



COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Your Minister

“And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” — Luke 24:49

I like schedules. I like knowing what comes next. I like to have my days structured and planned. If I am going on a trip, I want an agenda. I want to know where we are going, what we are doing, and what time we need to leave. Even at home, if I know that I am just going to spend some time in front of the television, I usually know what the sports schedule looks like for the day because I like knowing what is ahead.

Waiting feels uncomfortable because waiting often means uncertainty. That is part of what makes Acts 1 so interesting. Jesus has risen from the dead. The disciples know something world-changing has happened. Surely now is the time to move forward and act.

But instead, Jesus tells them to wait, and the disciples are left standing between the Ascension and Pentecost. They are waiting in a period between what Christ has already done and what God is still about to do.

This week, we are celebrating Jesus' Ascension into Heaven and continuing our journey toward Pentecost. As we do so, we are reminded that waiting is not the same thing as doing nothing. The disciples are being prepared. They are learning to trust that the mission ahead of them will not depend merely on their own abilities but will be sustained by the power of God.

Many of us struggle with that same lesson. We want details. We want clarity. We want to know exactly what comes next. But faith often means trusting God even when the full plan has not been revealed. That kind of trust does not come naturally to many of us, but it is something we must continue learning.

Because while we may not know every detail of where the road ahead will lead, we do know that when we follow Christ, the journey will always lead us toward love, service, and deeper dependence on God's Spirit.

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Are you new here? Do you have a prayer concern or idea to share? Do you want to be on our email list for the newsletter? Just scan the code below!



Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 17, is Ascension Sunday, 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 Acts 1:1-11 in a sermon titled "Sent... But First, Wait."

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 worship and reflect on what it means to trust God faithfully in seasons of waiting and preparation.



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

Our Women's Bible study will resume Tuesday, May 12th. The book entitled "Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind" will be the topic for the next eight weeks. It is never too late to join! Please contact Lori Varney for a study guide. Since the class is at lunchtime, feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. See you then!



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues 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.





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.

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.

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 20th - 5:30-7:30 pm

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

In back of the Irrationale Kitchen

One of the things that makes our congregation special is the way you consistently show up to serve others. On May 20, we have another opportunity to serve alongside Food to the Rescue to bless families in our community.

For this event, we are building a team of 30–40 volunteers to ensure everyone has a meaningful role and the day runs smoothly. We would love for you to join us as we continue being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

If you would like to be a part of this mission opportunity, please don't wait to respond. Your early commitment helps us prepare well, coordinate responsibilities, and demonstrate that our church serves with both compassion and excellence.

Thank you for all the ways you serve so faithfully.



Angie Knight is needing 20 card tables for use in a June 14th TN Alzheimer's event. The tables would need to be brought in on June 6th. This event is being sponsored by the church Mahjong group. Please put your name on your table(s) for return to the appropriate owner. Contact Angie if you have card table to loan.



Summer VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!




We're looking for a few friendly faces to help with **games** and **activities** in our children's Sunday morning small groups this summer.



You won't teach. Just come ready to **encourage** kids and help them **have fun**.



If you're available to help, please connect with **Cindy P., Jodi, or Christian** to sign up.

Thank you for investing in our kids this summer! 

Coffee & Conversation



BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH

8 WEEKS. REAL QUESTIONS.
BIBLICAL TRUTH.



WEEK 1 | Why does God allow suffering?



WEEK 2 | What is faith when we doubt?



WEEK 3 | Why do some prayers seem unanswered?



WEEK 4 | What does it mean to forgive?



WEEK 5 | Why do some people seem blessed while others struggle?



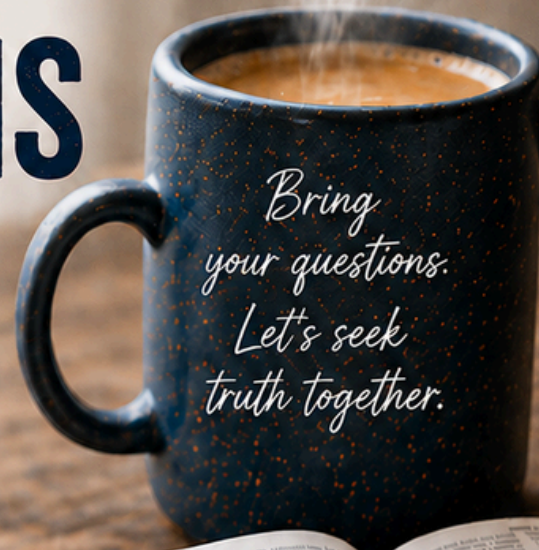
WEEK 6 | Why does God feel silent?



WEEK 7 | Are we saved by grace or works?



WEEK 8 | What happens after death?



*Bring your questions.
Let's seek truth together.*



STARTS JUNE 3!



WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM
FACEBOOK LIVE



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Grab your coffee and join the conversation.

Stewardship Report

Sunday, May 10 2026

Commitments - \$32,750.00 Undesignated - \$1,800.00 Other - \$420.00

This week's offering included \$50.00 for altar flowers, a \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS and \$175.00 for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$34,970.00



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:

- The family of Larry Roberts
- The family of Evelyn Hyder
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- 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
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- 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

