



COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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!



From Your Minister

I have officially caught World Cup fever. If you had told me a month ago that I would spend an afternoon watching three soccer matches, I never would have believed you. But that is exactly what I did on Monday. Normally, soccer isn't on my television very often. But the World Cup is different. I have found myself watching match after match. If I'm honest, though, I doubt that habit will continue once the tournament is over.

It is easy for us to get excited by a special event. Big moments interrupt our routines and grab our attention. But when that excitement fades and ordinary life returns, we often go back into our familiar patterns.

As we continue our sermon series, Practicing Faith: Habits That Shape the Christian Life, it is important to remember that the Christian life is built less on extraordinary moments than on ordinary faithfulness. Retreats, revivals, mission trips, church camps, and special events can all strengthen our faith. But lasting spiritual growth comes through prayer, worship, Scripture, generosity, service, and the love that we practice day after day.

Moments can inspire us, but habits transform us.

That is why we continue to practice our faith. We are not trying to earn God's love. Through Jesus Christ, we have already received that gift by grace. We practice because, over time, God uses those ordinary habits to shape us into people who reflect the character of Christ.

When the World Cup ends, I'll probably go back to watching other sports until it's time for the next World Cup. But I hope that our commitment to following Christ will not depend on a season or an event. The World Cup will end. Another tournament will come along in four years. But following Christ is not something we pick up for a season. It is the way of life we have been called to live every day.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 5, is the Sixth 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 Proverbs 3:1–8 in a sermon titled “Practicing Trust.” During worship, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 discovering how the habits of faith shape our lives and learn what it means to trust God with our whole hearts in every season of life.



Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation continues on Wednesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "Why Do Some People Seem Blessed While Others Struggle?"

Have you ever looked around and wondered why some people seem to flourish while others faithfully struggle? The psalmists and prophets wrestled with that same question. Together, we'll explore what Scripture teaches about comparison, God's justice, contentment, and trusting God's faithfulness even when life doesn't seem fair.

Our study will include Psalm 73:1–28, Jeremiah 12:1–4, Matthew 5:43–48, and Philippians 4:11–13. We hope you'll join us online as we wrestle with this important question 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.



Other Opportunities

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. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a day of fellowship, share a delicious meal at the historic Loveless Cafe, and browse the endless treasures at McKay's. Whether you're looking for books, vinyl records, DVDs, puzzles, games, or unique bargains, you're sure to find something special. 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.

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.

Coffee & Conversation



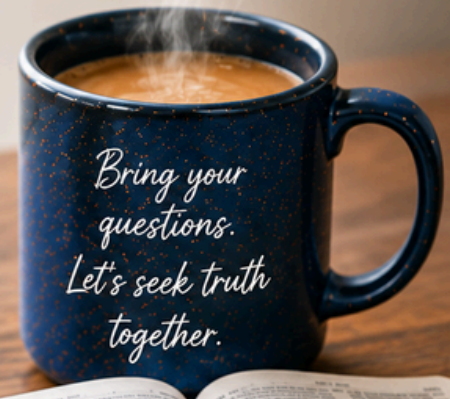
BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

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

Shirts will be distributed once the group order arrives.

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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 28, 2026

Commitments - \$1,165.00

Undesignated - \$1,593.00

Other - \$100.00

This week's offering included \$50.00 for the VBX Service Project and \$50.00 for t-shirts.

Total contributions - \$2,858.00



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:

- 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

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
- Jim Dixon
- 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

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.