

DECEMBER 1, 2024

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF:
CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Today's Order of Worship

Welcome / Prayer - Rod McAninch

Songs of Worship - Don Moss (congregation)

Song before Communion - Don Moss (congregation)

Communion - Alan Blackwell (presiding)

Scripture Reading - Josh Harris

Song before Sermon - Don Moss (congregation)

Message - "Philadelphia" - Alan Blackwell

Song of Invitation - Don Moss (congregation)

Offering / Announcements - Alan Blackwell

Closing Song - Don Moss (congregation)

Closing Prayer - Aaron Leung

Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Church Events

- 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
- Jan 10th - 24 Hours of Prayer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Friday 12/6

Loretta Morgan

Friday 12/13

Lisa Millstead

Saturday 12/14

Alan & Ninette Blackwell

Monday 12/16

Skye Fortenberry

Tuesday 12/17

Wally Johnson

Wednesday 12/18

Colleen (Ruby) Eldridge

Friday 12/20

Bill Bryan

Tuesday 12/24

Freddie Fields

Roger & Glenice McAninch

Thursday 12/26

Hank Snow

Tuesday 12/31

Darren & Regina Wesley

Prayer Requests

Members:

- Wally Asher - Health Issues
- Shelva Burton - Health Issues
- Wanda Carman - Fell last week
- 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 Kisman)

Dear Philadelphia:

The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13

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Discussion Questions:

1. Understanding the Text:

- What does Revelation 3:7-13 reveal about Jesus' priorities for a church?
- How does Jesus describe Himself in verse 7, and what does this imply about His authority over churches?

2. Reflecting on Faith and Power:

- Today's sermon mentioned how the church in Philadelphia had "little power" yet great faith. How does this resonate with our church or your personal spiritual life?
- Discuss the difference between relying on human strength versus faith in Christ.

3. Facing Opposition:

- What forms of opposition might churches or individual Christians face today for their faith?
- How does the promise of vindication (Revelation 3:9) encourage you in the face of opposition?

4. Enduring Trials:

- Reflect on the promise of protection from the "hour of trial" (Revelation 3:10). What does this mean for believers in times of personal or communal hardship?

5. Living in Anticipation:

- How should the expectation of Christ's return influence our daily actions and the mission of our church?

6. Identity in Christ:

- Discuss the significance of being named and claimed by God. How does this change our self-perception and our interactions with others?

Take Action:

- **Personal Commitment:** Reflect on one area where you can exercise more faith instead of relying on your own strength or external validations this week.
- **Church Involvement:** Identify one way our church can demonstrate faith, love, and perseverance in our community, perhaps through a new initiative or strengthening an existing one.

Closing:

- **Prayer:** Pray for each member of the group to live out the characteristics of the church Jesus prefers. Also, pray for any personal challenges of faith that may have been raised by group members.

