

Cumberland connection



Today's Order of Worship

Welcome / Opening Prayer

Singing

Communion

Scripture Reading

Singing

Message - "Who's In Charge Here"

Song of Invitation

Offering

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Church Events

- Dec 25th – No Mid-Week Service
- Jan 10th - 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 1/4

Regina Antrim
Rhonda Thurman

Monday 1/9

Stacy Wesley

Tuesday 1/17

Don Moss

Friday 1/20

Adyson Miller

Saturday 1/21

Ed Morrow

Sunday 1/22

Judy Harmon

Thursday 1/26

Molly Johnson

Friday 1/27

Rodney McAninch

Saturday 1/28

Asher Snow

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
- Fonda VanHook - Fell and broke her hip

Family & Friends:

- Della Asher - Losing Sight (mother of Wally Asher)
- Donny Ayers - Health Issues
- Braxton Ballou - Kidney Issues from infection (grandson of Ben & Ruby Eldridge)
- Hanna Bruner - Pregnancy Issues (friend of Alan & Ninette Blackwell)
- 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)
- Caleb Kimbler - Type 1 Diabetes - (5-year-old great-nephew of Bill & Regina Antrim)
- Mike Mann - Prostate cancer (brother-in-law to Bill & Regina Antrim)
- 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)
- Rhonda Saylor - Cancer (mother of Justin Napier)
- Kelsey Sullivan - (daughter of Margaret Sullivan)
- Sheila Thurman - Hospice care
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)

Preacher's Pen



As they played together in the waiting room of the doctor's office, one small boy asked his new friend a question. "Why do doctors always wear masks when they work?" After thinking it over for a moment the other small boy responded, "I think it's so no one knows who they are if they mess up."

As all of our doctors and medical professionals quickly assure us, that is not the reason, it should make us consider another question.

Why do Christians often wear masks when they come to church? Of course, I am speaking of a metaphorical or invisible mask, but it's often there just the same.

While we know doctors wear them to keep from spreading germs, not to shirk responsibility, I am not so sure that is the reason for the Christian's mask.

We know our sin, wrongdoing, and mistakes are not contagious when we walk in the front door, so could it be we don't want to take responsibility?

This is of course a problem we inherited from our first parents. Eve blamed the serpent for her sin. Adam blamed Eve and even God for his sin. When Aaron the brother of Moses allowed the golden calf, he too tried to shift the blame.

Taking responsibility for our actions even when those actions are sinful is hard but important. We would do well to remember that we are never responsible for everything that happens, but we are always responsible for how we respond to everything that happens to us.

When we fail to meet the Christian standards laid out in scripture there are but two choices available. One, we can shift or shirk the blame, or two we can accept responsibility and move forward.

The first step towards spiritual wholeness is taken when we accept responsibility. From there God's grace can begin to move forward with the next step.



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.

