

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

Good Friday Service– April 3rd

Join us for a Good Friday Service on April 3rd at 6:00pm as we walk through Scripture from the Last Supper to the cross, taking time to remember the depth of Christ's sacrifice.

Easter Sunday– April 5th

On Sunday, April 5th, at 9:00 am, in lieu of Sunday School, we will have a fellowship hour with coffee and donuts. Service will be held at its usual time (10:00 am).

Sonshiners Trip– April 11th

Adults 50+ are invited to take a trip to Oak Ridge, TN for a tour of the American Museum of Science and Energy. The cost is \$10.00 for your ticket plus the cost of your own lunch at Aubrey's. Transportation plans are TBA. Make sure to sign up at the Information Table by Sunday, April 5th.

Women's Brunch– April 11th

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

Secret Church- Friday, April 17, 2026 - 6pm to 12am

High school students and young adults, Secret Church is a unique, one-night event by Radical. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for close to 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. This year, we will study the book of Elijah because his story calls us to stand firm in a world of compromise, to live for what matters forever, and to give our all each day for the glory of the One who is holy above us, yet near to us. Participation guides, snacks, and drinks are provided.

Register for this event by writing your name and "Secret Church" on the back of a Yellow Connection Card.

March 29, 2026

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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Message Notes 3/29/2026
Those People 05 The Easily Offended (Palm Sunday)
Brad Windlan First Christian Church
Learn more: fcc-cookville.org

OFFENSE is holding onto hurt until it _____ your reactions and relationships.

FREEDOM is _____ your wounds to God and refusing to let offense rule your heart.

Luke 19:38a (NIV) “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Luke 19:40b (NIV) “...if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Three Prayers to help you deal with Easily Offended People:

PRAYER #1 – “God, help me respond with _____ instead of defensiveness.”

Philippians 2:3 (NIV) “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

PRAYER #2 – “God, help me _____ in love.”

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) “Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

PRAYER #3 - “God, help me _____ offense so it doesn’t poison my heart.”

Luke 23:34 (NIV) “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Ephesians 4:31–32 (NIV) “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other.”

TALK IT OVER

1. When have you seen offense start to shape someone’s reactions or relationships? How can giving our hurt to God help keep offense from taking control of our hearts?
2. Which of the three prayers feels most needed in your life right now—humility instead of defensiveness, speaking truth with love, or releasing offense? What might it look like to practice that prayer this week?
3. Jesus prayed for forgiveness even while He was being crucified (Luke 23:34). Why is forgiveness so powerful in breaking the cycle of offense, and what makes it difficult for us to choose it?