



# COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From Your Minister

**"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

This past Sunday, I was out of town, but I had the opportunity to watch the service online. One of my favorite moments came right at the beginning.

During his greeting, Caleb took a moment to thank me for trusting him with the responsibility of leading worship. Then he said, "That's the kind of faith we love to see."

Those words remind us of an important reality about the Christian life. Faith is certainly about trusting God, but it is also about learning to trust the people God places in our lives.

Trust is not always easy. People are imperfect. Sometimes they disappoint us. Yet, God chooses to work through imperfect people. Jesus entrusted His ministry to a group of ordinary disciples. The early church depended upon new believers serving, teaching, encouraging, and leading one another. Again and again, God works through relationships built on trust.

Someone gave me the opportunity to teach. Someone encouraged me to lead. Someone trusted me with responsibility before I was completely confident in myself. That is often how discipleship works. Faith is passed from one person to another. One believer encourages another. One person opens a door and God uses that simple act to help someone grow.

Faith is not a solo endeavor. It is something we live together. We need people who will encourage us, challenge us, pray for us, and walk beside us. We also need opportunities to do the same for others.

This week, I invite you to think about the people who have invested in you and your faith. Who trusted you? Who encouraged you? Who gave you an opportunity when you were still learning and growing? Then consider who God might be calling you to encourage, support, or trust today. The life of faith is not something we were ever meant to do alone. It is a gift that is shared and passed from one person to another.

# Coming Up This Week

## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 14, is the Third Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green. This week we begin a new sermon series, "Practicing Faith: Habits that Shape the Christian Life." Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Romans 12:9–18 in a sermon titled "Practicing Genuine Love." We will also begin a new Children's Time series that explores the different elements of worship.

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 begin this new journey of learning how the practices of faith shape our lives and help us grow as followers of Christ.



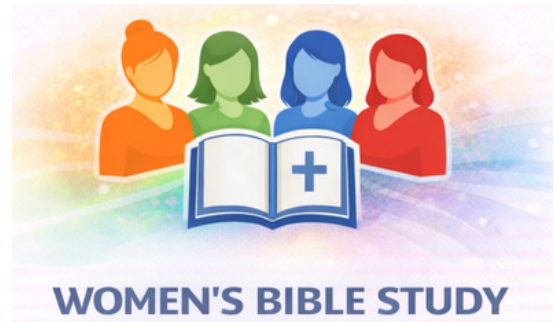
On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of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

Coffee and Conversation will take a brief break next week while Christian is on vacation June 15–19. There will be no Facebook Live study on Wednesday, June 17. Make plans to join us again on Wednesday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, The Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "Why Do Some Prayers Seem Unanswered?" We look forward to seeing you online as we explore this challenging and important question together.



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

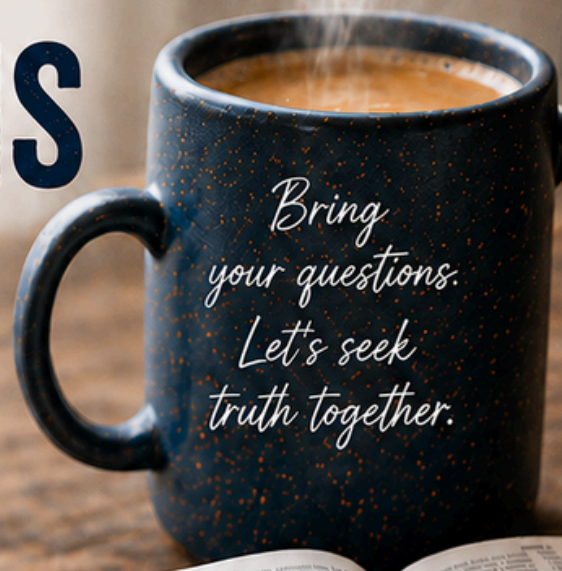


BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

# 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!**

NEW SERMON SERIES

# PRACTICING FAITH

HABITS THAT SHAPE  
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Beginning*

**THIS SUNDAY,  
JUNE 14**

Over 9 weeks, we'll explore foundational spiritual practices that help us grow in love for God and love for others.



**PRACTICING  
GENUINE LOVE**

June 14  
Romans 12:9-18



**PRACTICING  
PRAYER**

June 21  
Matthew 6:5-13



**PRACTICING THE  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

June 28  
Galatians 5:13-26



**PRACTICING  
TRUST**

July 5  
Proverbs 3:1-8



**PRACTICING  
REST**

July 12  
Matthew 11:25-30



**PRACTICING CHRISTIAN  
COMMUNITY**

July 19  
Acts 2:42-47



**PRACTICING  
PEACE**

July 26  
Philippians 4:4-9



**PRACTICING  
ENDURANCE**

August 2  
Hebrews 12:1-3



**PRACTICING EVERYDAY  
FAITHFULNESS**

August 9  
James 1:22-27

# WHY DO WE DO THAT?

UNDERSTANDING THE JOURNEY OF WORSHIP

A 9-WEEK CHILDREN'S TIME SERIES  
BEGINNING JUNE 14

Each week we'll learn about one part of worship and why it matters in our walk with God!

1

Gathering for Worship

June 14

God gathers us and invites us in.



2

Singing Our Faith

June 21

When we sing, we pray with music.



3

Prayer

June 28

Prayer is how God's family talks and listens.



4

Confession & Forgiveness

July 5

God loves us enough to forgive us.



5

Hearing God's Word

July 12

The Bible is how we hear God's story.



6

The Sermon

July 19

The sermon helps us know how to live God's Word.



7

Saying What We Believe

July 26

The Creed is our "yes" to God.



8

The Lord's Table

August 2

Communion is God's family meal.



9

We Believe. Therefore, We Act.

August 9

God sends us to live what we believe.



This series runs in conjunction with  
**OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES.**

Perfect for kids. Meaningful for all.

*We can't wait to learn with you!*



# 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, June 7, 2026**

Commitments - \$15,315.00

Undesignated - \$3,114.00

Other - \$1,345.00

This week's offering included \$960.00 in donations for the VBX Service Project, \$250.00 for camp fees, \$60.00 for altar flowers and \$75.00 for facility use.

Total contributions - \$19,774.00



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:

- Willene Gentry - Blue Roof
- The family of Margaret Weaver - Evon Maggarts' 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