

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		Church Office Closed
Thursday		Church Office Closed
Friday		Church Office Closed

The 2026 budget was approved overwhelmingly.

Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of:

Bill & Joni Baker

Ronnie & Marj Baker
John & Agnes Sullivan

Sharon & Bryan Boyd

Donald & Dottie Boyd

Asa & Marcia Dempsay

David & Earline Zilligen
Thomas E Dempsay
& Alpha

Scott Francis

Dr. William C. Francis
Donna D. Francis

The Kirkland Family

Sheryl Kirkland
Clara Kirkland

Shelby Ognoskie (Farleys)

Allen Ognoskie Jr.

Emma O'Shields

Versie Derossitt

Mary Jane Stoops

Randall Stoops
Patty Lynn Scott

Cindy Rush

Billy & Mary (Dee) Graham

Cindy Yockers

Ed & Barb Phipps
Gary Alexander



If you purchased a poinsettia please remember to take it home with you today after service.

December 21, 2025

OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Current Sermon Series:



This Christmas, we're exploring Reactions to a Star—four responses to the light of Christ that still shape our lives today. From Herod's fear to the Wise Men's pursuit, Joseph's obedience, and Mary's surrender, each week shows how God's light exposes, guides, and invites us into hope. Whether we come anxious, seeking, uncertain, or willing, the same Star that shone over Bethlehem still calls us to worship with fresh faith and wonder.

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Mary's reaction teaches us what real faith looks like.

1. The Star Brought a _____ Disruption

Luke 1:28-29 (NIV) “The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.’ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.”

2. The Star Invited Total _____

Luke 1:28a (NIV) “The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored!’”

Luke 1:31-37 (NIV) “‘You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.’ ‘How will this be,’ Mary asked the angel, ‘since I am a virgin?’ The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.’”

Luke 1:38 (NIV) “‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May your word to me be fulfilled.’”

3. The Star Led to Quiet _____

Luke 2:19 (NIV) “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

TALK IT OVER

- 1.** Divine Disruption: Mary was “greatly troubled” when God interrupted her life with an unexpected calling (Luke 1:28–29). When has God disrupted your plans in a way that challenged or unsettled you, and how did you respond?
- 2.** Total Surrender: Even without fully understanding how God would work, Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant” (Luke 1:38). What makes surrender difficult for us today, and what would it look like to trust God with something uncertain in your life right now?
- 3.** Quiet Wonder: Mary didn’t rush to explain everything—she treasured and pondered God’s work in her heart (Luke 2:19). How can we create space in our lives to quietly reflect on what God is doing instead of rushing past it?