

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Practicing the Way: Prayer

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The practice of prayer is learning to set aside dedicated time to intentionally be with God, in order to become like him and partner with him to do what he's called us to do in the world. This group will meet the following Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Worship Center:

March 4th- Talking to God **March 11th-** Talking with God

March 25th- Listening to God **April 1st-** Being with God

Supplemental reading for this practice:

"Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer" by Tyler Staton

Youth Group Hangout- March 8th & 22nd

The Youth Group (grades 5-12) will meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 6pm-8pm. This month we will meet in the Teen Room (Family Life Center- Gym). Invite your friends to join us.

Sonshiners Trip- March 10th

Adults 50+ are invited to take a trip to Bell Buckle, the smallest town in Tennessee, to visit restored Victorian homes, shop at antique stores, and more. The bus will leave the church at 8:30 am. The cost is \$4.00 to ride the bus plus the cost of your own lunch at The Bell Buckle Cafe. Sign up at the Information Table by Sunday, March 8th.

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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:

We all have difficult people in our lives but what if God wants to use those relationships to shape something deeper in us? In this honest and practical series, we'll unpack how to deal with the overly needy, the constantly critical, the manipulative, and the hypocritical, learning how to respond in ways that reflect Christ instead of reacting in frustration.

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Order forms for Easter Lilies will be available beginning next Sunday, March 8th.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US AND WHAT WE BELIEVE VISIT US AT

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Message Notes 3/1/2026
THOSE PEOPLE 01: Overly Needy People
Brad Windlan First Christian Church
Learn more: fcc-cookeville.org

As we begin, two truths:

1) At various points in life—all of us are _____

2) God _____ those people.

The Difference Between RELIEF and RESTORATION.

Relief: Immediate, _____ assistance.

Restoration: Working _____ toward wholeness.

Relief helps people _____.

Restoration empowers people to _____.

A Biblical Model: Acts 3:1–8

Acts 3:4-8 (NIV) “Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.”

3 PRAYERS OF A RESTORER:

Prayer 1) God, help me give people what they truly _____ — not just what they want.

Prayer 2) God, help me stay out of Your way by not rescuing people from _____.

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

2 Corinthians 7:10a (NIV) “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.”

Galatians 6:2 & 5 (NIV) “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ... 5 for each one should carry their own load.”

Love sometimes has to say: “I’m here _____ you — but I won’t do this for you.”

Prayer 3) God, help me remember that _____ too — and You are always the answer.

TALK IT OVER

1. How can you discern when someone needs short-term relief versus long-term restoration, and what makes that distinction difficult?
2. What does it look like in real life to love someone deeply while still allowing them to face the consequences of their choices?
3. How does remembering your own ongoing need for God’s grace shape the way you respond to overly needy people?