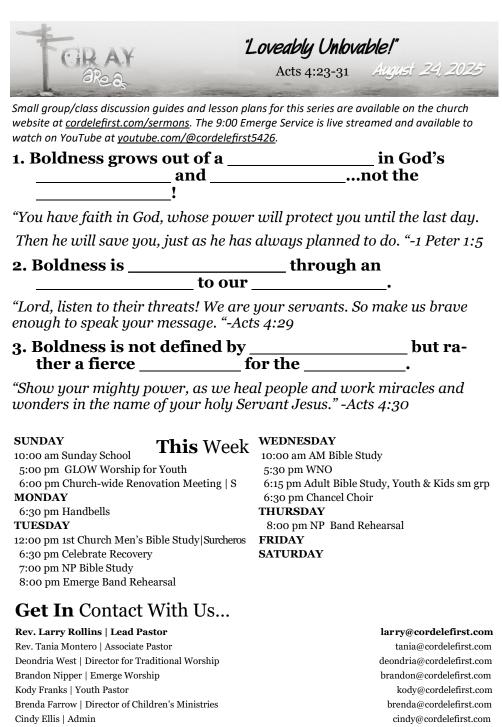
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I Prefer Contact By: text call email I would like to sign up for the e-mail news  Wednesday Night Supper August 27
AdultChildren Permanent
How did you hear about Cordele First?
My Stage in Life is:  College Twenty-something Single Adult Young Couple Family Empty Nesters  I am interested in: Baptism Joining the Church Info on Small Grps & Sunday School Getting involved and serving Contact from one of the Ministers Prayer:



# The Week of Acts 4:23-31

August 24, 2025

**9 AM Emerge** Worship

"Loveably Unlovable"

Rev. Larry Rollins

Songs being played in worship this morning Time After Time | Josh Baldwin The Truth | Megan Wood Resurrecting | Elevation Worship Great are You Lord | All Sons and Daughters

11 AM Traditions Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost

\*Welcome and Time of Fellowship

Prelude I Love to Tell the Story Barbara Eschmann/Ann Lancaster

\*Hymn of Celebration

How Great Thou Art vs 1,2,4

No. 77

\*Affirmation of Faith

No. 71

No. 881

No. 94

\*Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Celebrating our Tithes and Offering** 

Barbara Eschmann

\*Doxology

\*Gloria Patri

\*Offertory Hymn I Know Whom I Have Believed vs 1,2,4

No. 714 Chancel Choir

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Rev. Rollins

The Word Proclaimed

"Loveable Unlovable"

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus all

Rev. Rollins

No. 514

**Postlude** 

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn

Barbara Eschmann

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Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm Appointments can be made by contacting the church office at 229-273-4586

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Michael Barnes | Facilities

Barbara Eschmann | Pianist

### **News** & Events



This is the last informational meeting we will have before the vote next Sunday, August 31 at our Church Conference.



Service in the Activities Center. Lunch to follow Please bring a dessert to add to the meal prepared by the Hispanic congregation

## Dinner & Fellowship 5:30 Classes 6:15-7:00 Adults \$10 | Children (under 10) \$5 | Max family \$30

#### WNO Resumes on August 27

Wednesday Night Out kicks off again on August 20. Take a break in the week and come enjoy a great supper and even better fellowship. Studies and activities follow at 6:15 for all ages!

Adults, join us on Wednesdays as we learn how Jesus has called us to be great - and even do GREATER things than Him!

For three weeks (beginning 8/27), we will look at our calling through "The Great Requirement" (Micah 6:8), "The Great Commandment" (Matthew 22:35-40) and "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:16-20).

Come and learn how GREAT you can be!

You can begin signing up for the suppers by scanning the QR code to the right or sign up on the connection card. It can be from week to week or a permanent reservation. All reservations need to be made by Monday afternoon.



## **Prayer** Concerns

**New Prayer Requests** 

**Sympathy to Marie Slenker** in the death of her husband Bo.

#### **Previous Weeks**

**Sympathy to:** Felicia and JD Scarborough in the death of her niece, Candace Weems

**Sympathy to** Carlton Greer in the death of his mother Angie.

Richard Payne at Emory

## **Pray for Our Shut Ins**

At Home

Joe Cook Melody Whitaker Carla Payne (at Kimberly's)

Cordele Health & Rehab
Patti Hunt Rm 109; Eddie McLemore Rm 403

Cordelia Manor-Fellowship Home Sandra Windham

Oaks at Oakland Plantation-Arleeta Henry –166 Oakland Pkwy, Leesburg, GA 31763 Carlyle Place | Tish Haley Stafford Suites Rm 102

The Phoenix @ Lake Joy Sandra Duckworth

Military members serving
Pilcher Thornton

## **Daily Devotions** & Scriptures

#### Monday, August 25 Read Psalm 16

Faith, indeed most of life, is about choices. What boundary lines do you choose and in whom do you entrust the directions and decisions of your life? We like to think we are independent but the truth is we are only independent insofar as what and who we choose to align ourselves with. What reasons do you have for trusting yourself to God's care?

#### Tuesday, August 26 Read Isaiah 12:2-6

For the ancient Israelites, triumph was defined by political and military success but those things, by nature, are always temporary. Reflect on this prophecy from both the perspective of the ancients and from our, post-Easter perspective. Why and how do we sing God's praises today?

#### Wednesday, August 27 Read Acts 4:23-31

Here the first Christians have been told to stop their preaching and go along with the surrounding world. Note in their prayer the recognition that God's People are always challenged and opposed by the forces of the fallen world. What do they desire boldness for (v.29)? What do we need boldness for in our time and place? Where do you personally need boldness?

#### Thursday, August 28 Read John 20:19-31

Why does Thomas doubt his friends' story? Note that God graciously offers what Thomas needs to strengthen his faith. What sorts of encouragements doers God offer to strengthen you in your discipleship? Where do you find encouragement and where do you share encouragement with others? Discuss this with God in prayer today.

#### Friday, August 29 Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

What tests your faith? What holds you back from being the sort of disciple you feel God is calling you to be? How does Peter encourage faltering disciples here and to what do we cling when we face trials? How often do we give up at merely the *idea* of facing opposition? Why?

#### Saturday, August 30 Read Psalm 46

Read this psalm through a few times and listen carefully for its message to *you* personally. What is God trying to say to you and how are you called to respond? Discuss this with God in prayer today.

## By The Numbers EMBRACE 329

#### **Total Attendance in Worship**

Emerge: 230 | Traditions: 79 Nuevo Pacto: 20

#### **Total Missions Attendance**

SOUL Food:

Outreach Communion:

#### INVEST 479

#### **Total Groups and Classes**

Adults: 359

Youth: 66 | Children: 54

#### **ADVANCE**

Given this week: \$35,090.15

Budget Receipts \$34,643.62

Weekly Needs \$21,538.00

Designated Gifts: \$446.53

#### **Year to Date**

Non-Budget Giving \$47,213 Budget Needs \$710,754 Budget Giving \$674,499

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