

## Stone Says

*Hello Brothers and Sisters,*

*These are exciting days at Cookeville First Baptist Church! We see God working in and through our church. New people are moving here daily and some of those are "finding my/their place" at FBC.*

*August 4th children and youth will return to area schools. Be praying for them, the faculty, administrators, resource officers, aides, custodians, and parents.*

*TTU students will be returning to Cookeville the week of August 21st. Please be praying for them and welcome students to FBC.*

*I'm working on our Happy Travelers trips for 2026. Please let me know some places you would like to travel to. I'd like to have your suggestions by September 14th. I look forward to our travels together!*

*God bless you and your families. I love and appreciate y'all so very much!*

*Love & Prayers,  
Bill*



Will meet on Monday,  
August 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall.  
Everyone is invited to attend.

## From the Corner

**A-U-G-U-S-T!!! HOT, HOT, HOT!**

Dog days of summer??? I think that is what August was often called when I was young. The grasses and plants are getting drier and some of the leaves are already falling due to the heat. The grass and plants are putting out seed for next year's planting time. Everything is moving in the natural cycle of seed time and harvest that Almighty God put into place in the beginning. We are the keepers of the magnificent world God created for us to enjoy and to labor to maintain and provide for our needs. The sweat (due to our sin) of our labor brings beauty and bounty; as designed by our Creator. Just as our LORD created us to enjoy this world and care for it, He also created us to love and glorify Him with our lives surrendered to His Son, our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. By surrendering our will to Jesus, we experience the magnificence of God's Love for us by sending His only begotten Son Jesus to die for our sins, thus bridging the gap between us and God caused by our sin. Then we as believers and disciples of Christ, aided by the Holy Spirit, share that precious love with others to encourage them to surrender their lives to Christ. Again, new life from seed (the word of God) planted and watered with God giving the increase. Let this planting of seed (hearing), watering plants grown (conviction and repentance) and God's blessing of harvest (believers, disciples, discipling others to disciple others) continue to your Jerusalem, all of Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth till Jesus comes to call His church home. (Acts 1:8 – Thank you Phillip, Zach and all the VBS team for teaching through words, songs, games, crafts and kindness in action these principles through the acronym S.P.A.C.E. and the memory verse Acts 1:8)

***"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35***

God bless you always as you go!

**Much Love,**

*Mary Frances*

# PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in prayer:

## Bailey Manor

Wade Raines

## Cedar Hills

Bonnie Greene

Arleda Hunter

## Charter Assisted Living

Mark Mullinix

## NHC

Marilyn Langford

Kevin Langford

Retha Mayberry

## Dominion Senior Living, Crossville

Ann Weser

## Life Care Center of Sparta

Jo Mathis

The following are at home and need our prayers for their health, comfort, and recovery.

Lillie Cantrell

Joanne Chaffin

Orlene Carter

Cheri Daniel

Martha Davenport

Jean Downey

Sandi Geddie

Sara Hans (Lisa Stone's Aunt)

Dorothy Hawkins

James Madewell

Wanda Peterson

Louise Phillips

Reba Roberson

Mable & Roy Tudor

If you know of anyone who needs to be on the homebound list, please call the church office.

## The Sisters of Legacy

*A Ministry to Widows*

Sisters of Legacy will meet August 9th at 1:00 at Glenda Newsom's house. All widows are welcome to join us for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Call 526-7108 for more information.



## Laundry of Love



Tuesday, August 5th at Handy Mart Laundry on Willow Ave. from 2-7p.m.

There are opportunities to serve food, assist individuals to the available washers and dryers and build connections with the community. Our main goal is to share the love of Jesus with them.

## 55+ BOWLING



Our next outing will be August 5th, at 10:00 am at the Cookeville Bowling Alley. You don't have to be 55+ to bowl. At

our last meeting, we had 5 bowlers in attendance.

Best bowlers were Arthur Clemons and John Keith. Anyone interested in joining the bowling group, please contact John Shaffer at 931-261-3538 by text or call or email at [fshaf@frontiernet.net](mailto:fshaf@frontiernet.net).

## W.O.W. BOOK CLUB



Book club will meet Monday, August 5th, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the FBC Library. For information please call Barbara Galloway at 615-330-9679.



## OCC Workdays

OCC will meet Monday, August 11th and Monday, August 25th in the fellowship hall at 9:00 am.

They are in need of various school supplies, specifically paper and writing utensils. Volunteers are appreciated.

## Activities Schedule

Tues. Aug. 5	55+ Bowling	10:00 am
Tues. Aug. 5	Laundry of Love	2:00 pm
Tues. Aug. 5	W.O.W Book Club	1:00 pm
Thu. Aug. 7	Happy Travelers Trip	11:00 am
Sat. Aug. 9	Sisters of Legacy	1:00 pm
Mon. Aug. 11	OCC Workday	9:00 am
Mon. Aug. 18	WMU Bible Study	5:00 pm
Mon. Aug. 25	OCC Workday	9:00 am
Sun. Aug. 31	<b>No PM Service</b>	
Wed.-Thurs. Sept. 24 & 25	Happy Travelers Trip to Helen, Georgia	



Daytime WMU will meet on Tuesday, Sep. 2nd. All ladies are invited to join us for Bible study, missions and fellowship.

*The Spirit of God has  
made me, And the  
breath of the Almighty  
gives me life.  
Job 33:4*

## Happy Travelers' Trips for 2025



**Thursday, August 7, 2025**

**Lunch on your own at Cookeville Boat Dock**  
Load: 11:00 am, Leave: 11:15 am, Return: 2:00 pm



**Wednesday-Thursday, September 24-25, 2025**

**Trip to Helen, Georgia**

Enjoy the German ambiance, shops, restaurants, and hotel stay at the Hampton Inn, Helen, GA.

**Cost: Includes one night deluxe lodging and breakfast.  
\$100 per person, based on double occupancy**

Load Wed.: 8:00 am, Leave: 8:15 am, Return Thurs.: 7:00 pm

**This trip is full.**

**Thursday, October 2, 2025 - Historic Jonesborough, TN**

Tour downtown, museum, and hear a story teller  
**Cost: \$25 with lunch on your own due at sign up by  
September 2nd.**

Load: 7:45 am, Leave: 8:00 am, Return: 6:00 pm



*If you have not filled out a Medical Release form in the last year, please fill one out and have it notarized before your next trip.*

**It must be signed in front of a Notary.** We have two Notaries in the church office.  
Call Bill Stone - 931-231-2001 or the FBC office for information, reservations, or cancellations.



# The Happy Travelers enjoyed a trip to Alvin York State Park & Homestead in Pall Mall, TN!



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