

## This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Tom Frisbie)
	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball

## Movie Night– August 20th

Bring a lawn chair, bring a snack, and join us for a movie night. We will be watching *Jesus Revolution* on **Sunday, August 20th, at 6:00 pm, in the Family Life Center (Gym)**. For information about the movie, please see the Information Table in the main hallway.

## Women's Conference– August 26th

Stevens Street Baptist Church is hosting ***Going Beyond: Priscilla Shirer***, a one day women's conference on Saturday, August 26th, from 9am–4:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person and lunch is included in that price. Anyone that is interested in attending should register using the link below or the QR code to the right. The registration deadline is August 23rd. If you have any questions or if you are interested in carpooling to the event contact Cindy Rush (847-489-8924).



**Registration Link:** <https://www.stevensstreet.org/events>

## Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic Drive

Throughout the month of August the Sister 2 Sister Ministry will be collecting items for the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. They are in need of baby wipes, diapers (size 3-4), nursing supplies, and girls clothes (12-18 months). There will be a bin under the Information Table to collect the items from Sunday, August 6th - August 27th. Please contact Meghan Wilson (530-520-7147) if you have any questions.

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## OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



## Current Sermon Series:

Revelation reveals the power, glory, and sovereignty of God like no other book in the New Testament. Its timeless message of victory has sustained persecuted disciples in every generation of the church. Prepare to be blessed and challenged as we prayerfully study this book together."

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**REVELATION 01 INTRODUCTION**  
**Brad Windlan    First Christian Church**  
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**4 KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING REVELATION:**

**KEY #1.** John's Writing \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 20:31 (NIV)** "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

**Revelation 1:1 (NIV)** "The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place."

**Revelation is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's plan, not the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**KEY #2.** Understanding The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Its Message.

**KEY #3.** Understanding Its \_\_\_\_\_ Style.

**Revelation 1:1 (NIV)** "The *revelation* from Jesus Christ..."

**Two Traits of Apocalyptic Literature:**

**1)** \_\_\_\_\_ Symbolism

**2)** Heaven's \_\_\_\_\_ On History.

**Revelation 1:3a (NIV)** "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this *prophecy*..."

**KEY #4.** Adhering To A Basic Rule Of \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Mean/Meant Rule:** "A passage can never mean something it never meant."

**JOHN & HIS AUDIENCE:**

**Revelation 1:9 (NIV)** "I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

**Revelation 1:4a (NIV)** "To the seven churches in the province of Asia..."

**TALK IT OVER**

1. How did your early encounters with the Book of Revelation, such as reading or watching the "Left-Behind" series, shape your initial perceptions of the book? How have your views evolved since then?
2. The sermon presented four keys to understanding Revelation: John's writing style, the density of its message, its literary style, and adhering to the "mean/meant rule" of interpretation. How do you think these keys aid us in our study of Revelation?
3. John utilized apocalyptic literature, which involves strategic symbolism and offers Heaven's perspective on history. How do these aspects impact the way we interpret and understand the book's message?
4. Revelation was written to a persecuted audience, its message would have made sense to them. In what ways can we bridge the historical and cultural gaps to better understand and apply John's message to our lives today?
5. Recognizing the diversity of interpretations Christians have held through history, how can we engage in respectful and fruitful discussions about this book while remaining focused on our shared faith in Christ?