

Today's Order of Worship

Welcome / Opening Prayer - Alan Blackwell
Opening Songs - - Don Moss (congregation)

Song Before Communion - Don Moss (congregation)

Communion - Ben Eldridge (presiding)

Scripture Reading - Rod McAninch

Song Before Sermon - Don Moss (congregation)

Message - "Sardis" - Alan Blackwell

Song of Invitation - Don Moss (congregation)

Prayer for the Offering / Announcements - Alan Blackwell

Closing Song - Don Moss (congregation)

Closing Prayer - Bill Antrim

Scripture Reading - Proverbs 6:6-11

- ⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.
- ⁷ Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, ⁸ she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. ⁹ How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, ¹¹ and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

Church Events

- Nov 27th Thanksgiving singing & prayer service - 7 PM (no classes)
- 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 17th Christmas at Rocky Hollow - Volunteers Needed
- Dec 25th No Mid-Week Service
- Jan 10th 24 Hours of Prayer



MAKE A NOTE: SOME OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES ARE CHANGING

Church Website: cumberlandcoc.org

Facebook: @cumberlandcoc.org

Instagram: @cumberlandcoc

YouTube: @cumberlandlive

X (formerly twitter): @cumberlandcoc







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 greatnephew 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 Kislan)

Dear Sardis:

The Comfortable Church

Revelation 3:1-6

November 24, 2024



Introduction:

• Welcome and Prayer: Begin with a brief prayer asking for guidance in understanding and applying the scripture.

Scripture Reading:

• Read Aloud: Have someone read Revelation 3:1-6.

Discussion Questions:

1. Understanding the Context

- What do we know about the historical context of the church in Sardis?
- Why might Sardis have been described as having a reputation of being alive but actually being dead?

2. The Message to Sardis

- What specific criticisms does Jesus give to the church in Sardis?
- Discuss the metaphor of being "alive" versus "dead" in a spiritual sense. How can a church or individual appear alive but be spiritually dead?

3. The Call to Wake Up

Jesus instructs them to "Wake up!" What does this mean in the context of Sardis? How can we apply this call to wake up in our own lives or church today? What signs might indicate that we need to wake up?

4. Spiritual Vigilance

 What does it mean to strengthen what remains and is about to die? How can we ensure that we are spiritually vigilant?

5. Remembering and Repenting

Jesus tells them to remember what they have received and heard. What do you think this refers to? What steps
can someone take to repent and return to spiritual health?

6. Personal Reflection

• Can you think of a time in your life when you felt spiritually asleep? What helped you to wake up? What are practical ways we can keep our spiritual lives vibrant and active?

Closing:

Prayer: Pray for the group's spiritual awakening and vigilance. Ask for God's guidance through the Holy Spirit to live out a commitment to vigilant and active faith.

Preacher's Pen

As we approach this week of Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to reflect on the profound significance of this holiday in our spiritual lives. Thanksgiving isn't just about the food or the day off; it's a call to us as Christians to embrace an attitude of gratitude that transcends the temporal and touched the eternal.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we are encouraged to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This scripture reminds us that our thanksgiving is not contingent upon our circumstances but is rooted in the unwavering love and grace of our Lord. Whether you find yourself in a season of plenty or one of need, there is always room for thankfulness.

This Thanksgiving, let's:

- Count our Blessings: Take time to list ways God has been good to you this year.
- Serve Others: Use this time to show others the love of Christ through humble service.
- Pray Together: Bring your family and join us in prayers and songs of thanksgiving this Wednesday evening at 7 PM.

Let's make Thanksgiving not just a day, but a way of life. Live your testimony of faith. Live your love of others through **Christ Jesus.**

Seven Churches of Revelation Sardis - Rev. 3:1-6

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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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