

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF:
CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 29, 2024



Cumberland *connection*

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Opening Prayer
Singing
Communion
Scripture Reading
Singing
Message - "Time Keeps On Ticking"
Song of Invitation
Offering
Closing Song
Closing Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING - EPHESIANS 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

CHURCH EVENTS

- Jan 1st – Regular 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
- 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)
- 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)
- Brittany Moss - Physical & Spiritual Healing
- Harbor Moss - Health Issues
- Rhonda Saylor - Cancer (mother of Justin Napier)
- Kelsey Sullivan - (daughter of Margaret Sullivan)
- Sheila Thurman - Hospice care
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislau)



PREACHER'S PEN

BUSINESS OR PLEASURE?

We've probably all seen it untold times in the movies or read it in a book. As someone enters a country a customs official asks them if they are coming into that country for "business or pleasure."

A phrase that we all easily understand to really mean are you here because you have to be or because you want to be?

What would happen if we placed Wonder Woman's lasso of truth around you as you entered the building today and you were asked "business or pleasure?"

Christianity was designed for us to experience a wonderful relationship with God that had not been available since the garden where sin entered and corrupted our world. In the New Testament as Christianity is born and begins to flourish, God's Word never actually gives us a picture of "religion." In fact, in one of only four times the word "religion" is used in the New Testament, James, the brother of Jesus describes "true religion" as having love and compassion, not a style of worship service (James 1:26).

When the Apostle Paul uses the word religion in Acts 26:5 he does so describing the strictest form of rule keeping that he grew up with as a Pharisee.

Often we can be tricked by Satan into thinking our "rule keeping" or "religion" is what pleases God. Instead, as with the parable Jesus tells that we call the prodigal son, what the Father wants most of all is a relationship with us.

Certainly, that relationship includes things like reverence and obedience, but those are things born out of the humility He exemplified by coming to us in human form and dying for us on the cross (Philippians 2:7-8).

That should make us declare boldly that our purpose here today is PLEASURE not business!



WELCOME

Welcome to Cumberland, and thanks for joining our church family today! We are thrilled you have chosen to spend a part of your Sunday with us, sharing time together as we worship, learn, and grow in our faith. As you walked through our doors, we hope you felt the warmth and love that connects our church family together.

As you join with us in worship today we want you to know that we believe everyone, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey is valued as a part of our worship together.

We would encourage you to consider making Cumberland your spiritual family home. We would also like to encourage you to fill out one of our Connect Cards and drop it in the collection basket so that we may have a record of your time here.

We look forward to seeing you again soon and often. If there is anything we can assist you with while you are with us please do not hesitate to ask someone.

