



# COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From Your Minister

**“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Recently, someone stopped by my office for a conversation. During our time together, they shared how much they appreciated me as their pastor and how much they had grown through the preaching and ministry of our church.

It was encouraging to hear. Not because I need praise or because I want to think more highly of myself than I should. But because pastors are people too. Like everyone else, we need reminders that our work matters and that our efforts are making a difference. What struck me most was not simply the kind words. It was the fact that someone had noticed. They had noticed effort. They had noticed the ways God had been at work through the ministry of the church.

The truth is that this is not unique to pastors. Most people hear more about what they could do better than about the difference they are making. We live in a world that is quick to spot flaws and slow to recognize faithfulness. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be different. Imagine what could happen if we intentionally encouraged one another more often. What if we thanked the people who have made a difference, big or small, in our lives? What if we wrote a note to a teacher, coach, first responder, or healthcare worker? What if we made it a habit to tell people when we see Christ at work in them?

Encouragement costs us nothing, but it can mean a great deal. The words we speak have the power to tear down or build up. As people of faith, let's strive to be generous with our gratitude and encouragement. This week, take a moment to notice someone and tell them the good that you see. It may be exactly what they need to keep going.

# Coming Up This Week

## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 7, is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green.

This week, we are pleased to welcome our new Director of Discipleship and Family Ministries, Caleb Cashion, to the pulpit. Caleb will preach from Matthew 28:16–20 in a sermon titled “Faith in Motion.”

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.



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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

You are invited to celebrate the high school graduation of Brenna Schweikert this Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Brenna is the granddaughter of Al & Sally Beyer. This will be a “drop-in” event and you are invited to bring cards/gifts of congratulations for her graduation and best wishes for future success. All are welcome to come by.



The Love-Joy ladies will meet in the Session Room at 10am on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Miller will be presenting the devotion. Following the meeting, the ladies will be going to Cheddar's for a dutch-treat lunch. All ladies in the church are invited to both the meeting and lunch.

The Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Family Life Center. Kay Lane will present the program. We invite and encourage any lady from the church to join us.

## Other Opportunities

Angie Knight is needing 20 card tables for use in a June 14<sup>th</sup> TN Alzheimer's event. The tables would need to be brought in on June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.



The church is sponsoring a Meal Train for Charles and Wanda McCaskey. Wanda recently fell and broke her ankle. She is unable to put any weight on her foot for several more weeks. You can help this family by providing a hot meal; we need meals for Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays. You can sign up at the following link - <https://mealtrain.com/y0y2lm> - or contact Alice Peek at 239-5513.











# Coffee & Conversation

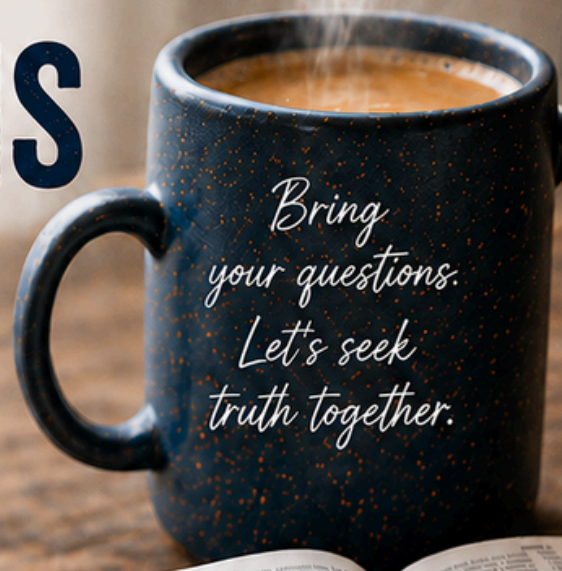


BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

# 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?



## STARTS JUNE 3!



WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM  
FACEBOOK LIVE



LIVE

*Grab your coffee and join the conversation.*



VBX: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE



# MISSION: POSSIBLE



JULY 13-16  
4:30-7:00

NURSERY-AGE 11

REGISTER  
HERE

REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
USING THE QR CODE ON  
THE LEFT.

## SMALL GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help with children's SMSG summer classes.

Lead games & crafts.

No teaching required.

Contact **Cindy P., Jodi, or Christian** to sign up.

VBX SERVICE PROJECT

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

OUR COMMUNITY.  
OUR HEROES.



**MAY 31:**  
LIP BALM & HAND SANITIZER



**JUNE 7:**  
GRANOLA BARS & BREAKFAST BARS



**JUNE 14:**  
SNACK SIZED CHEEZE-ITS  
& GRAHAM CRACKERS



**JUNE 21:**  
PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS



**LET'S SHOW OUR THANKS!**



# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

# BOOK

# GIVEAWAY!

We're giving away all the books  
in our children's library downstairs!



The library will be  
open **Sundays** until  
noon throughout **June**.

Families are welcome to come  
and take the children's books  
of their choosing.



# Stewardship Report

## Sunday, May 24, 2026

Commitments - \$2,815.00 Undesignated - \$1,326.00 Other - \$50.00

This week's offering included \$50.00 for altar flowers

Total contributions - \$4,191.00

## Sunday, May 31, 2026

Commitments - \$1,475.00 Undesignated - \$998.00 Other - \$372.50

This week's offering included \$150.00 in donations for the VBX Service Project and CPNS reimbursed the church \$222.50 for accounting costs.

Total contributions - \$2,845.50



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 Margaret Weaver (Evon Maggart's sister)
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Bailee Brown - breast cancer - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- Jim Dixon - surgery
- Tammy Stephenson - liver cancer
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- 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

Our church family expresses sympathy to the family of Margaret Weaver, sister of Evon Maggart. Mrs. Weaver passed away on Monday of this week. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this very difficult time.