



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
January 6, 2021*




We are now several days into 2021. As much as I may have silently hoped that the change of the calendar would bring about a change to people's luck, it has not happened. My phone has continued to ring. People continue to experience medical problems, loss, and tragic circumstances. Unfortunately, there is no avoiding the fact that pain is a part of life.

This Sunday, we will gather for worship and we will celebrate Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. We will be reminded of our own baptism. We will be reminded of the vows that we took at our baptism and we will remember that we have been marked and sealed by God. While that will not stop misfortune, it does remind us that through it all, we are not alone. We have a God who loves us. We have a Savior who stands by us. We have the Spirit who seeks to guide us.

2021 will not bring an end to our troubles. However, we are reminded in our baptism that, no matter what comes our way, we have reason to have joy, hope, and a reason to celebrate today and every day.
Blessings, Christian

Commitment Cards

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for year 2021, please take a moment to complete a Commitment Card and place it in Sunday's offering, drop it by the office or mail it to the church address. A copy of the 2021 Budget is on the narthex table if you would like to see how the church disburses its funds. Please call Sandra in the office if you would like a copy of the budget.



The **2021 Flower Calendar** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested in donating flowers. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are to be ordered.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 3, 2020

Commitments - \$10,300.00 Undesignated - \$726.72 Other - \$45.00

Sunday's offering included \$45.00 from Weight Watchers and memorial contributions totaling \$200.00.

Total Deposit - \$11,071.72

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Jodi Smith for helping with the PowerPoint and Mark McKinley for his work with the camera system.

Sunday School for Children and Youth!

This past Sunday, we began having Sunday school classes for all of our school-aged children and youth. Classes begin at 9:00am. As we strive to make sure that your children and family stay safe, we will be using outdoor spaces when the weather permits and will maintain our distance from one another. When we must be inside the building, masks will be required. We look forward to seeing your children and youth on Sunday mornings!



Worship Information

Sunday, January 10th, will be Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be Mark 1:4-11. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary, online at 10:00am or in the Family Life Center pavilion at 11:00am as we worship God.

11:00am Worship Service

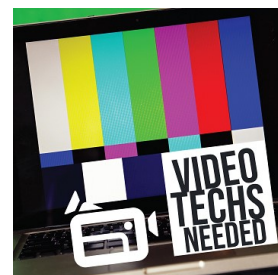
We thank each of you who attend our outdoor worship service (Family Life Center). We will continue to offer this slightly abbreviated and less formal service each Sunday at 11:00am until we can all be in the building together again.



We ask that people not park in the spaces directly in front of the pavilion. We would like to leave those spaces available as a parking space for families who wish to worship from inside their vehicles.

Camera Persons Needed

The church needs another person or two to learn to run our new camera system for the 10am service on Sundays. The new system supports many views of the church and works to highlight various viewpoints, including a wide view of the church, the pulpit, lectern and music instruments. The new system is not difficult, but will require some training and Steve Boots, who currently runs the system, would be available for that purpose. We would like to have at least a couple of people become proficient at running the system and would like to have you express your interest to Steve or Christian. We would love to begin training you immediately.



The Twisted Stitchers' goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please support 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 **Good News** Sunday School class is now meeting at 9:00am for Sunday School. This class will take place in the Upper Commons. The class will be studying the book of Revelation. Everyone is invited to come and take part in this study.



The **Pathfinders** Sunday School class is meeting at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the outside area of the Pavilion. Please consider joining us.

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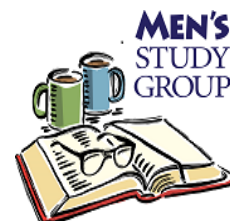


It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church can continue to be the church and offer hope, assistance, and love to our community. However, in order to do that, we need your help. In order to continue with Tuesday Assistance, pay bills and our staff, we need you to prayerfully consider your ability to continue your regular giving. We know that it is a scary time for a lot of people. If you are able, please consider helping us to help some of the others that are being hurt during this time.

1. mail an offering to the church at 565 E. 10th St., Cookeville, TN 38501
2. give using a debit card through the church website. <http://www.cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>
3. instruct your financial institution to make a contribution from your account (each institution may have different rules/instructions for how to do this)

Men's Bible Study

Tim Fournet is conducting a Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. The first study is "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado. This study guide is widely available on multiple sites. If you need help finding or purchasing this guide, please let Christian (931-265-8896) or Tim (931-239-9752) know. Each lesson is a 5-day guide and the study lasts for 10 weeks. We will discuss one lesson each week.



The first class was held yesterday and will continue on November 24th. We are meeting in the church pavilion and invite you to bring a lawn chair and your lunch. We provide a Zoom link to the study as well.

Everyone is welcome. We will be following Church Guidelines on Social Distancing. If you have any questions, please let Tim or me know.



Thank you is not enough to express our gratitude for all the love shown to our family at the loss of our brother, Mike Hawkins. The many prayers, kind words, beautiful flowers and food have been a comfort when we needed it. We are blessed beyond measure with such a wonderful church family.



Alice Peek and Dana Davidson



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the food you provided our family. You responded so quickly and our family was very touched by your thoughtfulness. The whole church has encouraged and supported us with food, flowers, cards, visits and, most importantly, prayers. God bless you and the time you volunteer to help out those who are grieving.

Bob Zolg and Family

Prayer Requests . . .

Al Middleton (motorcycle accident)	Ruth Sapp
Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)	Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
The family of Matt Case	Tim Fournet
The family of Polly DePriest	Dave James
The family of Mike Hawkins	Wilma Diemer
The family of Carolyn Zolg	Bob Hill
The family of Arnold Rice	Jim Lansford
The family of Noah Myers	Levi Rector
Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)	Robert Buck
Memory Turner (Rico's mother)	Johnny Dunn (COPD)
Rev. Blake Stephens	Cindy Furcean
Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law)	Clay Vanhooser
Kathy Hilton	Lynn Twitty (cancer)
Ginny Liebsch	Evelyn Hyder (cancer)
Devonia McGee	Becky Knight (cancer)
Kathy Shanks	Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
Julie Stepp's mother	Max Atnip (cancer)
Leighann Morgan and family	Mel Brown (cancer)
Wanda McCaskey	Steven Middleton (cancer)
Ella Haynes	Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
Pat Brumfield	Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
Don Dyer	Lynn Dunham, (Signature Healthcare)
Euna Hancock Brown	Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
Dorothy Nichols	Unnamed prayer requests
Ramona Tilghman	Those in the military and their families

