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# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,  
October 2, 2019

## From Your Minister - Christian Smith

Over the last two weeks, I have tried to remind the congregation of just how fortunate we are. We have been given a great number of gifts and opportunities. I have used the word privilege several times. I know that for some people the world privilege causes a great deal of reaction and brings about defensiveness. The word privilege is defined as “a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group.” Privilege is not necessarily a dirty word. It becomes dirty when we begin to think that we have earned something that was given to us as a gift. It becomes dirty when we think that the privilege should be ours alone and we fail to help others receive those same gifts. As the people of God, we believe that all that we are comes from God. It is a privilege to have the opportunities that we have through God. While we have to put in the effort to make the most of those opportunities, we can never forget that every good gift comes from God and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. We have been given a great deal. And now we have the privilege (definition- something regarded as a special honor) to share it with all people.

## Stewardship Report - September 29, 2019

Sunday School - N/A  
10:00 Worship - 134  
Total in Worship - 134

Commitments - \$2,655.00  
Undesignated Giving - \$1,349.63  
Other - \$169.55  
Total Offering - \$4,174.18

This week we received \$142.25 for Connection and \$27.30 for State Clerk’s expense.

## This Week in the Church: October 2 - 8

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| <b>Oct 2</b> | Central City Church<br>Pack Food Boxes (5:00 - 7:30pm) | Worship (11:00am)<br>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm) |
| <b>Oct 3</b> | Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)                          | Vespers (6:00pm)  |
| <b>Oct 6</b> | Worship (8:45am)<br>Sunday School (9:50am)             | <b>Oct 8</b> Community Assistance (1-3pm)               |

## Service Opportunity

**TONIGHT**, instead of having our regular Connection dinner and Bible study, members of our church family will meet at Central City Church (in the old Cookeville Mall) to sort and pack items for **Food to the Rescue** to distribute for Fall Break. They will be meeting the needs of 600 children in Putnam County over the Fall Break time span. We will pack boxes from 5:00 - 7:30pm with people being able to come and go as needed. Pizza and bottled water will be provided for dinner. Our goal is to have 50 people from our church serving so that we can pack as much as possible for the kids in our county. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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We offer our thanks to Paige Gernt for leading us in special music this week. We thank David Huddleston for assisting with the worship PowerPoint.

### Special Topic for Connection

On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Christian will continue a study entitled "The Bible's Sense of Humor." We hope you will join us as we examine some of the passages of the Bible that show that God and Jesus seem to enjoy a good laugh.

### Volunteers this Week

**Acolyte** - 8:45 Elisabeth Hudson

**Nursery** - 8:45 Cindy Verble

**Greeter** - Dave & Ethel James

**Sound System** - Mike Davidson

11:00 Yoel Reyes

11:00 Dave & Ethel James

**Service Elders** - David Huddleston & Rick Larsen

### Sunday in Worship

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, will be World Communion Sunday. The chancel color is green. Our scripture will be Matthew 26:17-30. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate our unity with Christians across the globe.

### Worship Bags

As always, we invite kids of all ages to take a worship bag located in the narthex. New items are placed weekly in these bags to help kids follow along with worship. Please return bags after the service.

### JOY Club - Looking Ahead

On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the JOY Club will gather with fellow Cumberland Presbyterians for a day of worship and lunch at Montgomery Bell State Park, the birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. During the day we will experience worship in the historic chapel, eat lunch at the Inn Restaurant at the park and have time to tour the grounds. The cost is \$10.00 plus a dutch treat lunch. We will leave the church at 7:30am and return around 3:30pm.



## CHURCH MISSION NEWS



We continue to collect **QUARTERS** for use in making laundry packs to provide those in need with detergent and quarters to do a load of laundry at a laundromat. We have made and distributed about 150 of these in the last nine months.

### LOCAL MISSIONS

Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippiie Jack's delivers food to the poorest regions of the Upper Cumberland. Donations will be accepted from the community Tuesday through Friday of each week at the church. Let your friends and co-workers know.

Twisted Stitcher's goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please help our ministry by getting them to anyone who could benefit from prayers and the love of Christ. Please indicate on the list who the blanket went to and help us cover everyone. Thank you.



### **The Connection!**

A reminder that we will be working with the **Food to the Rescue** program **TONIGHT** at the Central City Church in the old Mall from 5:00 to 7:30pm. We will be putting together boxes for children who need food over the Fall Break. See the article on the front page of the newsletter.



The School System will be on Fall Break for the next two weeks; Connection will not meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sonshine Circle to Meet**

The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am in the Family Life Center. All members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend.



*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in honor of the marriage of Madison Crooks to Ryan Haynes. Congratulations!*

**Trunk or Treat** will be October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00. We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores for dinner, trunk or treating, and lots of other activities such as hair painting and crafts. Trunk or Treat this year will be held at the Family Life Center and the adjacent parking lot. It will be come and go, with dinner, trunk or treating, and activities going on the whole two hours so that those from the congregation and community can come and go as time allows. To make this happen, we need several volunteers and donations of food.



### **Food Sign up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk4>

### **Volunteer Sign up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk3>

### **YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

The youth will be hosting their annual envelope fundraiser October 6<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up one or more envelopes from the youth bulletin board in the narthex hallway or from the Fellowship Hall, place that amount of money as a donation to the youth group in the envelope and put it in the offering plate of the office. This money helps keep the cost of camps and retreats low for youth.



Putnam County Schools will be on Fall Break October 7-18. There will be no Connection on those two Wednesday evenings: (October 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>).



# Prayer Requests . . .

- Ed Fowler (testing)
- Terry Julian (motorcycle accident)
- Sheila Julian (motorcycle accident)
- Tim Fournet
- Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father)
- John Joyce (Sarah Joyce's son)
- Tammy Tucker (Tyler Brown's mother-in-law)
- Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
- Bob Hill
- Jerry Hill (assisted living)
- Kathy Shanks
- Jim Lansford
- Devonia McGee
- Wilma Diemer
- Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)
- Levi Rector
- Robert Buck
- Johnny Dunn (COPD)
- Walter Plyter (Assisted Living)
- Cindy Furcean
- Clay Vanhooser
- Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer)
- Niki Work (cancer)
- Becky Knight (cancer)
- Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer)
- Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
- Byron Fournet (cancer )
- Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)
- Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)
- Max Atnip (cancer)
- Mel Brown (cancer)
- Steven Middleton (cancer)
- Bob Fowler (Bailey Manor)
- Anne McDonald, Rita Pickard, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
- Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
- Unnamed prayer requests
- Those in the military and their families

