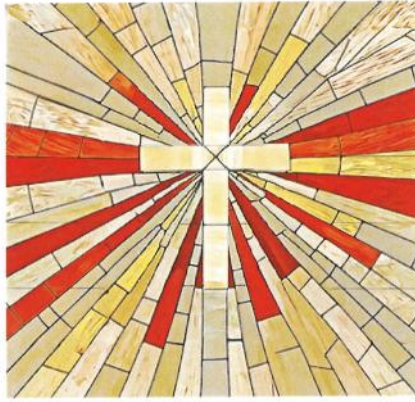




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October 2026 Prayer List

"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

Pat and Jimmy Purcell

108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams

Janet Adams

Mitchell Adams

Jay Allen

Jimmy Allen

Keith Ariail

Heather Ballenger

Pam Barnett

Betty Baxter

Roger Beauchamp

Saoirse Bergman

Phillippe Berra

Steve Breeding

Amy Brown

David Caldwell

Marie Canady

Betty Corn

Bob Crocket

Sonia Davis

Anna Diamond

Lorraine Dipple

Morgan Dove

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

Carolyn Stephenson

Counters

10/4	Dave Moon Ray Morris
10/11	Al Fleming Pete McClellan
10/18	Bill Davis Dave Crouch
10/25	Jimmy Bolton David Stephenson

A/V

10/4	Elise Phillips Manning Pittard Timothy Sweeney
10/11	Julia Crouch Sara Hill Karen Hill
10/18	Sara Hill Zachary Crouch Manning Pittard
10/25	Russell Crouch Elise Phillips Evvie Phillips

Altar Guild

Elizabeth Phillips

Judy Harbin

Acolytes

10/4	Karen Hill OPEN
10/11	OPEN OPEN
10/18	Julia Crouch Rosemary Phillips
10/25	Sara Hill OPEN

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

Children's Church

10/4	Remain in worship
10/11	Lydia Hoadley
10/18	Joy Scott
10/25	Kristen Hill

SAVE THE DATE

11/4- LIFT

11/8- Kids Club & Youth Group

11/14- Youth at iServe

11/17- Thanksgiving Meal Box Prep

11/18- Beans, Franks, & Bingo

11/22- Deck the Halls

11/29- Advent Adventure

Happy Birthday

Preston Hempton	10/5
John Cassidy	10/5
Lindley Jones-Leggett	10/6
Charles Blair	10/7
Mike Bowers	10/7
Tony Barnett	10/9
Llewyn Jones-Leggett	10/9
Tara Wood	10/9
Mary Alice Wood	10/10
Karen Benton	10/16
Rosemary Phillips	10/19
Roger Thomas	10/19
Dave Moon	10/20
Logan Cassidy	10/21
Peggy Purcell	10/22
Ellen Smith	10/22
Debbie Manus	10/25
Nancy Nichols	10/27
Roy Cartee	10/30

HAPPY Anniversary!

Carol and Don McFadden 10/6

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-



Jackie Harper



This month, we will be learning all about community helpers, fall, leaves, pumpkins, bats, and spiders! There are so many fun and exciting things to discover as we enjoy the fall season together.

Fall Break: October 5-9

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful and relaxing fall break!

On October 30th, we will have our Fall Parties! The children will have fun dressing up in their favorite costumes and enjoying some Halloween treats. We will also begin practicing for our Christmas Program! This year's theme is "Country Christmas," and we are excited to see our little ones get ready to share some Christmas cheer with everyone. We're looking forward to a fun-filled October!



Join us for LIFT (Living in Faith Together), an intergenerational evening of faith, fellowship, and dinner on Wednesday, October 7th, 5:30-6:30pm. We will be serving salad and baked potato bar. 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 October 11th, 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!



Plan on joining us Sunday, October 18th, following worship! As we celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of our building project, we'll gather together to dedicate our beautiful new space and give thanks for all that God is doing through our church. Following the dedication, we'll enjoy food, fellowship, and time together as a church family. We hope you'll join us for this special day of celebration!



Join us for Beans, Franks & BINGO on Wednesday, October 21, 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!**



Join Us for Our Annual Fall Festival! Come celebrate the beauty of fall with the Commerce First Methodist family at Bowers Farm, Sunday, October 25th at 2:30 p.m. Bring a dessert to share and a chair to relax in. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fall festivities! All ages are welcome! We hope to see you there!



Commerce First Methodist Church will have a table at the Commerce Public Library's upcoming Boo Fest!

Join us on Thursday, October 29th, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the **Commerce Public Library** for an evening of fun, treats, and community!

We'd love to see you there! Come out, enjoy the festivities, and support this wonderful Commerce community event!

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HOW IT WORKS

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Do your regular grocery shopping at Ingles.

2. Use your Ingles Advantage Card

Make sure your Advantage Card is scanned when you check out.

3. Select our preschool

Link your Advantage Card to:

Commerce First Methodist Church Preschool

School Code: 10455

4. Keep Shopping!

Your everyday purchases help earn money for our preschool to purchase supplies and resources for our students and teachers.

****Please Note** You need to re-enroll your Advantage Card each school year.**

[Get more information and to link your card.](#)

October 2026 Trustee Flash

Fall is here, with cool mornings and bright blue skies. What a beautiful season for a celebration!

Save the Date: October 18

Please mark your calendars for our **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** celebrating the completion of our Phase 1 Drainage Project. Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will close with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Afterward, please stay and join us for lunch in the FLC, where we will break in our new dishwasher and dishes. Our Hospitality Committees work tirelessly to prepare and clean up after these wonderful lunches, and we are so grateful for them. Our new dumpster is also ready for use!!

Many Hands, Grateful Hearts

This project has been a long time coming, through planning, financing, choosing a contractor, and everything in between. Many people made this day possible.

First, you, our congregation. Your generosity, prayers, and patience carried this vision from a dream to reality. We are deeply grateful for the faith you placed in it.

Over the last six years, the Trustees have worked alongside Koons Environmental Design to develop a Master Plan, and Phase 1 is the first step in that plan. God has surely smiled on us in the people He has put in our path: Josh Koons, who developed the plan; Charles Blair and Keith Brady of Peach State Bank, who helped with financing; Bill Griffin, our General Contractor; and Matt Hailey, who guided us through City permits.

Our church staff is the best ever! Lisa has kept the bills paid, Holly has cheerfully done anything we asked of her, Leanne has kept worship running smoothly, and Joshua has given us unlimited support.

Our Administrative Council and Finance Committee have answered every need with care and steadiness. And Marsha and the preschool families have been gracious and flexible, adapting their schedules to make room for construction.

Good News on the Numbers

At the start of the project, our best estimate was \$1.8 million. We are coming in at about \$1.2 million. That is thanks to your Trustees, Brian, Carine, Preston, Robert, Mike, Dave, Carolyn, and Jim, who have given countless hours of their time and expertise to this work.

We hope to see you all on October 18 as we give thanks and celebrate together!

-Linda Exley

Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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Ray Morris, Vice Chairperson

Jimmy Bolton

Dave Crouch

Bill Davis

Barbara Hendricks

Todd Mize

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Kinsey Phillips, Chairperson

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