

THE NEED FOR HUMILITY

“Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:4)

The way up is down. Perhaps you have heard that statement, which sounds contradictory, but upon further examination makes perfect sense. If we wish to go up to heaven, where God is (cf. Matt. 5:16), then we must be humble [lowly]. Why? God is against the proud, arrogant, and selfish (cf. James 4:6; Prov. 8:13; Isa. 13:11). The proud Pharisee was used in a parable by Jesus to show the need to humble oneself (cf. Luke 18:9-14). Be assured that if we exalt ourselves, God will bring us down. Instead, let us humble ourselves so that God can do the exalting. Remember, God does the exalting on His time so be patient, prayerful, prepared, and precise (1 Pet. 5:5-9; Eph. 5:14-17; cf. James 4:10).

If we wish to be great in the kingdom of heaven, then it will take humility. Christ set the perfect example, so let us follow His lead (cf. Phil. 2:1-18). There is a great need for humility, and it starts with you and I! God is in heaven, and we are on earth; let us start there (cf. Ecc. 5:2; Hab. 2:20).



Seven Churches of Revelation
Ephesus - Rev. 2:1-7

Lined area for notes

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CURRENT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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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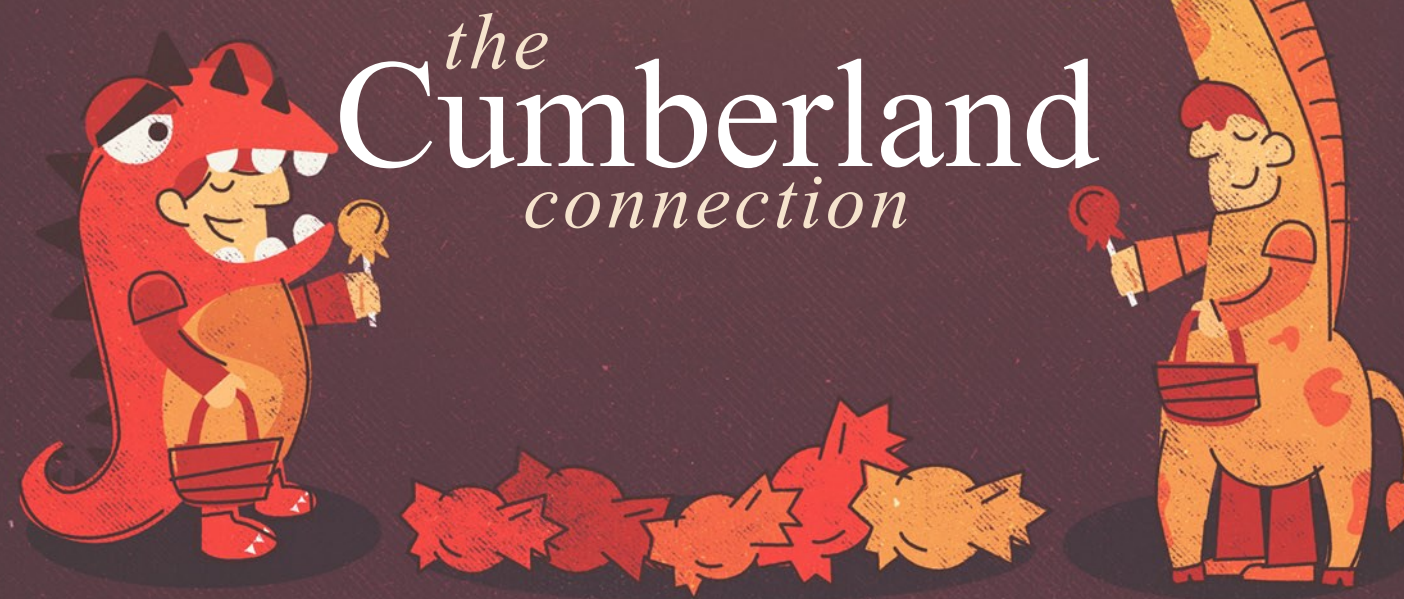
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Today's Order of Worship

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

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 - 1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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



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

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)
- Caleb Kimbler - Type 1 Diabetes - (5-year-old great-nephew of Bill & Regina Antrim)
- 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 - Son diagnosed with colon cancer
- Lena Miniard - Health Issues (cousin of Pauline Kahlert)
- 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
- Rhonda Saylor - Cancer (mother of Justin Napier)
- 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 Kislan)

Dear Ephesus:

The Loveless Church

Revelation 2:1-7

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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.

Prayer: Begin with a prayer focusing on wisdom and understanding as you study God's Word together.

Read: Revelation 2:1-7

Key Themes: Authority, Commendation, Rebuke, Prescription, Warning, Invitation

Discussion Questions:

- Verse 1:** How does Jesus holding the seven stars, and seven lampstands give us a better understanding about the role Jesus plays in our church?
- Verse 2:** What does Jesus commend the Ephesian church for? How can we apply these commendations to our own lives and church communities?
- Verse 3:** How can we better live out endurance and patience so that we do not grow weary in our walk of faith?
- Verse 4:** What does it mean to forsake your first love? Can you identify times in your life when you felt distant from your initial passion for Christ?
- Verse 5:** Jesus calls the church to remember, repent, and do the things they did at first. What practical steps can we take to rekindle our love for Christ?
- Verse 6:** The Ephesians are praised for hating the practices of the Nicolaitans. How can we discern and stand against false teachings today?
- Verse 7:** What does the promise to the overcomers (eating from the tree of life) signify? How does this promise encourage you in your faith journey?

Personal Reflection: How do you balance good works and maintaining a heartfelt relationship with Jesus? Are there areas in your life where you need to repent and return to your first love?

Community Application: How can our church or small group support each other in maintaining our passion for Christ? What practical actions can we take together?

Living Out Our Faith: How does this passage challenge you to live out your faith more authentically? What changes will you make in your daily life as a result of this study?