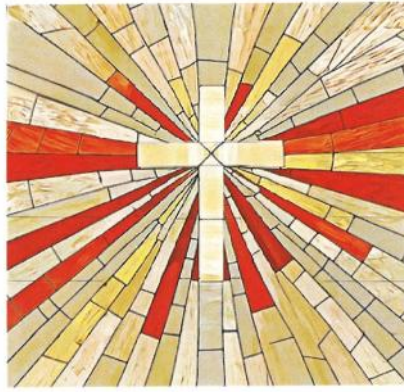




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November 2025 Prayer List

"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

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

Mitchell Adams

Grant Anderson

Eddie Babb

Betty Baxter

Diana Bermudez

Phillippe Berra

Steave Breeding

Elizabeth Brown

Joe Brown

Dennis Cain

Marie Canady

Willard Cartledge

Betty Corn

Bob Crocket

Sonia Davis

Anna Diemond

Lorraine Dipple

George Evans

Cathy Fletcher

Bob Herrin

Kenny Hill

William Hitchcock

Dash Hughes

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Claudia Lacy

Dave Ladd

Linda Lamb

Doug Legg

Bobby Marshburn

Debbie Manus

Tiffany Mathis

Mike Matthews

Charlotte Maxwell

Patsy McCall

Dewayne Morris

John Murphy

June Murphy

Pat Murphy

Tom Murphy

Wanda Murphy

Billy Nash

Colleen Rios

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Janice Smith

Faye Sullens

Lisa Till

Blakeley Waddell

Samantha Watson

John Whitmire

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

11/2	Dave Moon Jane Bedell
11/9	Al Fleming Tom Murphy
11/16	Bill Davis Ray Morris
11/23	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins
11/30	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins

Meetings

11/1	Trustee 7:00pm
11/20	Finance 7:00pm
11/24	Administrative 7:00pm



12/7- CFMC Cantata

12/14- Kids Club & Youth Progressive
Dinner

12/18 -Longest Night Service

12/21- Caroling

Altar Guild

Gina Hagan

Joy Scott

Acolytes

11/2	Elise Phillips Manning Pittard
11/9	Karen Hill Sara Hill
11/16	Marci Sweeney Liam Smith
11/23	Julia Crouch Rosemary Phillips
11/30	Anna Riley Phillips Elise Phillips

Children's Church

11/2	Remain in worship
11/9	OPEN
11/16	OPEN
11/23	OPEN
11/30	OPEN

**We need two volunteers each Sunday to lead
Children's Church. Please sign up [here](#).**

Curriculum is provided.

Reminder, all must be in compliance with

Happy Birthday

Anna Riley Phillips	11/3
Carolyn Stephenson	11/4
Joyce Phillips	11/5
Ray Morris	11/6
Rebecca Marshburn	11/10
James Bramlett	11/11
Shonda Jones	11/17
Geraldine Lord	11/19
Jimmy Bolton	11/20
Kendell Moon	11/20
Johnnie Blair	11/21
Judy Harbin	11/25
Matthew Lund	11/26
Kenneth Reid	11/26

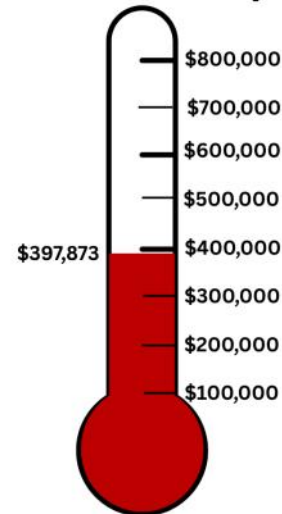
HAPPY Anniversary!

Stewart & McKenzie Smith	11/4
Craig & Susan Gieler	11/5
James & Jane Bramlett	11/11
Ray & Linda Lamb	11/25

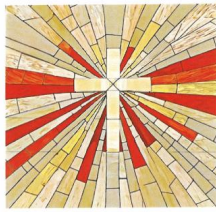
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

Master Plan Campaign



Current Amount Pledged/Given: \$397,873



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Wow, we are already headed into the holiday season. In November we be learning about teddy bears and having a teddy bear tea party on November 5th. We will also be learning about cowboys and cowgirls, complete with a "dress western day" on November 14th. Of course, it's the season, so we will be learning about and celebrating Thanksgiving with a special Thanksgiving "snack" in the FLC on November 21st.



Our next LIFT dinner and intergenerational study will be on **Wednesday November 5th**, 5:30-6:30pm. We will be serving baked potatoes and chili. You can sign up [here](#) or call the church office.



Kids Club & Youth Group will meet at Commerce First Methodist Church on November 9th and 23rd from 5:30-6:30pm.



Join us Saturday, November 15th for Women's Christmas Wreath Workshop. The event begins at 8:30am with a light breakfast, then on to making wreaths from 9:00-11:00am. The cost is \$50 per person. Registration is required by November 10th (refunds will not be available after 11/10/25). Child care will be provided upon request. You can sign up [here](#).



It's November already, which mean it's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving. Once again, we will be assembling Thanksgiving boxes to distribute to our community. Box assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm in the FLC. Everyone is welcome to help!!



Everyone is invited to start off the Christmas season at CFMC on Sunday, November 23rd from 5:30-6:30pm. We will come together to "deck the halls" of our campus for the season and share dinner together. We hope you will join us for this fun family event!



Let us prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. Join us on Sunday, November 30th, 9:30-10:45am in the Family Life Center for crafts, snacks, coffee, and conversation. All ages welcome!!

The thankful season has begun! Once again, we will be assembling Thanksgiving boxes to distribute to our community. There are many ways you can get involved in this cherished event. Please see the details below on how you can help.

23rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal 2025 Box

Each box contains:

- 1 50 ounce can Green Beans**
- 1 39 ounce can Sweet Corn**
- 1 40 ounce can Sweet Potatoes (yams)**
- 1 14 ounce Box Macaroni & Cheese**
- 1 13.75 ounce Box (18 servings) Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- 1 6 ounce Box Stove Top Stuffing Mix**
- 1 14 ounce can Cranberry Sauce**
- 2 Packets Gravy Mix**
- 1 32 ounce box Chicken Broth**
- 1 Box Cake Mix**
- 1 Can Cake Frosting**
- 1 Small Bottle Vegetable Oil for Cake**
- 1 2 lb pound bag of white rice**
- 1 2 lb bag of black beans**

(Don't worry about name brands—shop the best prices!)

Each box will contain a \$30.00 Quality Foods Gift Certificate

How Can I Participate?

Sign up to bring individual food items

Sponsor a Box and purchase all items

Make a monetary contribution for the purchase of Gift Certificates

Join us on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00pm to assemble food boxes and snack bags

Sign up to deliver boxes November 19-21, 2025

All donations are due by Tuesday, November 18, 2025

November 2025 Trustee Flash

Your Board of Trustees is pleased to share several updates on recent activities and ongoing projects around our church campus. From volunteer efforts to infrastructure discussions, we continue working to ensure our facilities serve our congregation and community well.

Thank You to Our Work Day Volunteers! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our recent workday! Throughout last week, dedicated volunteers came together to beautify and maintain our church facilities. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to accomplish quite a bit: hedges and tree limbs were trimmed, the office ramp received a fresh coat of stain, trash cans and kitchen mats were cleaned, the driveway fence was repaired, and playground holes in the fence were patched. You may have also noticed the new temporary sign we installed in front of the church.

Cherry Street Intersection Update - Following the recent repaving of Cherry and Broad Streets by the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Board of Trustees explored the possibility of restriping the intersection to allow a legal left turn from Cherry Street into our office driveway. After discussions with GDOT and City Manager Matt Hailey and his team, we learned that GDOT guidelines prevent this change due to the acute angle of the intersection and the driveway's proximity to Broad Street.

The city indicated that GDOT would not have jurisdiction if we were to relocate the driveway further up Cherry Street. Currently, the only access to the office driveway is via a right turn from Cherry Street.

These discussions also highlighted important considerations for Phase 1 of our future plans. With the office driveway serving as the only access point to church property during that phase, we anticipate that pick-up and drop-off traffic for our 75 enrolled students could potentially back up onto Broad Street. We are actively working with the city to address these traffic flow concerns.

Maintenance Matter Resolved - Good news on the maintenance front: our agreement with Bone Dry has covered a leak in the Family Life Center over the stained-glass window. We're grateful for prompt attention to preserving our beautiful worship spaces.

As always, your Board of Trustees remains committed to faithful stewardship of our church property and resources. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we navigate these ongoing facility matters. If you have questions or concerns about any of these updates, please don't hesitate to reach out through the church office.

-Linda Exley



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