Welcome Home

We are thrilled to have you join us for services today. We strive to be a loving and friendly family of believers and we hope that you feel welcome. Our aim this morning is to simply worship God in spirit and in truth. We extend an open invitation to join us during any of our weekly services. If you have questions or would like to schedule a Bible study, please contact one of our elders or ministers!

Weekly Services

Sunday | 9 AM Bible Study | 10 AM Worship | 5 PM Worship | Wednesday | 6:30 PM Midweek Bible Study



Order of Service

Welcome
There is a Fountain
Communion
As the Deer
Heavenly Sunlight
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Joy to the World
Michael Lilly
Pass Me Not
Announcements
Awesome God
Dismissal Prayer

Special Requests

- Pray for Rose Roberson, wife of Donnie Roberson, as she had surgery for a brain tumor recently.
- Robert Nemore has stage 4 cancer and has been put on hospice care.
- Martha Anderson is at Bethesda and is having trouble falling.
- Denny Flatt has been very ill but is doing better, Please continue to pray for her.

Sympathy Extended

Elders

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Deacons

Bradley Earnest | Jeff Harrison Jonathan Loftis | Michael Lilly Waymon Lafever

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Dylan Wood | Worship Ministry 931.787.5773 Neil Hight | Outreach Ministry 270.348.5162 Chase Fletcher | Youth + Family Involvement Ministry 931.319.4887

Weekly Devotional Thoughts | Terry Coomer

What does the Bible say about: BEING CONFIDENT IN OUR SALVATION (part 5)

As we continue or study in 1 John the writer continually reassures the believers that they can know and be confident in their salvation. He gives us several things that we can compare our lives with. He tells us that if these things are present in our lives we can know our spiritual condition.

- 1.) Are we obeying Jesus? 1 John 2:3
- 2.) Are we imitating Christ? 1 John 2:6
- 3.) Do we love our Brother? 1 John 3:11, 19
- 4.) Are we led by the Spirit? 1 John 4: 13, 24

This week we will look at the 5th area John gives us. **Do you prefer God or things of the world? 1 John 5:18 (KJV) We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. **19 And we know** that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. **20 And we know** that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, **that we may know him that is true**, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

John in verse 18 is not saying that believers are perfect, but that we do not continue to live in sin. Paul stated it like this **Rom 6:1 (KJV)** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? and in **Eph 2:1 (KJV)** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

As believers we should look different from the world. The world is lost and without hope. Those in Christ have HOPE! John is telling us because of that hope we can know that we have assurance in our salvation. 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Over the past several weeks we have looked at 1 John and John's reassurance that we can stand confident in our Salvation. It should give us great comfort that God wants us to have a relationship with him and because of his Son and Spirit we don't have to continue to wonder if we are lost or saved.

Compare your life to Scripture. Where do you stand?

Congregational Announcements

- Van Driver <u>list for 2025</u> is posted on the <u>bulletin board in the foyer</u>. The list is divided into 12 months for both Sunday and Wednesday. Please sign up for the month(s) you can drive. If you can only drive Sunday OR Wednesday, please sign up for those also, we will find coverage for the other day. If you have any questions, please see Randall Herron.
- <u>If you signed up to be a Prayer Pal</u> for our college age members, and/or members who work in the school system, <u>don't forget to show them love & encouragement</u> during this busy time of year!
- There will **not** <u>be any mid-week services</u> for the week of **Christmas**. Additionally, we will **not** <u>have church-eat-church this month</u>.
- For the week of **New Years**, we will have <u>mid-week services on Tuesday, December</u> <u>31st</u>, followed by a meal and New Years Eve games.
- **CYC** <u>signup sheets</u> are posted and located in the foyer on the bulletin board beside the nursery.
- The first annual **Pre-K Winterpalooza** will take place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 11th from 9:30 11:30am</u>. Please join us for a morning of games and fun with our pre-k friends from church. Please RSVP to **Tracy Nabors**.
- There will be a **Family Ministry Kickoff** for 2025 on <u>Sunday evening</u>, <u>January 5th</u> <u>after evening worship</u>. This will be a time to discuss different ideas/activities/events for the yeear. Signup sheets will be posted in the foyer for food and drinks.
- Thursday, January 16th, at 6pm will be our first Ladies Devotional for 2025! Please bring fingerfoods to share! (No desserts needed.) A hot chocolate bar will be provided for dessert!
- Our annual **Valentine's Luncheon** will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 2nd</u>, <u>after morning services</u>. All youth, (pre-school through 12th grades) widows, and single seniors are invited to attend! Look for sign up sheets soon.

Prayer List

Jerry Freeman, Landry Wood, Sondra Mazzoli, Denny Hubert, Dorris Parsons, Gary Ward, Elora Bennett, David Wood, Wanda Stafford, Sheldon Young, Marie Lutes, Robert Vinson, Shelia Coleman, Gail Stewart, Betty Webb, Frances McGuire, Denny Scott, Greg & Brenda Hughes, Charles Mark Jones, Cooper Jackson, Colby Trevathan, Eloise Keith, Will Thompson, Billy Tucker, Jimmy Wheeler, Buddy Vickers, Michael Davenport, Robert & Jean Vinson, Al Allen, Danielle Neil, Les Toon, Charlie & Terri McCoy. Patricia Rodgers, Linda Ritter, Kenzi Wade, Joyce Thurman, Glenda Caparo, Jay Keoph, Dale Smith, Carl Hall, Billy Phillips, Michael Burton

Cancer List

Lori Davenport, Steve
Higginbotham, Mark Webster,
Harold Poindexter, Eugene
Montgomery, Areana Spurlock,
Tom Hall, Linda Gentry, Francis
Jones, Annie Smith, Marietta
Sexton, Brett Wyatt, Layla
Ledbetter, Leslie Crouse, Julie
Sotis, Traycee Howell, Maggie
Parent, Gary Wood, Josh Selby,
Linda Maxwell, Cindy Woody,
Pat Anderson, Rachel
Schroeder, Marsha Spurlock,
Pam Boutan, Lisa Langford,
Terri Haney

Nursing Homes

<u>Charter</u> Liz Tallent, Bobbie Wheeler <u>Bethesda</u> Martha Anderson

Senior Travelers

Sunday AM Class Scripture Reading

All the red letters. We are talking about what Christ taught for the next few weeks.

Find us online



Anniversaries



Upper Cumberland Outreach Ministry



Coffee & Christ Podcast



Birthdays

James Earnest - 12/23 Jared Bumbalough - 12/23 Christie Earnest - 12/25 Brad Whitson - 12/26 Dylan Wood - 12/27

For the Record

Bible Study: 134 Morning Worship: 203 Evening Worship: 91 Wednesday Evening: 133 Contribution: \$6,241