

# This Week At FCC

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:00 am  | Worship Service ( <b>Masks required</b> ) |
|                  | 10:30 am | Worship Service ( <b>Masks optional</b> ) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 pm  | Youth Group                               |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Youth Group                               |

Small Groups are meeting at various times during the week. We have groups for families, couples, men's only, women's only, and groups for young adults. If you are interested in connecting with a Small Group, contact the Group Leader or church office for information.

| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Group Leader</b>       |                  |
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| Afternoon        | Kara Windlan              | (Young Adults)   |
| 4:00 pm          | Mike & Mary-ann Yarbrough | (Families)       |
| 6:00 pm          | Christina Barnes          | (Ladies Only)    |
| <b>Monday</b>    |                           |                  |
| 5:00 pm          | Steve Owens               | (Men's Prayer)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                           |                  |
| 6:30 pm          | William Clark             | (Families)       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                           |                  |
| 6:00 pm          | Brad Windlan              | (Families)       |
| 6:30 pm          | M.A. Norman/Phil Adams    | (Men Only)       |
| 6:30 pm          | William Goolsby           | (Couples)        |
| 6:30 pm          | Danny O'Neill             | (Families)       |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                           |                  |
| 6:00 pm          | Josh Hale                 | (Young Families) |

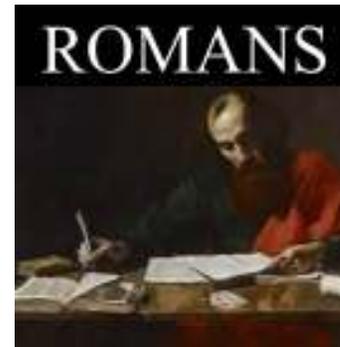
- ◆ We have new online resources available: **Family Ministry** <https://fcc-cookeville.org/ministries/family-ministry> and **Small Groups** <https://fcc-cookeville.org/ministries/small-groups>.
- ◆ **Little Lights Glow Night** for students in Preschool-6th Grade will be September 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym. We hope your student will join us for **Little Lights Glow Night** this month.

# Our Vision at First Christian Church September 20, 2020

Making Disciples in Cookeville, Putnam County, and to the ends of the earth.



## Current Sermon Series: *Romans*



The Book of Romans is the Apostle Paul's masterfully written exposition on God's grace and the righteousness that comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It has sparked reformations and transformed hearts for centuries as believers have read and discovered the wonderful truths nestled inside. Come join us as we unpack this New Testament treasure together.

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Message Notes 9/20/2020  
ROMANS 03 Faith Like Abraham  
Brad Windlan First Christian Church  
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**Romans 4:3** “What does Scripture say? ‘Abraham \_\_\_\_\_, and it was credited to Him as righteousness.’”

**Romans 4:4-5 (NLT)** “When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.”

**Romans 4:7-8** “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

**Romans 4:10-11** “...It was not after, but before! And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised.”

We’re not saved \_\_\_\_\_, but biblical faith \_\_\_\_\_!

**James 2:21-24 (NIV)** “Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’”

**Romans 4:11b-12** “So then, He is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. And He is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.”

**Matthew 28:19 (NIV)** “...go and make disciples of \_\_\_\_\_, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

**Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)** “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

**Romans 4:13** “It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.”

**Romans 4:14-15 (NLT)** “If God’s promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is \_\_\_\_\_. For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it.”

**Romans 4:16** “Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.”

**Romans 4:17 (NLT)** “That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, ‘I have made you the father of \_\_\_\_\_.’”

**Romans 4:20-22** “Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises. And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous.”

**Romans 4:23-25** “And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn’t just for Abraham’s benefit. \_\_\_\_\_, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.”

#### **TALK IT OVER**

1. Take a moment to remember Abraham’s story. (Genesis 12:1-4 and Genesis 15:1-6).
2. Why do you think people try so hard to justify themselves (try to be good enough on their own efforts), and refuse to confess their sin and follow Jesus as Lord?
3. The word “righteous” means “right standing with God”—In Romans 4:3, how was Abraham made “righteous”—was it by his own work or some other way?
4. Read Romans 4:9-10. Was Abraham credited with righteousness before, or after he was circumcised? Why is this a big deal?
5. What is Paul’s point in Romans 4:14-15? Think about the biblical story. Who came first, Abraham or Moses? Why is this an important point to keep in mind when discussing Abraham whether or not Abraham was made righteous by keeping the Law?
6. How does Romans 4 help us to understand this truth: “We are not saved by works, but biblical faith works”? How does James 2:21-24 help us understand this truth?