

## This Week At FCC

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| Sunday    | 9:00 am  | Sunday School   |
|           | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm  | Bible Study     |



## Vacation Bible School

**When:**  
July 12-15  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Who's it for:**  
Preschool (potty-trained)  
through entering 6th grade

Are you ready for the brightest week of the summer? At Illumination Station we will shine a light on who Jesus really is! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. At VBS, we will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals who Jesus really is; helping us build a relationship with the true Light of Life.

## Sonshiners Potluck Picnic

Adults 50+ are invited to a Sonshiners potluck picnic at Mike and Marsha Miller's home on July 14th, at 11:00am. Their address can be found on the sign up sheet and in our online directory, Elexio. Please bring a side and/or dessert to share. Sign up at the Information Table.

## No Women's Brunch

The Sister to Sister women's ministry will be taking a summer break during the months of July and August. Monthly brunches will resume on September 12th.

July 05, 2026

## OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



## Current Sermon Series:

As followers of Jesus, we still live in a broken world. We struggle, we wait, and we long for the day when Christ makes all things new. This series will journey through Romans 8 as we learn to live faithfully while remembering this truth: We groan... but not without hope.

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**Message Notes 7/5/2026**  
**GROANING FOR GLORY 01 - We Groan for Home**  
**Brad Windlan First Christian Church**  
**Learn more: [fcc-cookeville.org](http://fcc-cookeville.org)**

**Three Ways Our New Birth Creates a Longing Within Us:**

**Way #1** The New Birth Gives Us \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:3 (NIV)** “Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’”

**Romans 8:22-23 (NIV)** “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”

**Psalms 37:4 (NIV)** Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

**Way #2** The New Birth Produces a \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 5:2 (NIV)** “Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling.”

**Romans 8:18 (NIV)** “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

**Way #3** Because of the New Birth We Groan... But Never Without

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**Romans 8:23b-25 (NIV)** “...we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

**TALK IT OVER**

- 1.** How has your new birth in Christ changed what you desire?  
Before coming to Christ, what brought you satisfaction? How have your desires, priorities, or definition of "home" changed as you've grown in your relationship with Jesus?
- 2.** In what ways do you experience a holy longing in your daily life? What aspects of this broken world leave you longing for Christ's return and the fullness of His kingdom? How can that longing strengthen your faith rather than discourage you?
- 3.** Romans 8 reminds us that believers groan—but never without hope. What helps you patiently hold on to that hope during seasons of suffering or waiting?