



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
February 24, 2021*

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## **From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

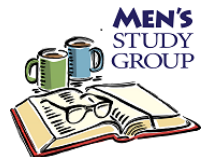
Yesterday I decided tackle a task that was long overdue. I had known for a long while that it was time to really clean my office. It was time to clean out my desk. It was time to clean up the closet. It was time to reorganize several things within my office so that the space worked better for me. There were not a lot of big, obvious changes that will stand out to other people, but there were things that were a significant change for me.

We are in the midst of the season of Lent. During this season, we are supposed to really take a look at our lives and see what might need to change. During this season, we are to examine ourselves, so that we can clean up our act. During this season, we are called to reorganize our priorities and reshape our lives so that we are working toward being all that God desires us to be. The changes that we need to make may not be obvious to everyone around us. However, any change that will draw us closer to God is worth the effort.

Blessings, Christian

## **Men's Bible Study**

The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study for men will resume on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with Tim Fournet leading the discussion. All men are encouraged to attend. The study will take place in the FLC.



## **Food to the Rescue Packing Day**

**\*\*\*Wed. March 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm\*\*\***

Central City Church (Cookeville Mall)

Enter on the back side of the mall facing I-40



We need **40** volunteers to help; the work area is large so we will be able to spread out.

All ages are allowed to help. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical ability.

Masks will be provided if you don't have your own. Dress in cool clothing. The building is warm!!

Text or Email Tracy Sparks to sign up: (931)261-1029 or [sparkst@pcsstn.com](mailto:sparkst@pcsstn.com)

Drivers are also needed! For more information, go to <http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw> to sign up.

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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 and Jim Putz for helping with the PowerPoint and Bill Byers for his work with the camera system.

### Worship Information

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, will be the 2nd Sunday in Lent. The chancel color is purple. Our text for the sermon will Mark 8:31-38 and will be delivered by Caleb Norris. Please plan to join us online or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes

Christian has resumed Wednesday night Bible Studies. The Study takes place tonight at 6pm and will be conducted on Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we discuss a variety of topics this semester. Tonight, we will talk about Daniel in the Lion's den.



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 21, 2021

Commitments - \$2,575.00 Undesignated - \$1,346.23 Other - \$370.00  
Sunday's offering included \$200.00 for Winona, \$20.00 for the assistance laundry project and \$150.00 for healthcare workers.  
Total Deposit - \$4,291.23

### THANK YOU!

Members of the Health Department vaccine team so much appreciated the hot meal provided for them on Saturday. Thank you to all those who donated funds to make lunch possible for the hard-working members of this team. Alice Peek



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.

### Sunday School Classes Meeting!

We will be having Sunday School classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes this Sunday. Classes begin at 9:50am. 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 you all on Sunday mornings!



We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00. Both services will take place in the sanctuary. It is the session's hope that this change will allow more seating space in the sanctuary and allow people to spread out more as we continue to strive to provide a safe place to worship God.



### Community Needs

The Putnam County Advisory Board (a group that ensures each child in Putnam County has the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter) is in need of the following items. Newborn items such as:

- Pack n Plays (for newborns removed and going to foster care)
- bottles
- diapers
- crib sheets
- burp cloths
- blankets
- twin mattresses and frames

### GIVING



It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville FCPC 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. 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)

### 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.



### Sympathy

*We mourn  
with you*



We offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Doris Hawkins. Mrs. Hawkins was the mother of Alice Peek (Jeff) and Dana Davidson (Mike). Mrs. Hawkins died unexpectedly this past Sunday. Many in this church knew her as a kind, generous and loving person and she will be greatly missed. Please keep Alice, Dana and their families in your prayers.

Our sympathies to the family of Jean Bullard, Ann Dyer's sister. Ms. Bullard passed away this past Friday in Atlanta, Georgia. Please remember Ann and her family in your prayers.

### Prayer Requests . . .

The family of Doris Hawkins (Alice Peek and Dana Davidson's mother)

The family of Jean Bullard (Ann Dyer's sister)

Angie Knight (breast cancer surgery)

Rhonda Barlow (breast cancer surgery)

Don Anderson (surgery)

Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad)

Tim Fournet (surgery)

Jim Dixon (surgery)

Coen Malone Chambers (Carolyn Pinkley's great-grandson)

Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families

Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)

Ray Spencer (heart repair)

Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)

Memory Turner (Rico's mother)

Rev. Blake Stephens

Bobby Wallace

Kathy Hilton

Ginny Liebsch

Devonia McGee

Kathy Shanks

Ginger Trevault (Julie Stepp's mother)

Leighann Morgan and family

Wanda McCaskey

Ella Haynes

Pat Brumfield

Euna Hancock Brown

Dorothy Nichols

Ramona Tilghman

Ruth Sapp

Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay

Wilma Diemer

Bob Hill

Jim Lansford

Levi Rector

Robert Buck

Johnny Dunn (COPD)

Cindy Furcean

Clay Vanhooser

Lynn Twitty (cancer)

Evelyn Hyder (cancer)

Becky Knight (cancer)

Jeremy Germinis (cancer)

Max Atnip (cancer)

Mel Brown (cancer)

Steven Middleton (cancer)

Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)

Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)

Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)

Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)

Unnamed prayer requests

Those in the military and their families

