



# connection

February 23, 2025

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome - Stark Davis

Opening Prayer - Scott Francis

Singing - Don Moss (Song Leader)

### Communion

Presiding - Don Moss

Singing

Scripture Reading - Bill Antrim

Message - Steve Meyer

Singing

Offering / Announcements - Stark Davis

Singing

Closing Prayer - Leo Kislán

## CHURCH EVENTS

- Today - Special Guest Speaker - Steve Meyer
- Potter Children's Home - Annual Food Drive - All items need to be received here NLT 3/23/25.

### Items Needed:

Apple Juice  
Granola Bars  
Rice Krispies Cereal  
Blueberry Breakfast Bars  
Frosted Mini Wheat Cereal

- Children's Church & Nursery Available - Each Sunday ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SCRIPTURE READING - 1 JOHN 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

## 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 Bumgarner - 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)
- Ron Howes, Sr. - Physical & Spiritual Healing (brother of Darlene Myers)
- 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 Kiskan)



Preacher's Pen



## Tunnel Vision

While the Bible never uses the words “tunnel vision”, the concept of it being a spiritual danger is shared throughout scripture. Many of the verbal warnings Jesus gave about and to the Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers, and Scribes were born out of these groups succumbing to their own tunnel vision. (Matt. 16:30, Luke 7, Matt. 11).

Tunnel vision, to which no one is immune, causes us to focus so tightly on what is right in front of us that we can miss what is happening around us.

I can't help but feel like this year has begun with events that could lead us to suffer from tunnel vision here at Cumberland if we do not take a moment now and again to zoom out to see the larger picture.

This year has begun with harsher than normal winter weather, along with wetter than normal winter weather. These have caused us to close on one Sunday and have far fewer people on several other Sundays. Along with the weather, it has been either an especially harsh cold/flu/covid season or maybe since covid we are just more aware, more cautious, and yes maybe even a little more anxious when it comes to health issues.

With all that going on maybe you have looked at our Sunday morning crowd and wondered what is going on, where is everybody?

Actually, in February our average attendance per week, when you add in-person and online, has been 93 attendees per week, and this is without including the young adult group from North Lexington a couple of weeks ago.

At the same time we have started back our Life-Groups with more attendees than in previous years. We have started back our children's church program after many years. We have added a staffed nursery for two age groups. We have had more local in person visitors than normal, and much more!

Keep up the good work, but don't forget to take time to also see the work that is happening around you.



## Welcome

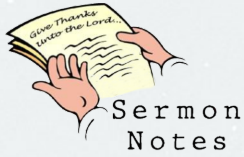
Welcome to Cumberland, and thanks for joining our church family today!

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.



# GUEST SPEAKER - STEVE MEYER

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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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