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 a prayer concern or idea to
 share? Do you want to be on our
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From Your Minister

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is.” — Colossians 3:1

We have just come through one of the most meaningful stretches of the Christian year. We walked together as witnesses on the way to the cross. We stood at the empty tomb on Easter morning and proclaimed with joy, “Christ is risen!” Easter is a huge day for us, but Easter is too important to be just a day.

But, if we are not careful, Easter can quickly become something we had instead of something that we have the opportunity to live. The resurrection of Jesus should not be an event that we celebrate once a year. It is a gift that ought to reshape our lives. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power at work in our lives, in our church, and in our world. Easter reminds us that hope is never out of reach and that new life is always possible.

We do not simply celebrate resurrection. We live it. “Credo ergo ago.” We believe, therefore, we act. Because we believe in the resurrection, we ought to live differently. We forgive when it would be easier to judge. We show compassion when the world says hatred is justified. We remain faithful even when circumstances are difficult. We do not simply celebrate resurrection. We let it live through us.

As we move beyond Easter Sunday, I hope that we will not leave the story behind. Instead, we should carry the hope of the resurrection with us into every conversation, every decision, and every opportunity we have. Easter is not over. Christ is STILL risen. And resurrection is not something that we just celebrate. It is something that we live every day.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 12th, is the 2nd Sunday of Easter and Youth Sunday. The chancel color will be white.

Caleb Cashion and Maggie Smith will share the preaching duties as the youth lead us in our service. They will be using Psalm 100 as their theme for the service.

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel. All are welcome as we gather to support our youth and to hear about the importance of worship music in our lives...



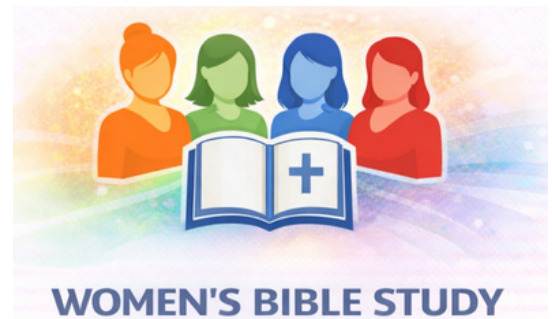
On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study resumes with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.



Women's Bible Study
Day & Time: Tuesdays @ Noon
Location: Foundations Sunday School Classroom

Don't merely age - embrace wisdom! Lori Varney has launched a new daytime Bible study class, welcoming all women (and their friends) to join. Through the book Growing Older & Wiser, Lori will facilitate a discussion aimed at enriching your spiritual journey. You can obtain a copy of the book for the class directly from Lori. And it's at lunchtime, so feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.





There will be a Celebration of Life for Sherry Trentham Shockley and Don Shockley on Saturday, April 11, at Cavin Haus in Cookeville (453 E Broad Street). A reception will be held for friends and family from 10am to 2pm with a brief Memorial Service at 11am. All friends and acquaintances of Sherry and Don are welcome to join in this time of remembrance.

Circle Meetings

Members of the **Love-Joy Circle** will meet on Monday, April 13th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. Wanda McCaskey will serve as the devotion leader for this month's meeting. The Circle invites and encourages ladies in the church to join us for a time of fellowship and learning. We hope to see you there!

Ladies in the **Sonshine Circle** are encouraged to attend their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. We continue our study of hymns in the church and Kay Powell will serve as the presenter for the month of April. You are warmly invited to attend the Circle meeting and enjoy us for a time of fellowship.



Other Upcoming Opportunities

SAVE
THE DATE

Sunday, April 19

Stay after church for lunch,
worship-related games & activities
for all ages, and much more!

Psssst...It's called an EXPLORE EVENT!



**WORSHIP
ADVENTURE**

EXPLORE. PREPARE. ENGAGE.

The Worship Adventure Team Explore Event

April 19

Join us for worship, then head to the Fellowship Hall for lunch, followed by fun worship-related activities for children, families, church leadership, and anyone who worships alongside children. Following this one-day event, the Worship Adventure Team will keep the adventure going with monthly newsletters, quarterly care packages, free worship resources, and more! This event is all about working together to foster a welcoming environment for children and families in the worship service. Let's enjoy this Worship Adventure together! This event is intended for the ENTIRE congregation, and we hope that all will attend. Regardless of age, please take a moment to register with the QR code or at the following link: <https://forms.gle/sV1uv559ghrLHrRy5>



Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5. Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.



The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry has scheduled their annual Yard Sale for May 8th and 9th at the Family Life Center. They will be accepting donations the week of the sale. Please save your "get rid of" items for the sale, especially those you have gotten together as a result of your Spring Cleaning efforts. We will also be needing clothes hangers. Contact Belinda Wynne at 979-7816 with questions.

CPWM Spring Regional Meeting

Our Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will host the Spring Regional Meeting at the church on Saturday, April 25. Sign-in will take place from 8:30-9:00am with the meeting commencing at 9:00. An invitation is issued to ALL women in the church to join in activities. Lunch will be provided. Each lady is encouraged to bring her favorite spring/summer recipe on an index card.



CPWM sponsors the Haiti Mission Hospital and is now collecting medications for use in the facility. A list of medications is available on the credenza; donations should be delivered directly to Christian or Sandra.

We wish to relay our heartfelt thanks for all the phone calls, cards, food and support shown during Mike's recovery after surgery on his arm. We are truly blessed to have a caring and loving church family. Please continue to keep Mike in your prayers as the healing process takes place. Mike & Rhonda Barlow





CPNS PROM

It is time again for our annual CPNS prom fundraiser! We invite you to join us for a night of dancing, fun, door prizes and so much more! It will be held at the Family Life Center here at the church (smaller brick building back by our playground) on May 2nd from 4:30-7:00pm. This event is one of the ways the center fundraises to purchase needed items for our school and teachers.

The attire will be dressy casual (think church attire!).

We will have small bouquets of flowers for purchase for littles and will be giving away door prizes all throughout the night!

Tickets will be \$25 (this price includes one adult ticket & one child ticket) and \$10 for each additional child. Tickets will go on sale on April 1st and will be available until April 30th. Tickets are presale only and will not be sold at the door so please see Madison or Ashlyn to purchase!

If you would like to donate financially to sponsor any tickets costs for a family who may not be able to afford them or for the cost of supplies, food or decor, that is always greatly appreciated!

We look forward to having families join us at this event to support our school! Please see Mrs. Madison if you have any questions!





A Meal Train has been established for Lois Squires and members of the church are invited to sign up to provide a meal for her. Lois recently took a hard fall that resulted in a stay at Vanderbilt Hospital with subsequent rehabilitation at the Blue Roof. She is at home now and would love to have a few hot meals to enjoy. You can sign up at the following website: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/440ey6>
You may also contact Alice Peek at 239-5513 to sign up.



Stewardship Report

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Commitments - \$9,485.00 Undesignated - \$4,315.00 Other - \$5,896.60

This week's offering included \$36.00 for Easter Lilies, \$50.00 for altar flowers,
\$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS, \$50.00 memorial to CPWM

and \$5,565.60 in Holy Week donations (PEP Foundation and Food to the Rescue.)

Total Deposit - \$19,696.60



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns:

- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Margaret Weaver - Evon Maggart's sister
- Unspoken Requests

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta

Cancer Treatment:

- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's Niece
- Brian Beckham - Ellen Beckham's son
- Becky Hull
- Jim Dixon - Sarah Joyce's son-in-law
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Janet Lapoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin