

## This Week At FCC

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| Sunday    | 9:00 am  | Sunday School   |
|           | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
|           | 11:30 am | Church Picnic   |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm  | Bible Study     |

### Diaper's & Wipes for Trent and Hannah-Rose Nivens

For those of you that may not know, our Sunday morning coffee is donated from a local coffee roaster in Livingston owned by Joe and Valerie Jolley's son-in-law, Trent. He and his wife Hannah-Rose recently welcomed a baby boy into the world at the beginning of July. We would love to celebrate with them by collecting diapers and wipes for the new parents. Gift cards are also welcome. Please bring donations in by August 2nd. A yellow collection bin is located under the information table.

### Back to School Prayer Cards

The Information Board is currently covered with cards (little composition notebooks and apples) each featuring the name of one of our school-age church children, a student from Noah's Ark, or an employee of Noah's Ark. We encourage you to take one or two home and pray over them in these coming weeks as the new school year begins.

### Elijah— A Wednesday night study

Join us for a 4 week dramatic and immersive dive into the life of Elijah found in 1 & 2 Kings. The prophet Elijah stood alone before kings, called down fire from heaven, battled despair in silence, and was taken up in chariots of flame. These video narrative-driven teaching will carry participants through the highs and lows of Elijah's life, calling today's church to courageous, resilient faith in hard places. **Starts Wednesday, August 5th in Ed Wing room 102 at 6pm.**

### Friend Church Missions Presentation— August 9th

Mickie Cross, a missionary of Friend Church in Thailand, one of the missions we support, will be here on Sunday, August 4th, during the 9:00am Sunday School hour. There will be no adult Sunday School on August 9th. Join us in the Family Life Center (Gym) for coffee and donuts as we hear about how God is working through Mickie Cross and Friend Church.

July 26, 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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**3 Truths that help us wait well.**

**Truth# 1** - Hope Is Anchored in \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:24-25 (NLT)** “We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)”

**Truth #2** - Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ Glory

**Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)** “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

**Truth #3** - Expectation \_\_\_\_\_ Faithfulness

**Revelation 22:17 & 20 (NIV)** “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life... 20 He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”

**TALK IT OVER**

**1. Hope Is Anchored in God's Promise**

Romans 8 says that Christian hope is something we wait for "patiently and confidently." What is one area of your life where you find it difficult to wait on God, and how does remembering His promises help you persevere?

**2. Resurrection Guarantees Glory**

Titus 2 teaches that our "blessed hope" is not just about the future—it also shapes how we live today. In what practical ways does looking forward to Christ's return motivate you to pursue holiness and say "no" to ungodliness?

**3. Expectation Produces Faithfulness**

Revelation ends with the prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus." What would it look like to live this week with that same sense of expectation? How might eagerly anticipating Christ's return change your priorities, relationships, or witness to others?