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OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

"CITIZENS OF HEAVEN"

As we approach the mid-term elections in November and consider our country's year-long celebration of 250 years of independence, we will look at what it means to hold dual citizenship. We are both citizens of Heaven and citizens of the United States. October's sermon series will explore the tension and harmony that exists between our ultimate citizenship in the Kingdom of God and our earthly citizenship in the United States.

Drawing ideas from scripture that are expressed in Methodist theology and the United States foundational documents, the series examines liberty, justice, responsibility, human dignity, and civic responsibility through a biblical lens. We are in the world, but not of the world. Figuring out how to live out our Christianity within the context of a divisive world is not always easy. But God's word has instruction to guide our steps.

I look forward to being with you in worship. May God's grace continue to help us grow in our witness to the love Jesus Christ.

~ Chip

Sunday Services

Worship Service

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Live Broadcasts

11 a.m.—News Talk FM 94.1

www.YouTube.com

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By Our Presence

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Total In-person and Online Views 493

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Total In-person and Online Views 538

BY OUR GIFTS

Budget Receipts for Two Weeks \$ 76,735.59

Budget Expenses for Two Weeks \$ 90,582.89

ONLINE GIVING

We have several ways for you to support the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of your church.

- Mail your check to 165 E Broad St., Cookeville, TN 38501
- Automatic draft on the 5th and/or 20th each month.
- Online giving by credit card
- Online giving through recurring donations

Please call LuAnn in the church office at 526-2177 if you would like to setup automatic draft or have any questions about other options. Online giving is available through our website at www.cookevillefumc.org/giving. Thanks for your continued support!

COOKEVILLE SOJOURNERS 2027

A Walk of Faith in the Holy Land.

Join us September 15–24, 2027 for a journey through the Holy Land as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Optional Wonders of Petra Excursion:
September 24–28, 2027

Early Sign-Up Savings!

Register by October 15 and save \$150!

Scan the QR code for the trip brochure and more information.

Come walk with us on this journey of faith!



For updated information, please visit us online at www.cookevillefumc.org or find us on Facebook.

SERVANT MINISTRY NEWS

Please contact Tamika Parker at servant@cookevillefumc.org to volunteer or for more information about any of these programs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AS WE MOVE THE PANTRY INDOORS

As we approach the month of October, Servant Ministries is undergoing some exciting and significant changes to better serve our community. We are transitioning our food pantry back into an inside pantry very similar to the way we operated before Covid.

We are asking members to help us stock items that assistance programs (like SNAP / food stamps) do not cover. Rather than a pre-packaged box, visitors to our indoor pantry will be given the option to select essential items from a list.

Items Needed Most Are:

- Hygiene & Personal Care: Shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and Q-tips
- First Aid & Health: Bandages and cough drops.
- Household & Paper Goods: Trash bags, paper towels, laundry and dish soap

Thank you for your continuous generosity and heart for this ministry. If you would like to donate any of the items listed above, please bring your donations to the Freeman Building kitchen at your convenience. If you are not able to get out to shop you can make a donation and one of our servant ministry team members can do the shopping for you and please be watching the newsletter and bulletin for monthly needed items.

PROTEIN ITEMS NEEDED FOR BLESSING BAGS

We are currently in need of protein donations such as canned SpaghettiOs, beef ravioli, Vienna sausages, Hormel chili, Jif creamy peanut butter cups, Slim Jims, Starkist light tuna packs, and Spam. We are also in need of Breakfast Bars such as pop-tarts and protein bars. All canned items need to have a pop top opening to allow easy access. While you are out shopping please consider picking up some of these items and they can be dropped off in the Freeman Building kitchen or church office at your convenience. Being able to offer a daily source of nutrition is a blessing, and it allows us to share grace and compassion for those who need it most.

Would you like a new or updated nametag?



Email or call Jammie at the church office.

reception@cookevillefumc.org

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EMERGENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Caleb Currie Terry Fletcher Phil Pierce

Sympathy and Prayers

James Westmoreland, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Harriet Westmoreland.

Maureen Nation, family, and friends on the death of her brother, David Pollitt.

Family and friends of Jean Rader.

Maria Green and Brian Rohr, family, and friends on the death of their father, Dr. Michael Rohr.

Jamie Lewis, family, and friends on the death of her mother, Martha Lee Davenport.

DID YOU MISS PHOTO DAY?

If you missed the recent directory pictures, you can come into the church office to update your information and have a new picture taken during regular office hours. Please stop by to update your family's picture and information!

BEHIND THE BADGE

Wednesday, October 7 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Stephens Street Baptist Church

This program is presented by the FBI Nashville Citizens Academy to address Cyber Crime and Elder Fraud as a free community event. Our very own Ray Sachs has been instrumental in bringing this opportunity to learn how scammers target the elderly and how to protect yourself from financial exploitation and cyber threats.

POINSETTIA SALE

Have you thought about placing a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone special?

We are starting early this year in an attempt to have all of the poinsettias underwritten and dedicated. We purchase the poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary during the week of Christmas through the Choral Department at Cookeville High School. The sale of the poinsettias is a major fundraiser for the Choral Department. The order for those has to be placed early in the fall. The cost is \$20 each.

For more information, email the church office at reception@cookevillefumc.org.



Calendar

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Renew Service — Wesley Chapel

Monday, October 5

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study — Jeff Wall Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg — B012
- 10:00 a.m. Esther Circle — Jeff Wall Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym

Wednesday, October 7

- 2:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 3:00 p.m. GriefShare — B206
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Women's Upper Room Devotion Time — B206
- 9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Daytime Bible Study — B206
- 11:00 a.m. Grace on the Go and ShowerUp — Side Parking Lot
- 1:00 p.m. Table Tennis — Gym
- Mah Jongg — B012
- Senior Singers — Off Campus
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell Choir — Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B206
- Chamber Choir — Music Suite

Friday, October 9

- 7:45 a.m. Dipsy Doodle—Off Campus

YOUNG AT HEART

How might Artificial Intelligence help us get closer to Jesus? Led by Bob Rice. Thursday, October 15, at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

Hear a comprehensive review of the Digital Age, beginning with Alexander Graham Bell. AI can be used as a tool to manage and help people to make disciples of Christ.

Lunch \$12 (with scholarships available): Baked Ham, White Beans, Vinegar Coleslaw, Corn Muffins, Peach Cobbler

Make your reservations for lunch by noon Monday, October 12.

Re: Lunch Scholarships: No one else will know. Just pay \$10 at church office ahead of time or at YAH as you arrive.

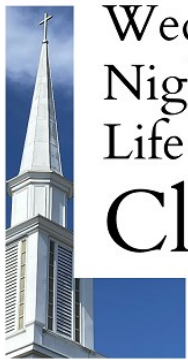


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Wednesday Night Life Classes

Sharing the story of grace in the heart of town.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES—TERM 2!

It's time for Term Two of our Fall Wednesday Night Classes! This session runs from October 21 - November 18. We have two afternoon classes available followed by a group meal in the Christian Life Center. Immediately following the meal there is a selection of five evening classes. Childcare is available for both afternoon and evening sessions.

Afternoon Session

- The Difficult Words of Jesus (3:30 p.m.)
- GriefShare Support Group (3:00 p.m.)

Evening Session

- A Study of Acts (6 p.m.)
- Common Gound: Loving Others Despite Our Differences (6 p.m.)
- The Gift of the Nutcracker (6 p.m.)
- The Chosen: Season 5 (6 p.m.)
- Introduction to Biblical Languages (6 p.m.)

View class descriptions and register online at www.cookevillefumc.org/wnl-2

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY AT TTU FOOTBALL

TTU is having Faith and Family Day on October 10, 2026. The church can get \$21 tickets to the 2:30 game against Furman, if we can get a group of ten or more to go. If you are interested, please sign up online at www.cookevillefumc.org/football by **October 2**.

TRAVEL BUDDIES – CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

Kim Decker leads this year's second Travel Buddies trip on Tuesday, December 8. We'll enjoy the play "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" in the smaller theatre of the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville. Following the show, we will share a meal at Beer and Barrel in Crossville.

You are welcome to invite your friends! Keep in mind that there are steps to get to the theatre and tickets are non-refundable. Register through Kim Decker at (931) 260-0224 (cell) or (931) 537-3246 (home), and pay the church office by check with "Travel Buddies" in the memo line. Bus capacity is 15 seats. The play begins at 1:00 p.m. The church van will depart at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$35 (covers ticket cost and gas, lunch to be purchased per person at the restaurant). **Deadline: November 10.**