

This Week At FCC

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Friday	6:00 pm	Trunk-or-Treat

Coat Drive— October

Thank you to everyone who donated coats and other winter wear throughout our drive this month! All items will be donated to Quawana's Coats.

Trunk or Treat— Friday, October 30th

Thank you to everyone who signed up for making this event possible!

A few things to be aware of if you are participating:

- You will need candy for around 500 kids. The church will have a limited supply of candy in case anyone runs out.
- The parking lot will be open at 4:30pm to begin setting up your space. We ask that all vehicles be parked by 5:45 at the latest.
- The event will go from 6pm to 8pm Friday, October 30th.
- We will keep an eye on the weather. If it rains, please be prepared to set up your stuff in the gym

NEXT Steps: Magnify Class— November 1st

On November 1st at 9:00 am, Pastor Brad will offer the Magnify class in the Teen Room. In this class, you will learn how to steward your time, talents, and treasure for God's glory. If you would like to attend please let us know in the "Leave a message for the staff" section of the yellow Connection Card or through the YouVersion online Connection Card.



October 25, 2026

OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Current Sermon Series:

Jesus didn't choose twelve men who looked alike, thought alike, or came from the same background. THE TWELVE explores the remarkably different people Jesus called to follow Him—and what their stories teach us about discipleship, transformation, community, and surrendering our lives to Christ.

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Message Notes 10/25/2026
THE TWELVE — Message 4: The One Who Walked Away
Josh Hale First Christian Church
Learn more: fcc-cookeville.org

Judas' story gives us three warnings about how proximity to Jesus is not the same as surrender to Jesus.

WARNING #1 — You Can Be _____ Jesus Without Being _____ by Jesus.

Mark 3:13–19 (ESV) “And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.”

Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

WARNING #2 — What We _____ to Surrender Can Eventually _____ Us.

John 12:4–6 (ESV) “But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.”

Matthew 26:14–16 (ESV) “Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.”

WARNING #3 — Regret Is Not the Same Thing as _____.

Matthew 27:3-5 (ESV) “Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.”

John 21:15-19 (ESV) “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.””

TALK IT OVER

1. Judas spent years with Jesus, witnessed His miracles, and participated in ministry, yet still betrayed Him. What are some ways we can be involved in church and know a lot about Jesus without truly surrendering our hearts to Him?
2. What we refuse to surrender can eventually begin to control us. What are some things you struggle to surrender to Jesus, and why can it be so difficult to let Him have control?
3. Both Judas and Peter failed Jesus, but their stories ended differently. What is the difference between feeling guilty about our sin and genuinely turning back to Jesus? How can we respond when we feel like we've failed Him?

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

2026

FCC Family and Friends,

This Thanksgiving we are sharing the love of Christ with our community by collecting, packing, and delivering dinners to our elderly and/or disabled neighbors at Walnut Village. Our goal is to serve 80 families over this holiday. The mission is to share, pray, and lift up our great Savior Jesus Christ while preparing and presenting those meals.

For food donations: you may bring items each week leading up to the time we will pack boxes. Please place your items in the labeled bins underneath the Information Table.

Please note you are not limited in amount or type of items from the list to bring (You can bring any items at any time). Also, any and all monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember to memo "for food boxes".

Items needed:

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| - corn | - instant potatoes |
| - green beans | - packs of gravy |
| - spam | - boxed dressing (chicken or turkey) |
| - canned tuna | - frosting |
| - canned chicken | - cake mix |

If you have any questions or are interested in helping to collect, sort, pack, and/or deliver, please contact
Steve Owens (call or text 931-319-7784).

Dates and times are as follows:

- Hand out flyers:** November 14th, 9:30am
- Pack boxes/Soupsgiving:** November 18th, 6:00pm
- Deliver boxes:** November 21st, 9:30am