

## News & Events



Pray for our Youth this week as they are participating in River of Life, held in Columbus. Our youth are partnering with other churches in Columbus doing mission-minded projects for those in need.

### Prayer Concerns

#### New Prayer Requests

**Jewel Wilbanks**-cancer diagnosis

**Joyce Miller**-back at rehab

**Justin Brown** -Anita Johnston's nephew, fell from 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, has multiple skull fractures & brain swelling, on a ventilator.

#### Previous Weeks

Sympathy to Debbie Hathaway, death of her dad, Bobby Fuller

**Patty Hunt** - eye issues

**Jackie Cason**-Piedmont Hosp 350 Hospital Dr, Macon 31217

**Sadi Lamarche** -cancer

### Prayers for Our Shut Ins

#### At Home

Joe Cook Cindy Jenkins Wanda Lewis  
Melody Whitaker

#### Cordele Health & Rehab

Patti Hunt Rm 109

#### Cordelia Manor-Fellowship

#### Home

Sandra Windham

**Oaks at Oakland Plantation** Arleeta  
Henry-166 Oakland Pkwy, Leesburg, GA 31763

#### The Phoenix @ Lake Joy

Sandra Duckworth

#### Military members serving

Pilcher Thornton, Jesus Juarez, A J Rainey  
Stuart Peebles



With our recent sound ungrades in the sanctuary, we will have the capability to record our services but with that comes needing people to learn and run the new system for worship.

Maybe that person



If you are interested please contact Joshua Bartlett at [joshua@cordelefirst.com](mailto:joshua@cordelefirst.com).

## Daily Devotions & Scriptures

### Monday, July 6 Read Psalm 119:33-72

This is a rather long psalm but it merits reading in its entirety. In today's section, the psalmist is delighting in the rules, structure and ultimate authority of God in and over his life. While culturally we often see such limitations as not particularly good, how and why would the psalmist disagree? How might v.68 help answer that question (reference Psalm 16:2 for even more clarity)?

### Tuesday July 7 Read Micah 6:6-8

While this is a very familiar verse, take a little time to read and re-read it, reflecting on what God might be saying to you, personally. According to this passage, how should we define "good?" Why are the things that make for true goodness more important (to God as well as to ourselves!) than the extravagant offerings listed in vv.6-7?

### Wednesday, July 8 Read Luke 6:27-36

We've referenced this scripture several times in the course of this series on fruit of the Spirit. Explicitly and implicitly, what does this teaching say about God? What does it suggest about human beings? Note in vv.27-30 Jesus doesn't simply say "ignore and don't provoke your enemies," but rather take action. Why is doing good so important?

### Thursday, July 9 Read John 15:1-11

What is the ultimate good that we are striving for and that God expects, according to this passage? How might this be different from other things we might define as "good" or "necessary" in our lives? What is the ultimate focus of the sort of good described here? Note that the fruit here comes not from our own efforts but by nurturing a close relationship ("abide") with Jesus. What are the ways you are doing that today?

### Friday, July 10 Read Galatians 6:1-10

After reading this through once, re-read v.8. All this week we have been reflecting on what makes something "good." Can we define good as "sowing to the Spirit" as opposed to "sowing to the flesh?" If so, how is that different from most of what we call "good?" What is the focus when we sow to the Spirit (hint: go back and look at Luke 6:31)?

### Saturday, July 11 Read Psalm 16

We come full circle to the psalm we referenced on Monday. Note again the balance between freedom and pleasant "boundary lines" and between choosing false gods and delighting in God's presence. After the readings this week, how would you define what is truly good? How does your experience with that sort of goodness shape your testimony?

## By the Numbers

### EMBRACE 459

#### Total Attendance in Worship

Emerge: 219 | Traditions: 92  
Nuevo Pacto: 60

#### Total Missions Attendance

SOUL Food:  
Outreach Communion:

### INVEST 347

#### Total Groups and Classes

Adults: 240  
Youth: 53 | Children: 54

### ADVANCE

Given this week	\$23,521.00
Budget Receipts	\$15,657.00
Weekly Needs	\$22,510.00
Designated Gifts	\$387.00
Renovation/Repairs	\$7,477.00

#### Year to Date

Non-Budget Giving	\$41,594
Budget Needs	\$585,260
Budget Giving	\$642,406

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# Connection Card

July 5, 2026

Please select  1<sup>st</sup> 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. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and  
God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

"I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." -  
Psalm 16:2

2. \_\_\_\_\_ simply putting the \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
into \_\_\_\_\_ (rather than just \_\_\_\_\_).

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." -Luke 6:31

### Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

### Monday

Church office closed

### Tuesday

9:30 am Staff meeting  
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery  
7:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Bible Study  
8:00 pm Emerge Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday

River of Life in Columbus

10:00 am Bible Study

### Thursday

River of Life

8:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Band Rehearsal

### Friday

River of Life

### Saturday

River of Life

## Get In Contact With Us

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Appts can be made by  
contacting the church office  
at 229-273-4586

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## The Week of

9 AM Emerge Worship

"It's For Your Own Good"

Luke 6:27-36 (CEV)

Rev. Larry Rollins

Songs being played in worship this morning

Abide | Kingdom Culture Worship

Gratitude | Brandom Lake

Run to the Father | Cody Carnes

Battle Belongs | Phil Wickham

11 AM Traditions Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost

### Welcome and Time of Fellowship

#### Prelude

Ann Lancaster

#### \*Opening Hymn

America the Beautiful all vs

No. 696

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

#### \*Gloria Patri

No. 71

#### Morning Prayer /Lord's Prayer

#### Celebrating Our Tithes and Offerings

Debbie Hathaway

#### \*Doxology

No. 94

#### \*Cokesbury Hymn Sing

#### Special Music

Debbie Hathaway

#### The Word Proclaimed

"It's For Your Own Good"

Rev. Rollins

#### \*Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness vs 1,2

No. 140

#### \*Benediction

Rev. Rollins

#### Postlude

Ann Lancaster

\*Please stand, if able

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