

COMMERCE
FIRST METHODIST
CHURCH

A Place to Know, Grow, and Show God's Love

August 2025 Newsletter

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August 2025 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

4355 Georgetown Sq Apt. 202

Atlanta, GA 30338

Those at home:

Lucy Gailey

228 Honeysuckle Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Dr. Don McFadden

119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Pat and Jimmy Purcell

108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams

Mitchell Adams

Jay Allen

Grant Anderson

Eddie Babb

Betty Baxter

Diana Bermudez

Phillippe Berra

Ann Bolton

Elizabeth Brown

Joe Brown

Denis Cain

Willard Cartledge

Betty Corn

Bill Davis

Sonia Davis

Anna Diamond

George Evans

Cathy Fletcher

Bob Herrin

Kenny Hill

William Hitchcock

Dashiell Hughes

Steve Johnson

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Claudia Lac

Dave Ladd

Ted Leichner

Linda Lamb

Doug Legg

Lauren Legg

Sanford Lewis

Tiffany Mathis

Mike Matthews

Charlotte Maxwell

Patsy McCall

Lewis McClellan

Dewayne Morris

John Murphy

June Murphy

Pat Murphy

Wanda Murphy

Billy Nash

Colleen Rios

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Faye Sullens

Lincoln Thomas

Lisa Till

Blakeley Waddell

Terry Wallis

Samantha Watson

Donna Wilson

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

Joys & Celebrations

If you have any joys or celebrations you'd like to share with the congregation please contact the church office at 706-340-8611 or office@cfmc.life

Trustee of the Month

Dave Moon

Counters

8/3	Dave Moon Jane Bedell
8/10	Al Fleming Tom Murphy
8/17	Bill Davis Ray Morris
8/24	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins
8/31	Bill Davis Ray Morris

Meetings

8/14	Trustee 7:00pm
8/25	Administrative 7:00pm

Please Note

There will be no Beans, Franks, & Bingo
in August. See y'all in September!!!

SAVE THE DATE

9/3-LIFT

9/14- Youth Pool Party & Kids Club

9/17 Beans, Franks, & Bingo

9/20- Great Day of Service

9/21- Service Showcase Luncheon

9/24-Apple Picking Trip

9/28-Youth Serving at Bigger Vision & Kids
Club

Altar Guild

Carolyn Stephenson

Joy Scott

Kristin Hill

Acolytes

8/3	Elise Phillips Anna Riley Phillips
8/10	Liam Smith Marci Sweeney
8/17	Julia Crouch Isabella Whitlock
8/24	Karen Hill Sara Hill
8/31	Manning Pittard Marci Sweeney

Children's Church

8/3	Remain in worship
8/10	Lydia Hoadley
8/17	Joy Scott
8/24	Lydia Hoadley
8/31	Kristen Hill

We need two volunteers **each Sunday** to lead
Children's Church. Please sign up on Realm
Connect. We will be in touch with the curricu-
lum. Thank you in advance!

Reminder, all must be in compliance with our
church's updated Safe Sanctuary policy.

Happy Birthday

Jennifer Griffin	8/1
Kim Savage	8/1
Larry Meadows	8/2
Donna Wilson	8/3
Tate Bowers	8/4
John Pittard	8/4
Elton Collins	8/5
Charlotte Massey	8/9
Doris Parr	8/11
Roger Waters	8/11
David Nichols	8/12
Martha Evans	8/12
Nancy Gaines	8/13
Tom Murphy	8/13
Todd Mize	8/14
Steve Savage	8/15
Holly Hempton	8/16
McKenzie Smith	8/16
Abigail Suarez	8/19
Barbra Hendricks	8/19
Kelly Cassidy	8/19
Linda Brake	8/20
Sara Hill	8/20
Karen Hill	8/20
Bill Davis	8/23
Robert Lyle	8/27
Linda Lamb	8/29
Lauren Legg	8/30
Riah Smith	8/30

HAPPY Anniversary!

Renee and Dave Moon	8/5
Pam and Tony Barnett	8/7
Joyce and Kinsey Phillips	8/10
Pattie and Robbie Griffith	8/20
Kathleen and Jimmy Hooper	8/27
Brenda and Larry Meadows	8/31

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.



Commerce First Methodist Preschool will be having open house for children and parents on Monday, August 4th from 5:30-6:30pm. We will be providing cookies and church activity schedules to all. The first day of school will start on Tuesday, August 5th. We will have greeters out front to help the preschool staff. Let's continue to pray for the families and teachers through out the school year.



Staghorn Lake Summer Splash Party – August 9th

Get ready for some fun in the sun! Our Staghorn Summer Splash lunch and swim party is being held on August 9th from 11:30 to 4:00 pm at the Staghorn Recreation Center and Lake.

Expect a delicious sit-down chicken dinner, refreshing drinks at the air-conditioned Staghorn Recreation Center. **The chicken will be provided and we are asking you to please bring a side or dessert to share.** Then cool off in Staghorn Lake or go paddle boating and kayaking. At the Lake, there are three shaded pavilions, a beach, swim and fishing docks, an outdoor shower, two large bathrooms and a roped-off children's swim area.

Staghorn Lake is 8 miles from the Church. Drive (west) S Elm to (south) Hwy 441 and (east) Hwy 335 (Brockton Rd.) to 6895 Brockton Road. Turn right at the gate with the "Circle S". You can use your GPS.

Bring your fishing poles, paddle boards, kayaks, lawn chairs, beach toys, towels, beach coverups, sunscreen and a big appetite. Life vests are available for young boaters.

RSVP [here](#) or call the church office so head count can be determined.





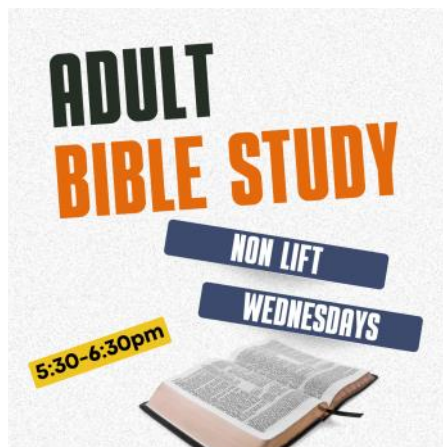
LIFT August 2025

It's time for our LIFT (living in faith together) intergenerational study, fellowship and dinners to resume. The first LIFT will be **Wednesday, August 6th** from 5:30-6:30. We will be serving baked pasta and salad. You can sign up [here](#) or call the church office. Remember, we are asking you to sign up for each monthly LIFT dinner instead of signing up for all of the LIFT dinners at once. This will allow us to plan the meal accordingly.



Training Sunday

If you are looking for a place to serve, here is a great opportunity. Join us on Sunday, August 10th from 10:00am-10:45am for training Sunday. All those who are current acolytes, ushers and greeters, **as well as those that are interested** in becoming one of said service positions, please plan on attending. Thank you!



Adult Bible Study

Wednesday night Adult Bible Study is resuming on non LIFT Wednesday nights starting August 20th. The study will take place in the Family Life Center from 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up is not required.



Children's Pool Party & Kids Club

To kick off the new school year, there will be a pool party for the children on August 10th after worship. The party will take place at Mrs. Ann Griffeth's pool. Parents plan on being there around 12:30pm and staying with your children for the duration of the event. Don't worry about lunch because pizza and drinks will be served.

Regular Kids Club will resume on August 24th from 5:30-6:30pm at CFMC. Kids Club is for children ages 3-12. Friends are welcome.

CFMC YOUTH GROUP

August 10th
&
August 24th
5:30-6:30pm
@CFMC



Youth Group

Summer is almost over, school is starting up, and it's time to resume youth group starting August 10th. Plan on youth group meeting on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 5:30-6:30pm. Commerce First Methodist's youth ministry is designed for 6th-12th grades, and is open to all CFMC youth and friends, as well as the community. So don't forget to spread the word and invite a friend!



CPR Training

CFMC is holding CPR & AED training on August 24th after worship for those who are interested. The cost of the training is \$20 per person for church members and \$45 per person for non members. Please remember to bring a sack lunch. Please sign up [here](#) if you plan on attending.



CFMC Events Calendar

You can now have access to the church events calendar on the church website. The calendar is up to date until May of 2026 (subject to change)!! Go to www.cfmc.life and on the menu click on Events Calendar and there you have it!!



Choir & Handbells

Choir and Handbell practice will resume on Wednesday, August 20th.
-Choir Practice is held on Wednesdays 6:45pm-7:45pm.
(all are welcome to join)
-Hand Bells practice is held on non LIFT Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm.
(If you are interested in joining, please contact Leanne)

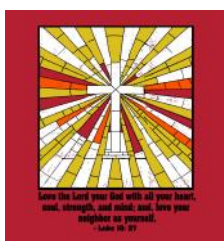
Commerce First Methodist Church T-Shirt

Church t-shirts are now available for purchase. We currently have medium, large, and extra-large in stock for \$15 a shirt.

We plan on placing another order, so if you would like to purchase a different size, or if you want one that we have in stock please click [here](#).



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Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and, love your neighbor as your self.
-Luke 10:27

DONATE WHILE YOU DINE!



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**Join us Monday, August 18th from 3pm-9pm
as we donate a portion of our sales to
Commerce First Methodist Church**

Join us at the Culver's of Commerce:
110 Grove Creek Point
Commerce, GA 30529



August 2025 Trustee Flash

It's been an exciting season of growth and improvement here at our church! If you've been in the sanctuary building lately, you've probably noticed some wonderful changes taking place. We have installed beautiful new carpet and completed ceiling repairs and fresh painting. There's something special about seeing our facilities refreshed – it reminds us that we're called to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Our preschoolers haven't been forgotten either! The pre-school playground has received a fresh layer of mulch, creating a safer and more inviting space for our little ones to play and learn. It's heartwarming to see how these improvements touch every generation in our church family.

Our rental house is currently available, and we're actively seeking a reliable tenant. If you know someone who might be interested, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office.

Additionally, the Trustees are developing recommendations for our Phase 1 plan to present to the Administrative Council. It's encouraging to see our leadership taking proactive steps to address our facility needs.

None of these improvements would be possible without our incredible church family. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and helped move furniture during this renovation process. Whether you lifted boxes, rearranged chairs, or simply offered words of encouragement, your willingness to serve made all the difference. A big thank you to Sanders Furniture for sharing their delivery team. It's moments like these that truly show what it means to be the body of Christ – working together with willing hearts and helping hands.

As we continue to improve our physical space, let's remember that the real beauty of our church isn't found in new carpet or fresh paint, but in the love we share and the community we build together. These improvements simply provide a welcoming backdrop for the ministry and fellowship that happen here every day.

Thank you for your continued support, your generous spirits, and your commitment to making our church a place where all can encounter God's love.

-Linda Exley



Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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