

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		No Youth Group
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Tom Frisbie)
	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Thursday	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball

Jingle Jam Christmas Event– December 8th

Want a fun night for your kids while you do some Christmas shopping? Jingle Jam is a fun event for potty-trained preschoolers through 6th grade students on Friday, December 8th at First Christian Church! We will have snacks, a craft, games, songs and teaching from 6pm to 8pm.

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to help at this event please sign up using the Yellow Connection Card. In the message for staff section on the back of the card please right "Jingle Jam Volunteer" and Josh Hale will get in touch with you. Areas to help: crowd control, craft, and snack. Talk with Josh Hale if you have any questions.

Sonshiners Christmas Party– December 12th

Adults 50+ are invited to a Christmas party on **Tuesday, December 12th, at 5:00 pm, at Mike and Marsha Miller's house.** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat will be provided. Also bring a wrapped gift (\$20 limit). Ladies label your gift "Ladies". Men, label your gift "Men". **Please sign up by December 10th** at the Information Table. If you have any questions **contact Denise Cross (303-898-7755).**

Live Nativity– December 15th-17th

If you would like to be a part of the live nativity this year, please sign up at the table in the lobby. For more information on this event, please speak to Jennifer Crowell (call or text 931-252-1243).

Christmas Food Boxes– December 17th

For food donations: Bring items each week leading up to when we pack boxes on **Sunday, December 17th.** Please see bulletin insert for more information. If you plan on volunteering to pack the Christmas boxes **please sign up at the Information Table in the main hallway.**

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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:

'Unexpected Jesus'—a Christmas series revealing the beautiful surprises of Jesus' advent. Together we will discover afresh the wonder in God's mysterious plan and be inspired this Christmas season!

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Unexpected Jesus 01 An Unexpected Time & Place

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Learn more: fcc-cookeville.org

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV) “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

_____ **Birth place & Time**

Luke 2:1-5 (NIV) “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”

Luke 2:7 (NIV) “And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no guest room available for them.”

Romans 8:28 (NIV) “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

TALK IT OVER

1. How does the unexpected and humble time and place of Jesus' birth challenge our human expectations of grandeur and prominence for a divine event? What lessons can we learn, in general from this event, about the way God works in our lives?
2. Reflect on a time when you had specific expectations in prayer, and God responded in an unexpected way. Take a moment to share about the experience and how it impacted your understanding of God?
3. Consider Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. How might their experience resonate with people facing unexpected challenges today?
4. In what ways does God's tendency to work in unexpected ways challenge our desire for control and predictability in our lives? And what does this teach us about the nature of “spiritual maturity”?
5. Discuss the significance of God choosing a humble setting for Jesus' birth. How does this reflect on God's values and priorities, and what lessons can we draw for our own lives?