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From Your Minister

Philippians 3:20 - "But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Last weekend, many of us celebrated Independence Day. We wore red, white, and blue. We gathered with family and friends, enjoyed cookouts, watched fireworks, and gave thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. As I think about our celebrations, I wonder: are we as passionate about our citizenship in the Kingdom of God as we are about our citizenship in this earthly nation?

As Christians, we hold a unique kind of citizenship. While we love our country, pray for its leaders, and seek its good, our deepest identity is not found in the nation where we claim citizenship. Through Jesus Christ, we belong to a Kingdom that stretches across every border. We are a part of a kingdom where we are united, not by a flag, but by our Savior.

We naturally make time for the things we value. We celebrate what we cherish. We talk about what excites us. So how do we express our citizenship in God's Kingdom? We make it a priority to gather for worship, open the Scriptures, spend time in prayer, serve someone in need, forgive an enemy, give generously, or share the love of Christ. These are not simply religious activities. They are the habits of people whose lives are shaped by being a part of a different Kingdom.

I am thankful to be an American. But long after every earthly nation has passed into history, the Kingdom of God will remain. That is the citizenship I want to shape every word I speak, every choice I make, and every habit I practice. I pray that our greatest allegiance will always be seen in the way we live for Christ.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 12, is the Seventh 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 11:25–30 in a sermon titled "Practicing Rest." 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 continue learning how the habits of faith shape our lives and discover the rest that Christ offers to those who come to him.



Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation continues on Wednesday, July 15, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "Why Does God Feel Silent?"

There are seasons in every believer's life when God seems distant. We pray, we wait, and we long to hear His voice, yet all we experience is silence. Does God's silence mean He has abandoned us, or could He be at work in ways we do not understand? Together, we'll explore what Scripture teaches about waiting, trusting, and remaining faithful even when God seems quiet.

Our study will include Psalm 22:1–11, 1 Kings 19:9–13, Isaiah 40:27–31, and Hebrews 13:5–6. We hope you'll join us online as we continue to wrestle with these important questions of faith together.



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.



Circle Meetings

The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting on Monday, July 13th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. Debbie Noonkester will be presenting the devotional. Ladies, please note that annual dues will be collected. After the meeting, we will join for a dutch-treat lunch at Cheddars Restaurant on Interstate Drive. All ladies in the church are encouraged to attend the meeting and join us for lunch.

Ladies in the Sonshine Circle will come together for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, at 10am in the SESSION ROOM. Kay Lane will be presenting the devotion for the meeting. All ladies in the church are invited and welcomed to attend.

Other Opportunities



One Service Sunday - July 19th

Sunday, July 19th, will be a One Service Sunday celebrating our children and the many things they will have learned in this summer's Vacation Bible Experience! Our Sunday Morning Small Groups will meet at 9am with worship following at 10am. We hope you will come and celebrate our children!

Christmas in July Bingo Party

The CP Women's Ministry will be hosting a "Christmas in July" Bingo Party on Sunday, July 19th, from 1pm to 4pm in the Family Life Center. All ladies in the church are invited to attend and each person is asked to bring a finger food and an inexpensive door prize. The afternoon is guaranteed to be filled with fun and fellowship. Come join us!

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Coffee & Conversation



BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH



WEDNESDAYS

9:30 AM



LIVE



REAL QUESTIONS. HONEST FAITH. TRUSTING GOD TOGETHER.



*Bring your
questions.
Let's seek truth
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

ADULTS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER FOR VBX!

MAKE AN IMPACT.
BE PART OF THE MISSION.

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



LET'S MAKE THIS VBX MISSION: **POSSIBLE**—TOGETHER!

SIGN UP YOUR
KIDS
FOR VBX!

MISSION:
POSSIBLE
GALATIANS 5:13

 WE LOOK.  WE HELP.  WE SHINE.

JULY 13-16
4:30 - 7:00 PM
NURSERY-AGE 11



Scan to register!

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.

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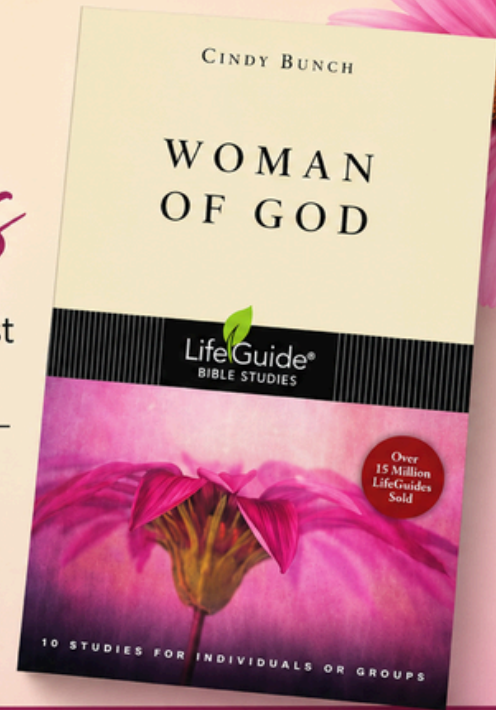
You may pay by credit card at our church website (<https://cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>) by pressing the "Give Now" button and selecting "T-shirts" from the Give-to dropdown menu. You may also pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to "First Cumberland Presbyterian Church" and put "Shirts" on the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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TAKING A *Two-Week Hiatus*

We will be taking a **TWO-WEEK HIATUS** the first two weeks of July.

WE WILL RETURN WITH THE STUDY
WOMAN OF GOD
ON JULY 21!



Please join us on July 21 at noon
in the Foundations classroom.



JOY Club Trip – Thursday, July 30

Our JOY Club will be taking a fun day trip on Thursday, July 30, to the famous Loveless Cafe and McKay's Used Books in Nashville. We'll leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return by approximately 3:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the narthex credenza. If you have questions or would like more information, please see Kathie Chapman or Christian.

Stewardship Report

The Sunday, July 5, 2026 Stewardship Report will be included in
next week's edition of the Midweek Manna.



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 Bobby Cashion - Caleb's uncle
- The family of Tammie Stephenson - Anita's niece
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Annaliese Barnhill - Lee & Jean Webb's granddaughter
- Willene Gentry - Blue Roof
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister - breast cancer
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- 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
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- 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



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. Thanks to all those who have already prepared meals for Charles, Wanda and Callie.