

Connection Card

August 16, 2026

Please select ☐ 1st Time Guest
☐ Visitor
☐ Traditions ☐ Regular Attendee
☐ Emerge ☐ Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children: _____

I Prefer Contact By: text call email
I would like to sign up for e-mail news

How did you hear about Cordele First?

My Stage in Life is:

☐ College ☐ Twenty-something
☐ Single Adult ☐ Young Couple
☐ Family ☐ Empty Nesters

I am interested in:

☐ Baptism
☐ Joining the Church
☐ Info Small Groups/Sunday School
☐ Getting involved and serving
☐ Contact from one of the Ministers
☐ Prayer:



1. Sin is _____ and needs to be _____...
but we must be careful _____ we do that and for _____

"For they are a rebellious people, faithless children, children who will not hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things; prophesy illusions; leave the way; turn aside from the path; let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel." - Isaiah 30:9-11

2. _____ recognizes that true moral _____
starts with a changed _____ enabled by _____.

"(Jesus) said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders." - John 8:7-9

3. As _____ - _____, we are called to deal with sin
_____ in order to _____ people to _____.

"Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." - Psalm 85:7-8

Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Renovate Youth/parent meeting

Monday

6:00 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday

9:00 am Food Bagging
9:30 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Men's Bible Study @ Surcheros
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Bible Study

Get In Contact With Us

Rev. Larry Rollins | Lead Pastor

Rev. Tania Montero | Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Fuller | Assoc. Pastor Pastoral Care & Visit

Kody Franks | Youth Pastor

Deondria West | Dir of Traditional Worship

Brandon Nipper | Emerge Worship

Brenda Farrow | Dir of Children's Ministries

Cindy Ellis | Admin

Tricia Joiner | Finance

Michael Barnes | Facilities

Barbara Eschmann | Pianist

Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study
11:00 am Sr Choir
5:30 pm WNO resumes
6:15 pm Adult Bible Study, youth/kid's sm groups
6:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 am SOUL Food
7:00 pm Emerge Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Band Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday

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The Week of 9 AM Emerge Worship "Calling Balls and Strikes" John 8:1-11 (NRSV)

Songs being played in worship this morning
Another in the Fire | Hillsong
To the Table | Zach Williams
The Joy | The Belonging Co
The Lord Will Provide | Passion

11 AM Traditions Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Time of Fellowship

Prelude

Barbara Eschmann

*Opening Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul vs 1,2,4

No. 200

*Apostle's Creed

No. 881

*Gloria Patri

No. 71

*Morning Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Celebrating Our Tithes and Offerings

Ann Lancaster

*Doxology

No. 94

*Offertory Hymn

Whom Shall I Send vs 1,2,4

No. 582

Anthem

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chancel Choir

The Word Proclaimed

"Calling Balls and Strikes"

Rev. Rollins

*Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 431

*Benediction

Rev. Rollins

Postlude

Barbara E/Ann L

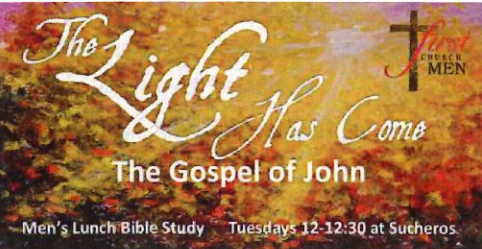
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Office Hours are Mon-Fri
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Appts can be made by
contacting the church office
at 229-273-4586
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Rev. Larry Rollins

News & Events



The Men's Lunchtime Bible Study meets every Tuesday, 12-12:30 pm at Surcheros



Prayer Concerns

New Prayer Requests

Jason Faircloth had surgery again, took out some muscle that was dead right below the snake bite. Will start over with therapy.

Previous Weeks

Sympathy to Sandra Duckworth family
Brenda Mitchell Jimmy Mitchell's SIL, & fr of Pat Payne & Kathy Odom, cancer
Mandee Defee-recovering from a surgery for detached retina
Sympathy to the family of Mary Ray
Sympathy to Tom Curles in the death of his mother, Peggy C Chitty
Rodney Coleman prostate cancer
Jewel Wilbanks-cancer diagnosis
Sadi Lamarche-cancer

Finance Committee
Monday, Aug 17, 6:00 pm

Church Council
Monday, Aug 17, 7:00 pm
All Committee heads need to submit their reports today if you haven't, to admin@cordelefirst.com.

Safe Sanctuaries training
In an effort to get as many people as we can trained or retrained and available to help out as needed in our youth and children's ministries, we are offering a mass training on Sunday, **August 23** from 12:30 to 1:30 pm down in the Wesley Fellowship Classroom. Even if it is not time for you to repeat the class or you just want to understand our Safe Sanctuaries policy, plan to come and we will take care of as many as we can for the next 5 years. Lunch will be served.

Prayers for Our Shut Ins

At Home
Joe Cook Cindy Jenkins Wanda Lewis
Melody Whitaker
Blackshear Villas
Joyce Miller Rm 6
Cordele Health & Rehab
Patti Hunt Rm 109
Cordelia Manor-Fellowship Hm
Sandra Windham
Oaks at Oakland Plantation Arleeta Henry-166 Oakland Pkwy, Leesburg, GA 31763
Military members serving
Pilcher Thornton, Jesus Juarez, A J Rainey

Daily Devotions & Scriptures

Monday, August 17 Read Psalm 85:1-13
Sin is not something God ignores, indeed it makes Him angry (vv.3-5). Yet God chooses restoration. How is this different from simply ignoring or making trivial sinful behavior? What is necessary on our end to receive God's grace (vv.8-9)? What do you think vv.10-11 mean?

Tuesday August 18 Read Isaiah 30:8-18
The first section of this condemnation of selfish and sinful people is painfully convicting, especially v.10. What does that verse say about our own modern experience and today's understanding of sin? The good news here is found in v.18 but what is the "therefore" in that passage referring to?

Wednesday, August 19 Read John 8:1-11
We sometimes forget that adultery is not the only sin on display here. The Pharisees are twisting the law to suit their purposes, sacrificing a human being in order to win an argument with Jesus and pitting people against one another all in the name of "justice." Read Malachi 6:8. How does that passage and Jesus' actions here help us understand acting merciful without sacrificing justice? What does v.11 suggest about the attitudes everyone in this story should have gone away with?

Thursday, August 20 Read Romans 3:19-27
The Jews (and many Christians) believed they could make themselves acceptable to God through a strict adherence to the rules. This often spawned a hatred and intolerance of anyone less successful at law-keeping than themselves (hence the casual cruelty of the Pharisees in yesterday's reading). What is the danger in such a project? How does being humble and gracious help us both in our own discipleship as well as leading others to Christ?

Friday, August 21 Read James 2:1-13
As sinners graciously pardoned, how should we look on those who violate God's Law? This is not the same thing as ignoring sin, but it does speak to how we deal with it. Why must we start by recognizing our own sinfulness before dealing with another's? What is our ultimate goal in standing firm for God's ways?

Saturday, August 22 Read Isaiah 1:10-17
Separation from God, i.e. sin, comes not from any broken rules but from an attitude of heart that runs contrary to God's desires. This is why God rejects empty religious rituals (vv.11-15). What does God desire and how should that shape the way we deal with sin not just in ourselves but in others? How do we balance grace and justice?

By the Numbers

EMBRACE 502
Total Attendance in Worship
Emerge: 310 | Traditions: 101
Nuevo Pacto: 35

Total Missions Attendance
SOUL Food:
Outreach Communion: 56

INVEST 389
Total Groups and Classes
Adults: 263
Youth: 80 | Children: 36

ADVANCE	
Given this week	\$30,047.00
Budget Receipts	\$22,995.00
Weekly Needs	\$22,510.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,154.00
Renovation/Repairs	\$4,898.00

Year to Date	
Non-Budget Giving	\$48,611
Budget Needs	\$720,320
Budget Giving	\$790,148

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