

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

Sonshiners Trip— September 22nd

All Adults 50+ are invited to take a trip to Oren Wooden's Apple House in Pikeville, TN on **Friday, September 22nd**. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 am. The cost is **\$18.00 for lunch** at the State Park Homestead Harvest Restaurant and **\$4.00 per person to ride the bus**. Please sign up at the Information Table in the main hallway. For more information, contact Denise Cross (303-898-7755).

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to be more involved? Volunteer! There are many areas in the church that would benefit from what you have to offer. Your experience, your desire, your heart to serve, your special talents, etc.; the list goes on and on. You are vital and important to your church.

There is a list of all current volunteer opportunities on the Information Board in the main hallway.

See the Information Table for

Upcoming Events
& Sign-up Sheets

Small Group Information

September 10, 2023

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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Message Notes 9/10/2023
REVELATION 04 So What About The Rapture?
Brad Windlan First Christian Church
Learn more: fcc-cookeville.org

Revelation 4:1 (NIV) “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘ _____, and I will show you what must take place after this.’”

A Simple Explanation of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

3 Problems with The Pre-Tribulation Rapture View:

#1) It’s a _____ View.

#2) It _____ the Mean/Meant Rule.

#3) It’s a very _____ doctrine.

So, does the Bible talk about a rapture?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NIV) “For the Lord himself will _____ from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be _____ together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV) “Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, _____ out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

TALK IT OVER

- 1.** What is the common perception of the term "rapture" in American pop-culture, and how does it differ from the biblical perspective in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18?
- 2.** How do the facts that the pre-tribulation rapture: a) Is only popular in the west (specifically among unpersecuted populations), b) ignores the mean-meant rule, I.e. it would make zero sense to John’s original first-century audience, and c) is a new doctrine, unheard of before the early 19th Century--affect your perspective on this teaching?
- 3.** In your view, what is the significance of distinguishing between a pre-tribulation rapture and the event described in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 as happening "on that day"? How does this distinction affect our understanding of end-time events?
- 4.** How does the promise of Revelation 21:1-4, influence our perspective on the future and our relationship with Jesus Christ today?