

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Tom Frisbie)
Saturday	10:00 am	Women's Brunch

Women's Brunch– October 11th

The Sister 2 Sister Ministry is hosting a women's brunch on Saturday, October 11th, at 10:00 am, at Golden Corral. Sign up at the Information Table. For more information, contact Cindy Rush (847-489-8924)

Johnson Preaching Team Visit– October 19th

On October 19th we will be blessed with two special guests, Easton Perkins and Carter Snyder, students at Johnson University (a bible college we have supported for many years). They will be preaching and sharing with us during a combined Sunday School class and also during our Worship Service. Mark this day on your calendars and we will see you there!

Church Potluck– October 19th

Everyone is invited to a potluck dinner on October 19th, immediately following service (11:30 am), in the Family Life Center (Gym). Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Plasticware, plates, and drinks will be provided. This will be a time to fellowship with Carter Snyder and Easton Perkins who will be preaching that Sunday.

Sonshiners Trip– October 21st

Adults 50+ are invited to take a trip to Chattanooga, TN, for a 60 minute ride on the Missionary Ridge train and a visit to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. The bus will leave the church at 8:00 am. The cost is \$4.00 to ride the bus, \$25.00 for the train ride, and the cost of your own lunch at The Cookie Jar in Dunlap, TN. Sign up at the Information Table by Sunday, October 12th.

Coat Drive

Throughout the month of October we will be collecting coats to donate to those in need through Quawana's Coats. Please bring in coats for any age and place them in the boxes in the coffee corner or the lobby. The last day to donate is Sunday, October 19th. If you have any questions about the drive, please speak to Steve Owens (931-319-7784)

October 5, 2025

OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Current Sermon Series:

What if everyone really got what they deserved? Would your paycheck change? Would prisons shrink or explode? Would nice guys finish first... or last? Truth is, if we got what we deserve, life would be far worse. But by His amazing grace, God gives us something infinitely better!

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I Deserve It 01 – I Deserve Death, But He Gave Me Life!

Brad Windlan First Christian Church

Learn more: fcc-cookeville.org

Luke 23:39-41 (NIV) “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’”

We are all _____ of those two thieves.

Thief #1: _____

Luke 23:39 (NIV) “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ “Messiah”

Thief #2: _____

Luke 23:40-42 (NIV) “But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’”

BOTH Thieves Deserved _____.

But Jesus gave thief #2 _____!

Luke 23:43 (NIV) “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

John 3:16 (NIV) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 6:23 (NIV) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

TALK IT OVER

- 1.** Both criminals deserved death, yet they responded to Jesus in very different ways. When you reflect on your own heart, do you sometimes respond more like the unrepentant thief (wanting escape without surrender), or the repentant thief (admitting guilt and trusting Jesus)? Why?
- 2.** Scripture reminds us that “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). How does honestly facing what we deserve (spiritual death) deepen our gratitude for the gift of life through Christ?
- 3.** The repentant thief received grace at his lowest moment—not because he earned it, but because he humbled himself before Jesus. How can remembering that truth shape the way we live daily—in how we view ourselves, how we worship, and how we extend grace to others?