

## This Week At FCC

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	Church Picnic
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball

### Church Picnic– July 26th

Join us for a church picnic this **Wednesday, July 26th, at 6:00 pm, in the pavilion at First Christian Church.** Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share with everyone. Please sign up at the information table in the main hallway.

### Women's Brunch– August 12th

The Sister 2 Sister Ministry is hosting a women's brunch this **Saturday, August 12th, at 10:00 am, in the Family Life Center (gym).** No need to sign up, just show up! Brunch is provided. For more information, contact Christina Goolsby (931-252-1847).

### \$1,000 Given - Thank You For Your Generosity!

#### VBS Offering:

Our VBS mission this year was Sleep In Heavenly Peace which is an organization that provides beds for children in the Upper Cumberland area that do not have one. VBS participants and their families raised a total of \$500 which provided two beds for local children!

#### Upper Cumberland Foster Closet:

Over the last few years FCC has been building a relationship with the Upper Cumberland Foster Closet, and thanks to your generosity, our church family donated \$500 to help sponsor two families through the UCFC Back To School Bash allowing these families to receive needed items for the upcoming school year.

July 23, 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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**#1. Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_ & Obedience To God's Word Are Inseparable.**

**2 John 4-6 (NIV)** "It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. 5 And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. 6 And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."

**#2. It's About Steadfast \_\_\_\_\_, Not Secret Knowledge.**

**2 John 9 (NIV)** "Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son."

**#3. Exercise Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (Discernment)**

**2 John 10 (NIV)** "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work."

**3 John: A Threat From Within The Church: \_\_\_\_\_**

**#4. Faithfulness \_\_\_\_\_ Lives.**

**3 John 3-4 (NIV)** "It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

**#5, Love For Christ Fosters Love For \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3 John 5-6 (NIV)** "Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. 6 They have told the church about your love."

**#6. Spiritual Pride \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry.**

**3 John 9-10 (NIV)** "I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. 10 So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church."

**Spiritual Growth: \_\_\_\_\_ of me, \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

**TALK IT OVER**

1. Read 2 John 4-6. How does walking in love contribute to our obedience to God's commands, and how does obedience to God's commands reflect our love for one another?
2. Read 2 John 9. How can we ensure that we remain anchored in the truth of Christ and not be swayed by false teachings or the allure of secret knowledge?
3. Read 2 John 10-11. How can we practice discernment in our interactions with others, without compromising the agape love Christ calls us to exhibit?
4. Read 3 John 3-4. How does the faithfulness of an individual disciple impact the overall health of the Church? Discuss ways in which we can encourage and support one another in remaining faithful to the truth of God's Word.
5. Read 3 John 5-6. How can our love for Christ inspire us to love and support fellow believers, even those we have not met personally?
6. Read 3 John 9-10. How can we guard against spiritual pride and cultivate humility in our own lives and within our church community?