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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!



Pastor Christian  
IS ON  
*Vacation*  
THIS WEEK.

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He is spending time with his family and resting. We encourage everyone in our church family to find intentional moments to pause, rest, rejuvenate your spirit, and enjoy the people God has placed in your life.

“ Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while. ”

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MARK 6:31

# Coming Up This Week

## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 21, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green. We continue our summer sermon series, "Practicing Faith: Habits that Shape the Christian Life."

Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Matthew 6:5–13 in a sermon titled "Practicing Prayer." We will also continue our Children's Time series, exploring the elements of worship and helping us understand why we do what we do when we gather before God each week.

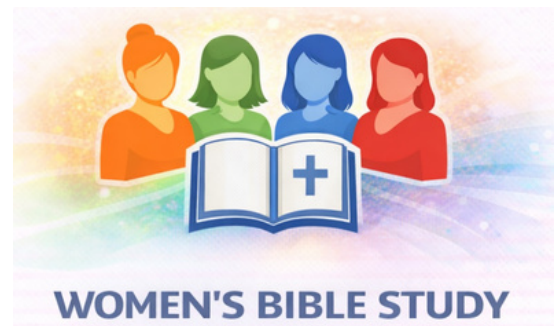
We invite you to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel. All are welcome as we continue learning how the practices of faith shape our lives and draw us closer to God and one another.



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. However, since Christian is out of town, he will not be present tomorrow morning.

## 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.



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 returns on Wednesday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "Why Do Some Prayers Seem Unanswered?" Most Christians have experienced praying for healing, guidance, restoration, or relief and receiving an answer different from the one they hoped for. Together, we will explore what Scripture teaches about prayer, waiting, trust, and God's faithfulness when answers seem delayed or unclear. Our study will include Luke 11:9–13, 2 Corinthians 12:7–10, Matthew 26:36–44, and Psalm 13:1–6. We hope you'll join us online as we wrestle with this important question together.

### 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.



## Other Opportunities

Angie Knight reports that the June 14<sup>th</sup> TN Alzheimer's Mahjong fund-raising event was a great success. \$6,090.00 was raised to benefit the TN Alzheimer's Association. Many thanks to all the ladies who so generously loaned card tables for our use and to all those who took the time to participate in the event.



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

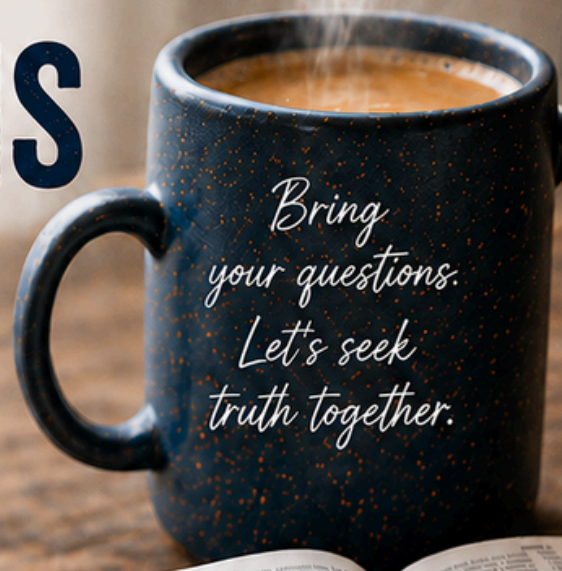


BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

# 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!**

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

# PRACTICING FAITH

HABITS THAT SHAPE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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

FAITH ISN'T JUST SOMETHING WE BELIEVE—IT'S SOMETHING WE PRACTICE.

# 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 14, 2026**

Commitments - \$1,870.00

Undesignated - \$3,927

Other - \$350.00

This week's offering included \$100.00 for the VBX Service Project, \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$200.00 for facility use.

Total contributions - \$6,147.00



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:

- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Annaliese Barnhill - Lee & Jean Webb's granddaughter
- Willene Gentry - Blue Roof
- 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