



Cumberland *connection*

“HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN”

APRIL 20, 2025

Today's Order of Worship

- Welcome - Ben Eldridge
- Opening Prayer - David Stewart
- Singing - Josh Harris (Song Leader)
- Communion:
 - Presiding - Rod McAninch
 - Serving - Jack Dick, Josh Goforth,
Cory Johnson, Jason Johnson
- Singing
- Scripture Reading - Don Moss
- Message - “Follow Me” - Alan Blackwell
- Invitation Song
- Offering / Announcements - Ben Eldridge
- Closing Song and Prayer - Josh Harris

Scripture - Romans 6:3-5

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Church Events

- April 22nd - PALS (Secret Sisters) Meeting - Home of Ninette Blackwell - 6:30
- April 26th - Bridal Brunch Honoring Kaitlyn (Ford) Wilson - Home of Julie Davis - 10:00-11:30 (come and go)
- May 1st - National Day of Prayer - Judicial Plaza - 12:00 Noon
- Children's Church - Available each Sunday during worship for ages 3-years-old to 5th grade
- Wednesday - Mid-Week Bible Study - Adults - Study of Genesis - Classes for other ages also available

Prayer Requests

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is making to you today.

1 Kings 8:28

MEMBERS:

- Bill Bryan - Temporal Arthritis & Health Issues
- Veda Fields - Health Issues
- Gracie Fortenberry - Health Issues
- Junior Fortenberry - Spiritual Healing / Growth
- Phyllis Hogston - Health Issues
- Pauline Kahlert - Leukemia Treatments
- Charles Kahlert - Colon Cancer
- Janet Meyer - Recovery from Knee Replacement



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)
- Chris & Colton Green - Father and son who are friends of the Leung family. Chris has lung cancer and Colton is struggling with mental issues.
- 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)
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday 4/20

Mitch and Madonna Compton

Tuesday 4/22

Betty Monk

Tuesday 4/29

Josh Harris

Monday 5/5

Ray Carman

Tuesday 5/6

Jennifer Ford

Saturday 5/10

Aaron & Maggie Leung
Glenn & Sonia Proudfoot



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 April 20th-26th

Opening Prayer: Begin with a prayer thanking God for the resurrection of Jesus and asking for guidance in understanding and applying the lessons from the sermon.

Icebreaker: What is a memorable meal that you have shared with friends or family that brought you closer together? How did it impact your relationships?

Discussion Questions

1. The Miracle of the Catch (John 21:1-6)
 - The disciples followed Jesus' instructions to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, even after a fruitless night. How can we remain open to Jesus' guidance when we feel tired and/or discouraged?
2. Dinner for Breakfast (John 21:7-14)
 - The disciples recognized Jesus even though He appeared different in His glorified body. How might we expand our understanding of recognizing brothers or sisters in Christ not by how they look?
3. Restoration (John 21:15-17)
 - Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" and three times Peter affirms His love for Jesus. How does Jesus' three-fold command to "feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep, instruct us in relation to the connection between loving Jesus and serving others?
4. The Cost of Following Jesus (John 21:18-19)
 - The sermon emphasizes that our restoration also requires a love for Jesus that prioritizes Him above all else. What are some practical ways we can demonstrate this kind of love in our daily lives?
5. The Journey is Individual (John 21:20-23)
 - Peter wanted to know John's fate from Jesus, but Jesus redirects Peter's focus back to his own journey. Why do we sometimes get caught up in comparing our journey with someone else's journey? How can we better stay focused on our own personal calling?

Application:

1. Personal Reflection: Peter believed this was Jesus and that belief would not have changed if Peter decided to just remain a fisherman in Galilee for the remainder of his life. Discuss the difference in belief in Jesus and making Jesus Lord of your life.
2. Group Challenge: Is there an area of your life where you feel God calling you to better prioritize your love for Jesus over other things? How can this group support you in making that happen?

Closing Prayer: Ask God to help each person in the group to love Jesus more deeply and to follow Him more faithfully, trusting in the journey He has laid out for them, even when it is costly. Thank God for the restoration He has offered through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ.

