

Cumberland
connection

MAY 4, 2025

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Growing in Faith, Sharing our Hope, Serving in Love

Today's Order of Worship

- Welcome - Alan Blackwell
- Opening Prayer - Josh Harris
- Singing - Don Moss (Song Leader)
- Communion:
 - Presiding - Ben Eldridge
 - Serving - Tom Bradshaw, Mitch Compton, Troy Erp, Jack Gregory
- Singing
- Scripture Reading - Steve Meyer
- Message - "I Love My Church" - Alan Blackwell
- Invitation Song
- Offering / Announcements - Alan Blackwell
- Closing Song
- Prayer - Rod McAninch

SCRIPTURE - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Church Events

- 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 - Please see Ninette Blackwell if you are able to help.
- 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 Kisan)



Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

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





May 4th - May 10th

Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the week-end 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.

Opening (5-7 minutes)

- Icebreaker Question: Share one thing you love about being part of your church community. It could be a person, a memory, an event, or a feeling.
- Prayer: Open with a prayer thanking God for the gift of the church and asking for guidance in the discussion.
- Scripture Reading: Read Ephesians 4:11-16 together as a group.

Discussion (30-35 minutes)

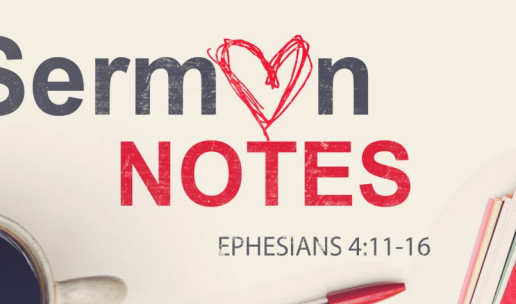
- The sermon describes the church and its leaders as a gift from Christ to equip us (v. 11-12). How has your faith journey been impacted in a positive way by the church leaders who have mentored you?
- In what ways does our church feel like a “family growing together” (v. 13-14)? Share an example of a time when you felt supported or encouraged by this church family.
- Alan in his sermon compared the church to a lighthouse, with each member’s love and service making the light brighter. How do you see your unique gifts or actions contributing to the “light” of our church? How can we grow in this?
- The sermon challenges us to live out Cumberland’s mission of Growing in Faith, Sharing our Hope, and Serving in Love. Which of these three areas feels most natural to you, and which feels like a stretch? Why?
- Alan’s sermon suggested some practical actions for Cumberland in May: focusing on positives about our church, praying for God’s will, and connecting with someone new. Which of these challenges are you most excited to try, and how will you start?

Group Commitment

- As a LifeGroup, decide on one way to serve in love together this month (e.g., praying for a specific church need, helping a member in need, or encouraging a newcomer or someone who attends irregularly).

Closing Prayer

- Share prayer requests related to growing in faith, serving in love, or sharing our hope within the church.
- Pray for the church to reflect Christ’s love and unity, and for each member to shine their light. Encourage group members to pray daily for the church throughout May.



Sermon NOTES

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

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Wednesday—Bible Study ---- 7:00 p.m.

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