

# Cumberland *connection*

## Today's Order of Worship

Welcome - Alan Blackwell

Call to Worship - Don Moss (congregation)

Opening Prayer - Rod McAninch

Song before Communion - Don Moss (congregation)

Communion - Josh Harris (presiding)

Scripture Reading - Scott Francis

Song before Sermon - Don Moss (congregation)

Message - "Cosmic Christmas" - Alan Blackwell

Song of Invitation - Don Moss (congregation)

Offering / Announcements - Stark Davis

Closing Song - Don Moss (congregation)

Closing Prayer - Aaron Leung

## Church Events

- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Ask the Preacher - Answers to all those spiritual questions you have been wondering
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - No Mid-Week Service
- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> - 24 Hours of Prayer - Sign up sheets are in the main lobby. Pick an hour or more and be a part of 31 days of continual prayer across our community.

## Scripture Reading - Psalm 2:4-12

<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "you are my Son; today I have begotten you." <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." <sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



## 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)
- Braxton Ballou - Kidney Issues from infection (grandson of Ben & Ruby Eldridge)
- 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)

## Preacher's Pen



Perhaps the most ignored commandment is for us to have unity. Jesus prayed for our unity (John 17:20-21). Paul admonished us to preserve our unity (Ephesians 4:3). The psalmist declared how good unity is (Psalm 133:1). Division in the body of Christ is no different than drunkenness, fornication, theft, and murder. All of these, including division, are sinful according to God's Word.

Oddly enough it has been our brotherhood that is often guilty of openly accepting and participating this sin. Many in our brotherhood seem to believe the restoration movement was based in sectarianism which is described as "excessive attachment to a particular sect to the exclusion of others."

Why that is odd is men like Alexander Campbell spoke boldly and often about their hatred of sectarianism. Campbell himself once branded "such exclusiveness" as "the offspring of hell."

Around the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century things began to change in our brotherhood. What began as a movement, as Campbell also put it, to "esteem you and love you, as I do every man, of whatever name, who believes sincerely that Jesus is the Messiah, and hopes in his salvation," somehow devolved.

By the turn of the century men like Daniel Sommer had placed themselves as the "watchdogs" of the brotherhood. When issues like instruments and para-church organizations arose they not only sought division but gloried in it. When this division finally came to pass Sommer actually rejoiced saying, "The Church of Christ will be entirely separated from the Christian Church. Hallelujah!"

Unfortunately, over the generations there have been many more people in our brotherhood who have rejoiced in separating our brotherhood into some sort of exclusivity that was never intended at the beginning of the restoration movement.

Thankfully, many in our generation have begun to do their best to reverse that trend by embracing grace and understanding that this allows us to be "Christians only" but not "the only" Christians.

Let's pray as Jesus our Lord did that unity may prevail!



# Welcome

**Hey there! We're so glad you're here with us at church, whether you've been coming for a while or it's your first time.**

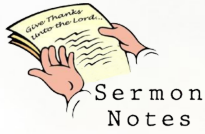
**We want you to know that you are valued and appreciated, and that we are here to support you in your faith journey. Our church community is built on love, kindness, and respect, and we hope that you will feel embraced by these qualities while you're with us.**

**If you have any questions or needs, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would be more than happy to assist you in any way we can. If you would be so kind, we would really appreciate it if you would take time to fill out one of our CONTACT cards. These are the blue cards in the pocket on the backs of the seats.**

**As you join us in prayer, singing, and reflection, we hope that you will find peace, joy, and a sense of belonging in our church family.**

**May God bless and guide you always, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.**





# COSMIC CHRISTMAS Revelation 12

Matthew and Luke both give an account at the beginning of their Gospels of the events leading up to and surrounding the birth of Jesus. While their accounts give us insight into spiritual details, both of these are written from an earthly perspective. Have you ever considered how these events were viewed from a heavenly perspective? Let me give you a hint....they were **COSMIC!**

1. HEAVEN'S PERSPECTIVE WAS \_\_\_\_\_!

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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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