

# Cumberland

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WEEKLY BULLETIN | CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST | JANUARY 2025 - VOLUME 1

### TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome - Alan Blackwell

Opening Prayer - Leo Kislan

Singing - Don Moss (Song Leader)

#### Communion

Presiding - Paul Ford

Serving - Wally Asher, Bill Bryan, Troy Erp, &  
Steve Meyer

Singing

Scripture Reading - Aaron Leung

Message - "Jubilant Joy" - Alan Blackwell

Singing

Offering / Announcements - Alan Blackwell

Singing

Closing Prayer - Roger McAninch

### CHURCH EVENTS

- Wednesday - January 8<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.
- Friday - January 10<sup>th</sup> - 24 Hours of Prayer - Our building will be open with security all 24 hours.
- Sunday - January 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School 9:30 / Worship 10:30 - Children's Church will begin being available for ages 3-year-old thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Monday - January 13<sup>th</sup> - Alzheimer's Support Group - Fellowship Hall - 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday - January 14<sup>th</sup> - LifeGroup Facilitators Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday - January 15<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

### SCRIPTURE READING - PHILIPPIANS 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Friday 1/3

Steve Meyer

## Saturday 1/4

Regina Antrim  
Rhonda Thurman

## Thursday 1/9

Janet Meyer  
Stacy Wesley

## Friday 1/10

Cadee Francis

## Friday 1/17

Don Moss

## Monday 1/20

Adyson Miller  
Lainey Napier

## Tuesday 1/21

Ed Morrow

## Wednesday 1/22

Judy Harmon

## Sunday 1/26

Molly Johnson

## Monday 1/27

Rodney McAninch

## Tuesday 1/28

Asher Snow

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Members:

- Wally Asher - Health Issues
- Shelva Burton - Health Issues
- Ray Carman - Rehab from fractured pelvic bone - currently at Cardinal Hill in Lexington
- Gracie Fortenberry - Health Issues
- Pauline Kahlert - Leukemia Treatments
- Charles Kahlert - Colon Cancer
- June Osborne - Health Issues
- Fonda VanHook - Rehab from broken 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)
- Johnny Bradford - Colon Cancer (brother of Kim Asher)
- 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)
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)

### 24 Hours of Prayer - This Week:

- Monday - 1/6 - First Apostolic
- Tuesday - 1/7 - Life Church
- Wednesday - 1/8 - Spirit of Truth Outreach
- Thursday - 1/9 - First Baptist Science Hill
- Friday - 1/10 - Cumberland Church of Christ
- Saturday - 1/11 - Somerset Christian Fellowship
- Sunday - 1/12 - East Somerset Baptist



## Preacher's Pen



### Decaf Christianity?

Many years ago now I began to struggle with acid reflux. A primary contributing factor turned out to be drinking way too much coffee.

My doctor recommended switching to decaf coffee as well as cutting back on the amount I was drinking. I did as my doctor recommended and thankfully have had way less problems with acid reflux since.

I must admit though, all these years later and I still don't like decaf as much as I used to enjoy a good cup of regular coffee. Maybe you're thinking "well duh there's no pick-me-up in decaf." The truth is, I never noticed any difference in my energy level one way or the other with coffee. What I did notice though was the difference in flavor.

I think at times our Christianity can be similar. When we first become Christians, we are zesty and bold, full of flavor and zing. Over time we can be convinced we need to take away the zing and zest because it might upset others.

We are still Christians just like decaf is still coffee. The problem is, most people don't see us as a real cup of Christianity because they are looking for the boldness and flavor that a Master who has overcome death should bring.

There has been more than one occasion over the past few weeks when a member told me they "almost let loose" meaning they almost let their emotions take over.

If those emotions are derived from the joy of a risen Savior and the hope of eternal life maybe we need to "let loose" and if it gives someone else a little acid reflux we can refer them to the **GREAT PHYSICIAN!**



# 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.

