered walkway off the driveway is already done.
11. Signage for the entire campus will soon be installed, helping everyone find their way a little more easily.

We're also dreaming about painting a mural on the retaining wall by the driveway behind the Education Building. If you know of an artist who might love to help with this, we'd be so glad if you'd reach out to me.

A few other updates:

The tenant at the Victoria house has asked to renew their lease, which is a nice bit of good news.

We've also purchased a new dishwasher for the FLC kitchen, which we hope will be a help to everyone who serves there.

Trustees are grateful for the confidence you have placed in us as we "Take care of God's house".

-Linda Exley





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PROGRAM DETAILS

Spanish High School Students

12 students from Spain are participating in a school immersion program at **Commerce High School**. During the program, each student will have the opportunity to experience school, live with a host family, and participate in local activities.



Hosting Dates

August 23 – September 13, 2026



Program Support

Students, host families, and Commerce High School will receive 24/7 support from the NISE Local Coordinator.

HOSTING DETAILS



Room & Board

Provide 3 meals per day. Students can share a bedroom with host sibling of the same gender, similar age, but must have their own bed.



Transportation Requirements

Airport pick-up/drop-off, school and activities.



Support & Guidance

Be willing to provide an immersive experience, sharing your family's day-to-day life and culture with a student. A small stipend will be provided to offset some of the hosting costs.

WANT TO HOST?

Contact



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