

APRIL 27, 2025

Cumberland *connection*

Today's Order of Worship

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

SCRIPTURE - Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Church Events

- May 1st - National Day of Prayer - Judicial Plaza - 12:00 Noon
- May 12th - Alzheimer's Support Group - Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm
- May 24th - Cookout and Game Night - Fellowship Hall - 4:30 pm
- May 29th - Pastor's For Transformation Breakfast - Fellowship Hall - 8:30 am
- Donations needed for Help the Homeless - Please see Wendy Wesley
- 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

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
- Loretta Morgan - Health Issues
- June Osborne - Health Issues
- Fonda VanHook - Health Issues



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
- Kelsey Sullivan - (daughter of Margaret Sullivan)
- Ronnie Wilson - Health Issues - (uncle of Donna Kislán)

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tuesday 4/29

Josh Harris

Monday 5/5

Ray Carman

Tuesday 5/6

Jennifer Ford

Saturday 5/10

Aaron & Maggie Leung
Glenn & Sonia Proudfoot

Wednesday 5/14

Allana Grimball

Thursday 5/15

Wendy Wesley

Tuesday 5/27

June Osborne

Pastor's Pen

Spring and Spiritual Renewal: A Reflection on Scripture

As spring awakens the earth, it mirrors in so many ways the spiritual renewal that is celebrated in Scripture. The season's vibrant transformation - blossoming flowers, budding trees, and warming temperatures - echoes the soul's revival through God's grace, a theme throughout the Bible.

In spring, nature sheds winter's dormancy, much like as believers we emerge from our own spiritual dryness through repentance and obedient faith. Isaiah 55:10-11 compares God's Word to rain and snow that water the earth, making it "bud and flourish." Just as spring rains nourish the soil, God's promises renew the heart, bringing forth hope and purpose. This imagery is seen in Psalm 51:10 as well, where David pleads, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Spring's renewal reflects our own divine cleansing, a fresh start rooted in God's mercy.

The resurrection of Jesus that is so central to the Gospel and our faith, aligns with spring's message of overcoming death. In John 11:25, Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." The spring season's new growth symbolizing this victory, reminds us as believers of the eternal life that Christ Jesus has promised us. As the flowers begin to break through the frozen ground, so too does the soul rise from sin's grip, transformed by God's unending grace (Romans 6:4).

Spring also invites us to embrace new growth, as seen in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come." Like seeds sprouting in fertile soil, faith takes root in the receptive heart, producing the fruit of the Spirit, love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Yet, just as spring brings about a need for pruning and tending, spiritual renewal demands discipline and surrender to God's will.

In essence, we are witnesses each year to a living parable of God's redemptive work. Seeing this living parable in action calls us to reflect on our own spiritual state, and to seek renewal through listening to God through His Word and talking to God through prayer. When we do so it will allow us to grow and to "trust in the God who makes all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

As the world all around us rejoices in spring's arrival for family fun, outdoor activities, and various other personal reasons, let us as disciples of Jesus rejoice and share with others our hope in the eternal renewal offered through Christ our Lord and Savior.



Welcome

Dear friends, welcome to our church family! Whether you are a long time member who attends regularly, have returned after some time, or just stepped through our doors for the first time, we are overjoyed to have you here.

Cumberland is a place where hearts are lifted, where we seek to grow closer to God, and where love and grace guide our every step. As the preacher here at Cumberland, I want to invite you to join us in worship, to share our joy and challenges, and discover a family that is rooted in faith.

If you are visiting here we want you to know, to us you are not "just a visitor" - you are a cherished part of this sacred gathering. As well, we want to thank you for taking that courageous step to even walk into a place where you may know no one or very few.

If you are seeking a church family, this family is a home for all who seek hope, healing, and peace. Feel free to participate, ask questions, or just sit quietly and soak in the peace.

To our members you are the heartbeat of this family. Your faithfulness, prayers, and love shine the light of our family for the world to see. As we worship together, let's continue to build each other up in here and carry the light of Christ beyond these walls.

May God bless you all, and may we journey together in His grace!

SERMON NOTES

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; old things
have passed away; behold, all
things have become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

Church Office

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