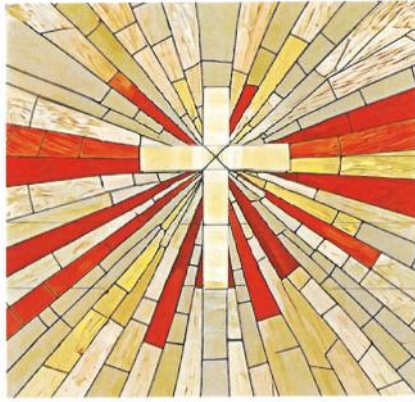




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September 2026 Prayer List

"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

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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

Jay Allen

Jimmy Allen

Keith Ariail

Heather Ballenger

Pam Barnett

Betty Baxter

Roger Beauchamp

Saoirse Bergman

Phillippe Berra

Steave Breeding

Amy Brown

Marie Canady

Elton Collins

Betty Corn

Bob Crocket

Sonia Davis

Anna Diemond

Lorraine Dipple

Cathy Fletcher

Emily Harber

Carol Hatcher

Kenny Hill

Dash Hughes

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Dave Ladd

Linda Lamb

Jack Legg

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

Tom Murphy

Wanda Murphy

Carol Nielson

Jackie Pearce

Kim Reaves

Jean Roberts

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Winona Siwick

Janice Smith

Jade Stickland

Faye Sullens

Lisa Till

Renee Varnadoe

Paul Vecker

Blakeley Waddell

Chester Walters

Samantha Watson

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

Jim Williams

Counters

9/6	Dave Moon Ray Morris
9/13	Al Fleming Pete McClellan
9/20	Bill Davis Dave Crouch
9/27	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins

A/V

9/6	Julia Crouch Karen Hill Russell Crouch
9/13	Zachary Crouch Sara Hill Elise Phillips
9/20	Timothy Sweeney Evvie Phillips Manning Pittard
9/27	Russell Crouch Manning Pittard Evvie Phillips

Please Note

The church office will be closed on
Monday, September 7th , in honor
of Labor Day.

Altar Guild

Kathleen Hooper

Susan Gieler

Acolytes

9/6	Anna Riley Phillips Rosemary Phillips
9/13	Julia Crouch Karen Hill
9/20	Sara Hill Khara Scott
9/27	Julia Crouch Khara Scott

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

Children's Church

9/6	Remain in worship
9/13	Lydia Hoadley
9/20	Joy Scott
9/27	Kristen Hill

SAVE THE DATE

10/7- LIFT

10/11- Kids Club & Youth Group

10/21- Beans, Franks, & Bingo

10/30-Fall Festival at Bowers Farm

10/29-BooFest at Commerce Library

Happy Birthday

Mike Mize	9/1
Noah Mitcham	9/2
Joy Scott	9/4
Gabriel Hoadley	9/6
Susan Gieler	9/10
Elise Philips	9/10
Daniel Hill	9/13
Janet Adams	9/16
Susie McClellan	9/21
Jack Legg	9/26
Jimmy Purcell	9/28
Bob Marshburn	9/29

HAPPY Anniversary!

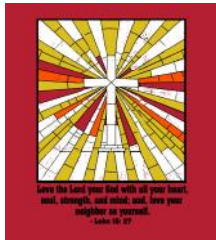
Barbara and Kenneth Reid	9/20
Gina and Lee Hagan	9/25
Susie and Pete McClellan	9/27

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 in-



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Commerce First Methodist Church T-Shirt

Get your church t-shirts for Great Day of Service. We have adult medium, large, and extra-large in stock for \$15 a shirt. Please [email](#) the church office with your sizes if you want one.

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



The first few weeks of preschool have been great! We have been busy learning about manners, sports, and farms this month, and the children have been having so much fun along the way. Our new playground is almost ready, and the kids are very excited to get outside and enjoy it! Our four-year-olds will begin visiting the Commerce Public Library on September 14th. We are looking forward to exploring the library and encouraging a love of reading in our students. Our church reading volunteers will also begin visiting this month. This is something the kids always look forward to, and we are so thankful for all the church members who take the time to come read to us. Your time and love for our children mean so much!



Join us for LIFT (Living in Faith Together), an intergenerational evening of faith, fellowship, and dinner on Wednesday, September 2nd, 5:30-6:30pm. We will be serving chicken nuggets, waffle fries, baked beans, and slaw. Come gather with us for a time of learning, connecting, and growing together in faith. **All ages are welcome!**

Please sign up [here](#) or you can call the church office.



Kids Club and Youth Group will meet at CFMC on September 13 and 27 from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Bring your friends! **Remember to invite a friend or two** to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith. We can't wait to see you there!



Join us for Beans, Franks & BINGO on Wednesday, September 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center! Enjoy free food, fun, and fellowship with friends! There is no cost to attend and no sign-up is required—just come and join us for a great time! Bring a friend and get ready for some good food, good laughs, and **BINGO!**



What better way to kick off the fall season than with a day of apple picking? We're going to do just that! Join us for a fun day with our Adult Ministry on Wednesday, September 30th! Transportation will be provided, with the van leaving the church at 9:00 a.m. We'll enjoy a day of fellowship, fresh air, and hopefully plenty of apples to bring home! Our apple-picking destination is still to be determined, but we'll share those details as soon as they are finalized. We'll return in time for evening Bible Study and music ministries, so you won't have to miss out on the evening activities. If you are interested in going please sign up [here](#).

Great Day of Service



One of the most beloved events in the life of our church is coming up on Saturday, September 19!

We're excited to host a Community Food Pantry here at CFMC, along with several other service projects designed to help those experiencing homelessness and to lift up members of our aging community.

We thought starting the day together with breakfast and Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. would be a beautiful way to begin this special day of serving others.

Service Projects

- **Share & Care Community Pantry** — 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *Victoria Street Parking Lot*
- **Packing Snack Bags for Street Love Ministry** — 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *Family Life Center*
- **Card Ministry** — 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *Family Life Center*
- **Double Blessings Thrift Store (3 Volunteers needed)** — 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *153 Bill Anderson Parkway, Commerce*
- **Cold Weather Kits, Ice Cream & Music** — 12:30–2:00 p.m. *Brookside of Commerce*
- **Pickleball with Jackson Creative** — Thursday, September 17, at 12:30 p.m. *CFMC Gym*

There Are Many Ways to Participate!

Whether you can serve in person or support from home, you can make a difference! If you're unable to join us that day, you can still help by providing food for the Community Food Distribution or making a financial donation to support these important outreach efforts. We hope you'll join us as we come together to **serve, love, and lift up our community!**

Please sign up for your service site [here](#) or you can [email](#) the church office. Please indicate if you will be joining us for breakfast and Holy Communion.

Great Day OF SERVICE!



**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.
SHARING GOD'S LOVE.**

We're excited for our upcoming **Great Day of Service!** We will have several service projects for everyone to participate in, but our BIG project will be the

Share & Care Community Pantry Pop-Up.

**TO MAKE THIS PROJECT
A BIG SUCCESS,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!** 



SHOP & DONATE

Starting **tomorrow**, we are asking everyone to do a little shopping and donate some of the suggested food items listed in the insert.



DROP OFF DONATIONS

Donations may be dropped off in the Family Life Center,
Monday through Thursday.



CAN'T SHOP? WE CAN HELP!

If you are unable to shop—or simply prefer not to—we can do the shopping for you! Financial donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase food for the pantry.



MEETING A REAL NEED

Food is one of the greatest needs in our community, and we want to do our part to help our neighbors get the food they need.

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ♥ Canned Vegetables | ♥ Soup |
| ♥ Canned Fruits | ♥ Macaroni & Cheese |
| ♥ Canned Meats | ♥ Shelf-Stable Milk |
| ♥ Pasta & Pasta Sauce | ♥ Boxed Meals |
| ♥ Rice | ♥ Toiletries |
| ♥ Peanut Butter | |
| ♥ Cereal | |

Every item helps! 

*Thank you for helping make our Great Day of Service
a great day of caring for our community!* 



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Let's love our community together!

For more information, contact the church office.

Phase 1: The Home Stretch

Phase 1 is nearly complete, and the response has been wonderful. Church members, families from our 85-student preschool, and neighbors throughout the community have been complimenting how attractive and safe the parking lot has made the area around Cherry and Victoria Streets; not to mention how inviting the improvements have made the entrance to the Sanctuary. The Trustees are proud of what this project has done for the church and for the neighborhood.

Signs of progress are everywhere. The “hidden” drainage system is doing exactly what it was designed to do, working quietly beneath the surface to protect our grounds for years to come. Above ground, the new sod is taking root, and the trees and shrubs are holding their own through this summer's heat and dry stretches. The irrigation system is up and running to help see them through. The parking lot striping and handicap signage are complete. Signage is up throughout the campus. Rails have been installed next to steps.

The City has installed new streetlights at the corner of Cherry and Victoria — a welcome addition for safety and visibility.

A First Look at the Playground

Take a look next time you're on campus — the turf on the upper half of the new playground looks fantastic. We're now waiting on sod for the lower half. Once that's in, our preschoolers will finally get to play on the new equipment instead of watching it through the classroom windows!

With the playground nearing completion, preschool drop-off from the driveway will also begin — one more sign that this project is turning a corner.

Thank you for your continued confidence, patience and support as we bring Phase 1 home.

-Linda Exley

**There is still time to sign up if you are still interested in joining
the Mission Trip to Honduras.**



Honduras Outreach, INC

MISSION TRIP

We invite you to participate in our upcoming mission trip to Honduras. Together, we will serve through hands-on service projects, including building, teaching, and providing care to those in need. This trip is designed to challenge participants in their commitment to serving others while fostering growth in their faith and deepening their relationship with God.

Mission Trip Details:

- **Date:** October 3-10
- **Age Requirement:** Ages 12 and up
- **Cost:** \$950 per person + airfare
- **Travel Requirements:** Participants must have a current passport.
- **Travel Note:** Airfare is separate and to be booked by each group individually.

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