

OCTOBER 20, 2024

the Cumberland *connection*

Today's Order of Worship

- Welcome / Opening Prayer - Stark Davis
- Songs of Praise - Don Moss (congregation)
- Song of Adoration - Don Moss (congregation)
- Communion - Robin Vinovich (presiding)
- Scripture Reading - Josh Harris
- Song Before Sermon- Don Moss (congregation)
- Today's Message - Alan Blackwell
- Song of Invitation - Don Moss (congregation)
- Offering - Robin Vinovich (presiding)
- Closing Song - Don Moss (congregation)
- Closing Prayer - Rod McAninch

Welcome

We are delighted to have you join us today at Cumberland. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you. Our family here at Cumberland strives to embrace everyone with love, and create an atmosphere that reflects the grace and compassion of Christ Jesus our Lord.

While you are here today, we encourage you to explore our ministries and connect with others with whom you can share your journey of faith. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to any member and we will gladly try to assist you if possible.

May you feel God's presence and peace as we worship together. Welcome home!

Today's Scripture Reading - Psalm 78:1-4

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Prayer Requests

Members:

- Wally Asher - Health Issues
- Gracie Fortenberry - Health Issues
- Phyllis Hogston - Broken Hip
- Pauline Kahlert - Leukemia Treatments
- Charles Kahlert - Colon Cancer
- June Osborne - Health Issues
- Hank Snow - Disaster Relief Work

Family & Friends:

- Della Asher - Losing Sight (mother of Wally Asher)
- Donny Ayers - Health Issues
- Joe Baltimore - Health Issues (former member)
- Jesse Hammock - Health and Spiritual Healing (brother-in-law of Scott Francis)
- Ron Howes, Sr. - Physical & Spiritual Healing (brother of Darlene Myers)
- Geraldine Kidd - Dementia (Mother of Janie Meece)
- Meredith Lauffer (50) - Battling MS (niece of Darlene Myers)
- Erica Leung Lawless - Gallbladder issues (daughter/sister of Aaron, Maggie, & GiAnn)

- Mike Mann - Prostate cancer (brother-in-law to Bill & Regina Antrim)
- Josh McKibben - Diagnosed with cancer (former preacher at Lakeside)
- Anthony Miller - Loss of his son to colon cancer
- Lena Miniard - Health Issues (cousin of Pauline Kahlert)
- Jane Ann & John Moss - Sudden loss of their daughter Janie Grace a senior in high school - (friends of Alan & Ninette Blackwell)
- Ross Morrow - Brain Tumor
- Brittany Moss - Physical & Spiritual Healing
- Harbor Moss - Health Issues
- Victoria Peters - Breast Cancer (mother of Pete Peters)
- Junior Phelps - Cancer (friend of the Proudfoot family)
- Sharon Reynolds - Health Issues
- Shannon Slone - Lymphoma, MS, Breast & Bone Cancer (friend of the McAninch Family)
- Kelsey Sullivan - (daughter of Margaret Sullivan)
- Sheila Thurman - Hospice care
- Caleb Wallace - Diagnosed with MS - (son of Darrel & Robin Wallace. Darrel was the former preacher here at Cumberland)
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)

Upcoming Events

TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday - October 31st @ 6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL / FISH FRY

Sunday, November 3rd - Immediately following morning services - Fellowship Hall

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

2nd Monday of each month - Next Meeting: November 11th @ 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

SECRET SISTERS - P.A.L.S.

2nd Tuesday of each month - Next Gathering: November 12th @ 6:30 p.m. - Parsonage

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Life

GROUPS

Acts 28

Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

1. What is the furthest road trip you have ever been on and how long did it take you?

Depending on the length of the journey we are on there is often a need for stops along the way. We might even stay in one place for a while and then continue on our overall journey.

Bible study can be like that as well. This year as a church we have been on an extended journey and have now come to our second stopping point or transition point.

Our journey so far has lead us through the teachings of Jesus and His earliest and most faithful disciples.

2. What is something you have learned or has impacted you spiritually from this journey so far?

Alan shared this morning the idea that although Luke's account in Acts ends rather abruptly, this is actually a never ending story.

3. Do you ever consider that we today are living the same story as those early disciples? How might considering this impact our spiritual journey?

Alan also shared this morning four patterns that have we have seen through the book of Acts.

4. Can you list any of these patterns? Are there any other patterns that you might have noticed through this journey?

Ultimately all roads inside and outside of scripture lead to Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords of the heavens and the earth.

Alan's insight into the pattern of the "How, When, Whom, and Why" of sharing the gospel helps guide both ourselves and others toward the path that leads to Jesus.

5. When thinking about the pattern of "How" we are to share the gospel, what does it mean to share the gospel "in love" as our pattern?
6. Why is staying with a biblical message when we share the gospel also important?

That brings us to the "When" of sharing the gospel.

7. Why do you think we procrastinate in sharing the gospel when we know there are people who need to hear it?
8. What is the longest continual time you can remember discussing scripture with somebody?

Then there was the "Whom and What" which included sharing the full council of God with both religious and non-religious people.

9. Why do we try to qualify who we share the gospel or discuss God's Word with?
10. How easy/hard should it be to share the "whole council of God?"

Now our next and final leg of this journey will lead us to Jesus' letters to the 7 churches in Asia Minor.

11. What are you looking forward to learning on this final leg of the journey?



THE ELECTION DILEMA: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

As the election season unfolds, Christians find themselves at a crossroads: to weigh in or to stay out of the fray. It's a decision that tugs at our hearts and challenges our convictions. Let's explore a few thoughts on this matter.

1. The Quest for Moral Purity: Christians rightly observe that there is no morally flawless candidate in this election. Indeed, unless Jesus of Nazareth himself were running, imperfections would persist. Our nation has seen leaders who were non-religious or whose lifestyles didn't align with faith. Yet, this doesn't mean we should dismiss moral character altogether. We must continue to demand integrity from our civic leaders, both nationally and locally.

2. The Silent Majority and the Precipice: Historically, Christians have sometimes chosen to sit out—becoming the silent majority. But silence has consequences. When we abstain from engagement, evil gains ground. Our nation edges closer to the precipice. Perhaps it's time to reconsider our approach.

3. Active Participation with Love and Grace: Instead of withdrawing, what if our response were rooted in love and grace? Perhaps we should be more active in the process, not less. After all, our faith calls us to be salt and light in the world.

The Difficult Choice: Acknowledging the difficulty of the decision, we recognize that no path is without challenges. As Christians, we grapple with our convictions, knowing that our choices matter. But consider this: If persecution were to come, would we still choose to sit out, or would we find our voices amplified in the face of adversity?

In the end, let us seek wisdom, pray earnestly, and act with conviction. Our role as citizens extends beyond the ballot box—it encompasses love, grace, and active engagement. May we navigate this election season with discernment and courage.

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CURRENT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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- Sunday—Bible Study ----- 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday—Worship----- 10:30 a.m.
- LifeGroups----- Various Times
- Wednesday—Bible Study----- 7:00 p.m.

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