

Cumberland *connection*

CUMBERLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome - Stark Davis

Opening Prayer - Scott Francis

Singing - Josh Harris (Song Leader)

Communion

Presiding - Don Moss

Singing

Scripture Reading - Bill Antrim

Message - "Dinner on the Ground" - Alan Blackwell

Singing

Offering / Announcements - Stark Davis

Singing

Closing Prayer - Leo Kislán

SCRIPTURE READING - 2 PETER 1:3-4

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

CHURCH EVENTS

- Next Sunday - Special Guest Speaker - Steve Meyer
- Potter's Children's Home - Annual Food Drive - All items need to be received here NLT 3/23/25.
- Sundays - 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School - There are classes for all ages from children, to teens, to adults.
- Children's Church & Nursery Available - Each Sunday ages 3-5th grade have a time together to learn immediately following Communion. Also, during our entire worship time we have a staffed nursery available for the younger kids.
- Wednesday - Mid-Week Bible Study - Adults - Study of Genesis - Classes for other ages also available.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday 2/18

Lorenzo Grimball

Wednesday 2/19

Mitch Compton

Sunday 2/23

Tom Bradshaw

Monday 2/24

Ben Eldridge

Tuesday 2/25

Martha McDonald

Wednesday 2/26

Kaitlyn Ford

Thursday 2/27

Turner McAninch

Kaitlyn Snow

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members:

- Wally Asher - Health Issues
- Bill Bryan - Cyst causing severe migraines
- Shelva Burton - Health Issues
- Ray Carman - Rehab from fractured pelvic bone
- Gracie Fortenberry - Health Issues
- Pauline Kahlert - Leukemia Treatments
- Charles Kahlert - Colon Cancer
- Loretta Morgan - Health Issues
- June Osborne - Health Issues
- David Stewart - Mom moved to Hospice care
- 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)
- Sean Bumgardner - Stroke at age 30 (friend of Lisa Gillum)
- Helen Colwell - Health Issues (cousin of Pauline Kahlert)
- Jesse Hammock - Health and Spiritual Healing (brother-in-law of Scott Francis)
- 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)
- Jeff VanHook - Sever Sinus / Blood Pressure
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)



Preacher's Pen



SEASONS

Wise King Soloman tells us in Ecclesiastes 3 that to everything there is a season. The band "The Byrds" may have even made what Soloman said more memorable with their song "Turn! Turn! Turn!"

Like many, I tend to find winter the most challenging season. Spring brings new life, summer has long sunny days, and autumn has its beautiful colors and crisp air. Winter on the other hand just seems cold, with short days that often feel longer than summer.

While winter does offer some wonderful holiday times, I still can't help but long for a change of season. Which may actually be what is best about winter.

Without winter, would I ever be able to truly appreciate spring as new growth blossoms? Without winter, would I ever truly be able to appreciate the long sunny days of summer? Without any leaves upon the trees, could I ever fully appreciate their colors in autumn?

To be honest with you, I have no true understanding of why seasons really exist. Though I may not understand the reasoning behind them, I can trust that God has full understanding of their purpose.

This is true of our seasons of life as well. At times we experience new beginnings, while others around us are experiencing difficult endings. Some plant seeds, hoping for growth, while others harvest that which has already been sown. There are times of deep mourning, and times of life's fullest joys.

As wise as King Soloman was, in his writings even in Ecclesiastes, he never fully has answers for our (or his) seasons of life. Still it offers wisdom for our journey, reminding us to simply trust God because while we may not understand all the reasons for our seasons, we can trust that He has full understanding.

"That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad." - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NLT).



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.

