

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service (Masks optional)
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Tom Frisbie)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball

Sonshiners Luau – June 17th

All Adults 50+ are invited to a Luau on Saturday, June 17th, at 11:00 am, in the Family Life Center (gym). Pork bar-b-que and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. There will be a costume contest (best costume wins a prize) so wear your best luau/tropical attire! Please sign up at the information table in the main hallway. For more information, contact Denise Cross (303-898-7755).

VBS Twists & Turns

Help us promote VBS and invite your friends!

Join us July 9th through the 14th from 6 pm –8:30 pm for VBS. VBS is for potty-trained preschoolers through 6th graders. Throughout the week we will see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest friends. We'll discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game of life entirely!

Volunteer at VBS

If you would like to help make VBS a reality this year please sign up to volunteer at the Info Table. Fill out the Volunteer Registration Form, let us know where you would like to help out, and then drop it into the box on the Info Table. Talk to Josh Hale if you have any questions.

June 11, 2023

OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Current Sermon Series:

The New Testament reveals to us what it means to know God; to have a relationship with Him and to walk with Him through faith in His Son, Jesus, the Christ. In this series, Pastor Brad will share the unique message, theme, and key points of each book in the New Testament and explain how it applies to our daily lives.

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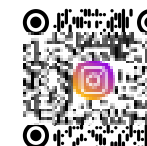
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Messages Notes 6/11/2023
The New Testament 14 Philemon
Brad Windlan First Christian Church
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Colossians 4:7-9 (NIV) “Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.”

Deuteronomy 23:15-16 (NIV) “If a slave has taken refuge with you, do not hand them over to their master. Let them live among you wherever they like and in whatever town they choose. Do not oppress them.”

#1. Paul Applauds Philemon’s _____ & Love!

Philemon 1:4-7 (NLT) “I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon, because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God’s people. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God’s people.”

#2. Paul Appeals to Philemon’s _____ in Christ.

Philemon 1:8-9 (NLT) “That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do. But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me—Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus.”

#3. Paul Appeals to The _____

John 13:34 (NIV) “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Philemon 1:10 (NLT) “I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison.”

1 John 5:1 (NIV) “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.”

Philemon 1:11 (NIV) “Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.”

Philemon 1:12-14 (NIV) “I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.”

Philemon 1:15-16 (NIV) “Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.”

Philemon 1:17-18 (NIV) “So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back...”

Philemon 1:19b (CEV) “But don't forget you owe me your life.”

Philemon 1:21-22 (NIV) “Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.”

2 BIG POINTS:

1. Obey out of love, not _____
2. _____ fellow believers -- as the Lord has forgiven you.

TALK IT OVER:

- 1) Read the book of Philemon. What are your general first impressions?
- 2) Roman law compelled Paul to turn Onesimus in, but Paul opted to obey God’s law in Deuteronomy 23:15-16. How does this verse help us understand Paul’s actions here in Philemon, and the Old Testament’s view of slavery in general?
- 3) Philemon 1:14-16. How does Onesimus being a “brother in Christ” change everything (1 John 3:16, 5:1, John 13:34)?
- 4) How does this letter inspire us to obey the Lord and “do the right thing” -- not out of compulsion, but out of love, compelled by the grace of God?