

the Cumberland *connection*

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF:
CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST



Today's Order of Worship

Welcome / Opening Prayer - Alan Blackwell

Songs of Worship - Don Moss (congregation)

Communion - Stark Davis (presiding)

Song Before Sermon - Don Moss (congregation)

Scripture Reading - Bill Antrim

Message - "Pergamum" - Alan Blackwell

Song of Invitation - Don Moss (congregation)

Prayer for the Offering - Stark Davis

Closing Song - Don Moss (congregation)

Deacon Appointment / Closing Prayer

(Elders, Ministers, New Deacons & Their Wives)

Scripture Reading - Psalm 19:7-11

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Church Events

- Nov 11th - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 PM
- Nov 12th - Secret Sisters, 6:30 PM
- Dec 6th - Kid's Christmas Party, 6 PM
- Dec 7th - Family Christmas Party, 6 PM
- Dec 9th - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 PM
- Dec 10th - Secret Sisters, 6:30 PM
- Dec 25th - No Mid-Week Service



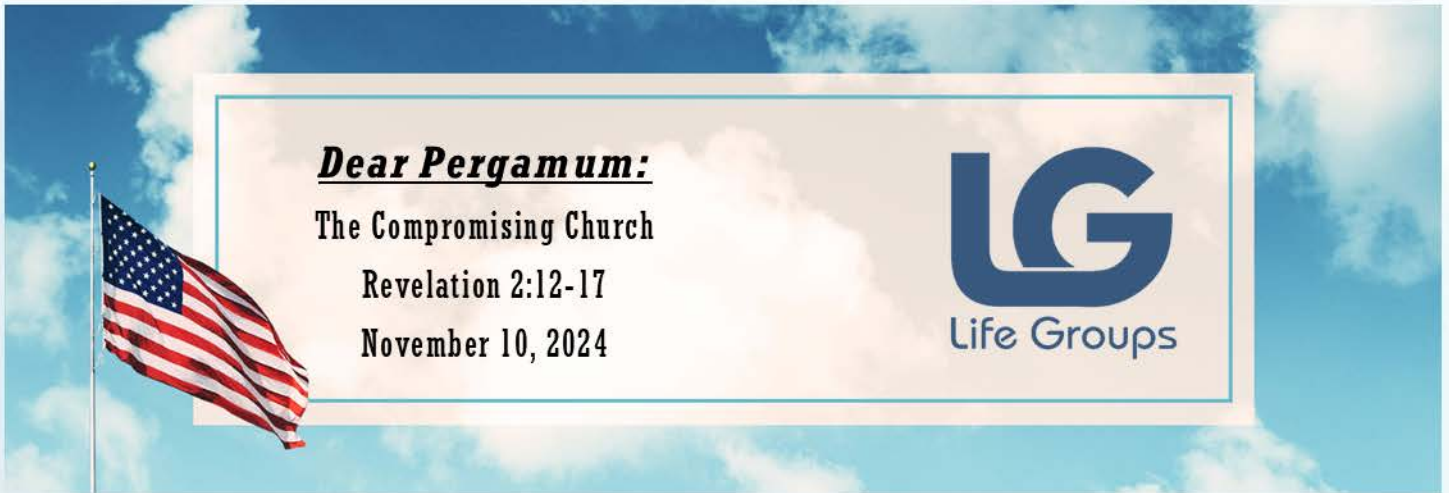
Prayer Requests

Members:

- Wally Asher - Health Issues
- Shelva Burton - Health Issues
- Gracie Fortenberry - Health Issues
- 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)
- Helen Colwell - Health Issues (cousin of Pauline Kahlert)
- 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)
- 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 Kislán)



Prayer: Begin with a prayer focusing on steadfastness and connection as you study God’s Word together.

Read: Revelation 2:12-17

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the “greatest” city you have either lived in or visited and why would you consider it a great city?
2. Pergamum had many great pagan temples within it’s borders. These temples were used to worship false gods. What might we have built in modern times that are actually more like temples (physical or metaphorical) that compete with our worship to God, even if they don’t look like 1st century temples?
3. How susceptible do you think modern day Christians are to “hero worship”? How can we best guard against this?
4. In verse 12, Jesus uses the imagery of a two-edged sword. Why should this imagery affect both the believer and the unbeliever? How might this challenge us as believers to live out our faith?
5. If Jesus were to write us a letter today and describe our current world as “where Satan’s throne is,” similar to how He addressed Pergamum, what aspects of our society might future generations look back on and identify as representing “Satan’s throne”?
6. Jesus’ rebuke of some believers in Pergamum tells us they had begun to teach compromise with the world. What are some areas where you see the Church as vulnerable to compromise today?
7. Since we are called as disciples to be “hagios” which is the Greek word for separate and different, what does separate and different look like in our everyday lives?

Reflect: Is there an area of your life where you may have compromised with the world and need to be separate or different from the world instead?

8. Jesus tells Pergamum that He will use the “sword of His mouth” to do battle if they do not repent. How should His call to repentance challenge us to examine our own lives and the teachings we follow?

Jesus offers the “hidden manna” and the “white stone & new name” to those who conquer:

9. The “hidden manna” represents sustenance and complete satisfaction. What is something you are most excited to receive when you get to heaven?
10. When it comes to sin do you think of yourself as guilty or innocent? Do you consider yourself the victor or just an “also ran”? If you wear His name why wouldn’t you claim the prize offered?

Preacher's Pen



THERE ARE LESSONS TO LEARN

So, we made it through the presidential election cycle this year. It is amazing to me that we are now at a place in time when that alone seems something to celebrate.

One of the big takeaways I had from this election was the realization that thankfully many of our fellow Americans have stopped paying attention to the "chattering class."

For months on end we have been told everyone is racist, bigoted, homophobic, misogynistic, etc., and as it turns out people of every race, sex, color, and creed had become wary of the lies they were being told.

I say this to point out the possible importance of this moment as it relates to the Church. As people wake up and become aware that the "ruling class" is not always looking out for their best interest, they also become interested in new solutions to life's problems.

This means we have a window of opportunity to share with them the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, we need to realize these same people may be on guard of people "in authority." This means they may not listen as easily to a preacher or pastor as they will listen to a family member, friend, or co-worker.

The Church needs to take every opportunity we are given to show others the mercy that God has shown us.



Seven Churches of Revelation Pergamum - Rev. 2:12-17

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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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