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AGREE TO DISAGREE WELL

“Let’s just agree to disagree.” Growing up I often heard “lets just agree to disagree.” It was a cute way to point out that people in disagreement could agree on something. Usually, there were several steps before “agreeing to disagree.” There was disagreement followed by passionate arguments, disbelief, questioning of intellectual capacity, further arguments, anger, frustration, and finally the solution to agree on something; to agree on disagreeing.

Of course, “agreeing to disagree” helps relationship not sever. It settles us down so that we do not say something we regret. It puts a stop to an argument that could lead to trouble. However, it can also leave us unfulfilled.

“Agreeing to disagree” because we cannot disagree without disrespecting each other feels empty and sad. Are we salvaging relationships when we “agree to disagree” or are we simply adding to a list of topics to avoid? Our willingness to “agree to disagree” could lead to not remembering how to disagree. It could lead to silence, to not being heard, and to frustrations experienced in loneliness.

So, lets “agree to disagree” well. To disagree well we must focus on two things. First, we need to humble ourselves. Remember, you have been wrong before. Humbling oneself is a consistent theme throughout the bible mentioned over 75 times. Humble people listen and do not dismiss others because they disagree. Second, we must respect others. Remember that humankind was born in the image of God and crowned with glory and honor. We can disagree, but we should not disrespect God by dismantling and destroying each other. Passionately stating our point does not have to include wishing the demise of others. The bitter root of hostility can lead toward the destruction of our own hearts. Jesus said to love God and our neighbor. He also said to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

Let’s agree to disagree well. In listening to each other, respecting each other and disagreeing with each other we just might discover ground we wouldn’t find any other way.

~ 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

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By Our Presence

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Total In-person and Online Views 491

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Total In-person and Online Views 382

BY OUR GIFTS

Budget Receipts for Two Weeks \$ 51,067.75

Budget Expenses for Two Weeks \$ 53,523.00

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.

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EMERGENT PRAYER CONCERNS

John Deppen
Drue Huffines
Gary Murphree
Greg Phillips
Phil Pierce
Gaynell Sachse

Sympathy and Prayers

Char Finch, on the death of her mother, Reba Nell Finch.

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!

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: THE MOVIE

You are invited to see an extraordinary movie on Sunday afternoon, October 18, in Jeff Wall Hall. The Gospel of John (the movie) narrated by Christopher Plummer, will take you on a journey back to Bible Times to walk alongside Jesus and the Disciples.

Bring your own lunch and arrive around 12:30-ish. Once people have arrived and we are ready, the movie will begin. Water, coffee and popcorn will be available. Sponsored by the "Invitation to the Bible" Sunday School class.

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. Deadline: October 26.

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



Sunday, October 18

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
12:30 p.m. *The Gospel of John* (Movie) — Jeff Wall Hall

Monday, October 19

7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study — Jeff Wall Hall
9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
Pantry Packing — Parking Garage
9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg — B012
1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213

Tuesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
11:30 a.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall
1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym
Food Pantry Distribution — Wesley Chapel
4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m. Mission and Ministry Teaming — Jeff Wall Hall

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Hope Academy — B012
2:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
3:00 p.m. GriefShare — B206
3:30 p.m. *The Difficult Words of Jesus* — B214
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir — Music Suite
Youth Group — Youth Room
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal — Christian Life Center
6:00 p.m. *A Study of Acts* — B210
Common Ground — B213
Introduction to Biblical Languages — B214
The Chosen, Season 5, Part 1 — B206
The Gift of the Nutcracker — B017
Children's Group — Christian Life Center, 2nd Floor
Youth Choir — Music Suite
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
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

PROJECT LIFTING SPIRITS

As a church, we are participating in Project Lifting Spirits to send cards and letters to service members for the holidays. Cards are available in the narthex or you can write your own. Please return to church by November 8 so Deborah can deliver them to the local Veterans Service Office by the mailing deadline. All cards and letters must be in good taste and may be inspected, so please do not seal them. You can address your card to "Dear Service Person," "Dear Hero," "Dear Soldier," or something similar. Our soldiers who are away from their families during the holidays need our love, support, and prayers.

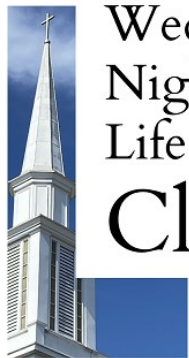


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Wednesday Night Life Classes

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

As a reminder, room numbers are listed in the calendar.

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.**

BACKSLIDERS SPEAKERS

October 18 Tamika Parker

25 John Averitt