



COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From Your Minister

"Train yourself in godliness." - 1 Timothy 4:7

One of the things many of you know about me is that I love watching sports. While the athletes make things seem so easy on TV, it is important to remember that what we see on game day is only a small part of the story. Behind every great performance are years of practice, mistakes, training, and improvement. Even the best athletes continue to practice because there is always room to grow. As we continue our summer sermon series, *Practicing Faith: Habits That Shape the Christian Life*, it is important to remember that the same principle applies to our faith.

None of us loves perfectly. None of us prays perfectly. None of us trusts God perfectly or serves others perfectly. Yet God continues to invite us to grow. We do not practice these habits to check a box on a salvation checklist, earn God's love, or prove our worthiness. Through Jesus Christ, we are already loved and accepted by grace. Instead, we practice because we want those habits to shape our lives and help us to become the people God made us to be.

Every time we choose kindness over selfishness, prayer over worry, forgiveness over resentment, or generosity over greed, we are practicing the life God calls us to live. Some days we will do better than others. Some days we will stumble and fall short. But spiritual growth rarely happens all at once. It happens through small acts of faithfulness repeated over time.

That is good news for all of us. God is not looking for perfection. God is at work shaping us through faithful practice. The goal of the Christian life is not perfection. It is transformation. Through worship, prayer, service, generosity, and love, God is steadily forming us into people who reflect Christ.

We may not be where we want to be yet, but by God's grace, we are not where we once were. And thanks be to God, He is not finished with us yet.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, June 28, is the Fifth 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 Galatians 5:13–26 in a sermon titled "Practicing the Fruit of the Spirit."

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 as God's people.

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 seek to discover how the habits of faith help us grow into people who reflect the character of Christ through the fruit of the Spirit.



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

Our Women's Bible study continues. The book entitled "Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind" is being used as the topic for conversation. It is never too late to join the group! 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.



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.



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.

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.



Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation continues on Wednesday, July 1, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "What Does It Mean to Forgive?"

Forgiveness is one of the most challenging teachings of the Christian faith. What does forgiveness really mean? Does forgiving someone excuse their actions? Does it mean forgetting what happened? And how do we forgive when the hurt is deep and the wounds are still fresh? Together, we will explore what Scripture teaches about forgiveness, grace, healing, and reconciliation.

Our study will include Matthew 18:21–35, Luke 23:32–34, Ephesians 4:31–32, and Colossians 3:12–14. We hope you'll join us online as we wrestle with this important question together.

Come See Us at the Summer Market!

This Saturday, June 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Milo and Lucy's Coffee Spot will host their Summer Market. Our church will have a booth at the event, and we would love for our church family to stop by and support this wonderful community gathering.

The Summer Market is a great opportunity to support local businesses, enjoy some excellent coffee, meet neighbors, and spend time with friends. If you're looking for something to do this weekend, make plans to stop by, say hello, and help us represent Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the community. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, June 27, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Milo and Lucy's Coffee Spot

Other Opportunities

Wanda McCaskey continues to recuperate from a broken ankle. We would love to see members of the church continue to provide some meals. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the family, contact Charles at 931-260-9488. Thank to all those who have already prepared meals for Charles, Wanda and Callie.

Coffee & Conversation



BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH



WEDNESDAYS

9:30 AM



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



REAL QUESTIONS. HONEST FAITH. TRUSTING GOD TOGETHER.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?



UNDERSTANDING THE JOURNEY OF WORSHIP



A 9-WEEK CHILDREN'S TIME SERIES

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



PERFECT FOR KIDS. MEANINGFUL FOR ALL.

— SUMMER SERMON SERIES —

Practicing *Faith*

HABITS
THAT SHAPE
THE CHRISTIAN
LIFE

FAITH IS NOT JUST WHAT WE BELIEVE.
IT'S WHAT WE **PRACTICE**—TOGETHER.

— JOIN US THIS SUMMER! —

VBX: VACATION BIBLE XPERIENCE



MISSION: POSSIBLE



REGISTER
HERE

JULY 13-16

4:30-7:00

NURSERY-AGE 11

REGISTER YOUR CHILD
USING THE QR CODE ON
THE LEFT.

VBX: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

MISSION: POSSIBLE



WE CAN'T DO
MISSION: POSSIBLE
WITHOUT
YOU!

**VOLUNTEER
TODAY!**

SCAN TO
SIGN UP!



MAKE AN
IMPACT



BE PART OF
A TEAM



SHARE THE
LOVE OF JESUS



CREATE
MEMORIES



VBX: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!

Create a safe, loving place
for our youngest children!



We're looking for someone to lead
our nursery during VBX,
July 13–16. You'll be in charge
of the nursery room and will
have plenty of volunteer support
each night.

INTERESTED?

CONTACT

JODI OR CHRISTIAN

TO SIGN UP.



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.



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Church T-Shirt Order Form



Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is excited to offer our new church T-shirts!

These premium Comfort Colors® shirts feature our church logo on the front and the motto we have used recently, "Credo Ergo Ago" ("We believe. Therefore, we act."), on the back.

PRICE: \$25 EACH

SIZES AVAILABLE: ADULT S-3XL

All sizes, including 2XL and 3XL, are \$25.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Contact Method:

Phone Email

SHIRT ORDER

Please indicate the number of shirts for each size.

S _____ M _____ L _____

XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIRTS: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (\$25 EACH): \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- Cash
- Check
Make checks payable to
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Please put "Shirts" on the memo line.
- Online Giving
See instructions to the right.

TO PAY ONLINE:

1. Visit:
<https://cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>
2. Click "Give Now"
3. Select "T-Shirts" from the Give-to dropdown menu

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the church office at
(931) 526-6585.

*Thank you for helping us share our faith
and represent our church in the community!*



ORDERS DUE BY: JULY 12, 2026

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You may pay by credit card at our church website (<https://cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>) by pressing the "Give Now" button and selecting "T-shirts" from the Give-to dropdown menu. You may also pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to "First Cumberland Presbyterian Church" and put "Shirts" on the memo line.

Stewardship Report

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Commitments - \$9,350.00

Undesignated - \$1,235.00

Other - \$250.00

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

Total contributions - \$10,835.00



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

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

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC