



# COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From Your Minister

Today, I get to share some very good news for our church. Almost two years ago, our Associate Pastor resigned to pursue other opportunities. In the time since, we have worked hard to maintain and even expand the ministries of our church. While we have been blessed in many ways, that gap has not always been easy.

That is why I am excited to share that we are adding a new full-time member to our church staff beginning in mid-May. Many of you already know Caleb Cashion, who has been serving part-time with our youth and young adults. Caleb will graduate from Tennessee Technological University next week and, after a well-deserved vacation, will begin serving as our new Director of Discipleship and Family Ministries.

In this role, Caleb will continue leading our youth and young adults while also helping guide our children's ministry, special events, and assisting in pastoral ministry as needed. This position reflects not only the needs of our congregation but also our commitment to growing as a church that nurtures faith across all ages.

Those who have already had the opportunity to work with Caleb have seen his heart for ministry, his willingness to serve, and his care for others. I know many of them are excited to welcome him into this full-time role, and I hope you are as well.

As we celebrate this new step, I invite you to join me in making a commitment to support Caleb through your prayers, your encouragement, and your partnership in ministry. This is not simply about filling a position. It is about stepping into what God is calling us to become.

I am grateful for where God has brought us, and I am excited for where God is leading us.

# Coming Up This Week

## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, and the chancel color will be white. We continue our series, "Sent: Living What We Believe." Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from John 21:15–19 in a sermon titled "Sent to Love and Feed."

During worship, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 continue to reflect on what it means to live as people sent by Christ to love and serve others.



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.

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

**THIS STUDY WILL NOT MEET ON TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please plan to join us the next week as we continue the topic "Don't merely age - embrace wisdom!" led by Lori Varney. Through the book Growing Older & Wiser, Lori facilitates a discussion aimed at enriching your spiritual journey. You can obtain a copy of the book for the class directly from Lori. Since the class is at lunchtime, feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. See you then!



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.

## 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.



**TWISTED STITCHERS**

Our Twisted Stitches group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.

We have concluded our Wednesday evening Connection program for this semester. We will pick back up in the Fall with the commencement of school. We will let you know when we are ready to reconvene and we look forward to seeing you then.

**WEDNESDAY  
CONNECTION**



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**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**COOKEVILLE, TN**

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry has scheduled their annual Yard Sale for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (THIS NEXT WEEK) at the Family Life Center. They will be accepting donations beginning this Sunday, May 3rd. This is a major fundraiser for the CPWM and we encourage you to bring all that you might have to give. Please note that we will not be accepting electronics and baby car seats. You are also asked to bring any clothes hangers that you don't need. Contact Belinda Wynne at 979-7816 with questions or for more information.

In the weeks leading to Pentecost, we are doing a sermon series titled "Sent: Living What We Believe." Easter reminds us of what we believe. Christ is risen. Death has been defeated. New life is possible. But Easter is not just something we celebrate. It is something we are called to live.

In the weeks leading up to Pentecost, we will explore what happens next for the disciples after the resurrection, and what it means

for us today. Again and again, we will see that Jesus does not simply comfort His followers. He sends them. And the same is true for us. We are called. We are forgiven. We are empowered. And we are sent. I hope you will join us as we discover together what it looks like to live out our faith in everyday life.



## Other Upcoming Opportunities



### Food to the Rescue Packing Day

\*\*\*Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:30 pm\*\*\*

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

In back of the Irrationale Kitchen

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during Summer Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex credenza; please let us know if you plan to help. We need between 30 and 40 people to help pack.

### CP Nursery School Prom Fundraiser

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! The Prom will be held at the Family Life Center on THIS Saturday from 4:30-7:00pm. The attire will be dressy casual (think church) and small bouquets of flowers will be available for purchase for the littles.

This event is one of the ways the center fundraises to purchase items needed for our school and teachers. If you would like to donate financially to sponsor ticket costs for a family who may not be able to afford them or to help cover the cost of supplies, food or decor, that is always greatly appreciated!

Tickets are \$25 (includes one adult ticket & one child ticket) and \$10 for each additional child. Tickets are on sale now and will be so through Friday. Tickets are presale only and will NOT be sold at the door. You can see Madison, Ashlyn or Sandra (in the church office) for tickets!



*Join us for our annual*  
**CPNS**

# **PROM NIGHT**

*MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 | 4:30PM-7PM*

*CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL*

*FAMILY LIFE CENTER ON CHURCH SIDE*

*(SMALLER BRICK BUILDING BY PLAYGROUND)*

# Stewardship Report

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Commitments - \$2,715.00    Undesignated - \$2,721.00    Other - \$335.00

This week's offering included \$135.00 in donations for the CPNS Prom, and \$200.00 in donations for the 04/15 and 04/22 Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$5,771.00



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:

- Jim Dixon - Surgery
- Tamara Stephenson - Liver Cancer
- 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
- Regina Weber - NHC

### Cancer Treatment:

- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's Niece
- Becky Hull
- 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



Thank you to my church family for all the expression of support in prayers, cards, visits and food during my hospital and recovery time. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring Church. Sarah Joyce