

March 9, 2025

Cumberland *Connection*

CHURCH EVENTS

- Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group—Monday, 03/10 at 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
- 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
- Secret Sister 2025—Sign-up sheet in main lobby.
- 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:11-16:

¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 3/2

Pauline Kahlert

Friday 3/7

Mary Jo Eadens

Saturday 3/8

Truett McAninch

Sunday 3/9

Kimberly Asher

Wednesday 3/12

Lisa Caudill

Tuesday 3/18

Wally and Kimberly Asher

Friday 3/21

Steve and Janet Meyer

Saturday 3/22

David Stewart

Monday 3/24

Phyllis Hogston

Friday 3/28

Jason and Molly Johnson
Allan and Debra Grimball



PRAYER REQUESTS

Members:

- Wally Asher - Recovering from shoulder surgery
- 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
- 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)
- 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 Kistan)

Pray Without Ceasing



Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

Week of March 9th - March 15th

Prayer Requests(5 minutes)

- Take time to discuss normal life, spiritual struggles, and physical needs of the group and then spend some time praying for those specific things.

Opening Questions (25 minutes)

- What do you think it would have been like to be around Jesus as part of His closest companions when other people weren't around?
- Why do you think there are so many examples in scripture of Jesus having direct and difficult conversation with those who consider themselves religious?
- To you, what is the difference (if any) between being religious and being the Church?
- What are you most looking for within a church family?

Digging into the Text (25 minutes)

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:37-44

Observation:

- It's clear from scripture that the Pharisees loved their symbolic religious gestures. Can you think of any "religious symbols" within Christianity today? What about within our own brotherhood?
- When we say that we don't want to hear judgementalism from the pulpit, do you think that is only because we don't want to hear others being judged, or is it also because we don't want to be judged by those around us? Is it possible at times we don't even want to be judged by God's Word?
- What are some ways that we might foster being more authentic in our spirituality and less trivial in our religion?
- Is there any area where you struggle with focusing too simplistically on the "rules of worship" instead of the "heart of worship?"
- Discuss the freedom we might find in recognizing that none of us will most likely be remembered generations from now for our religious legacy, but could positively alter many generations to come by our spiritual example.

Prayer (5 minutes): As a group pray for God's wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to know His ways when it comes to both religion and spirituality.



NOTES

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome - Rod McAninch

Opening Prayer - Steve Meyer

Singing - Don Moss (Song Leader)

Communion

Presiding - Robin Vinovich

Serving: Paul Ford, Roger McAninch,
David Stewart, Darren Wesley

Singing

Scripture Reading - Troy Erp

Message - Alan Blackwell
"Woe to the Show"

Singing

Offering / Announcements - Rod McAninch

Singing

Closing Prayer - Bill Antrim

