



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
January 5, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith



This past Sunday we talked about the need to change our focus and our outlook as we begin a new year. Many of us want 2022 to be better than the last few years. However, in order for that to happen, we have to do the work necessary. We have to let go of some of the things in our past. We have to stop focusing on the negative. We have to look at the blessings and the opportunities that are ours.

Turning loose of our past is not easy, but it is necessary if we are going to have a better year. People hurt us. People let us down. Those are things that we cannot control. What we can control is our reaction. When we allow those grudges to take residence in our lives, we allow the pain of the past to steal the joy from our present and future.

I have been hurt by others, but personally, the person who has hurt me the most is me. Unfortunately, the person it is hardest to forgive is also myself. God desires for us to offer to others the same forgiveness that God has given us. God has forgiven us for all of our sins. God declares love for us despite the fact that God knows all of the ways that we have sinned and disappointed. If God can forgive us, shouldn't we be willing to do the same? Again, we cannot allow the mistakes of the past to steal the joy of today. Blessings, Christian



The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting next Monday, the 10th, at 10am in the Session Room. Members are asked to bring Valentine cards for our shut-ins. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.

The Sonshine Circle will be meeting for lunch at Olive Garden next Tuesday, the 11th, at 11am. If the public schools have been dismissed for snow, the Circle luncheon will be postponed until a later date.

Church Volunteers Needed

As we try to get back to some normalcy and the full ministry of the church, we need more people to share their knowledge, talents, and time with the church. This survey offers you the chance to share with us how you would like to serve and help us to better worship and serve together. We are asking you to follow this link (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>) and discover several ways that you can serve the church.



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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for leadership in our music for Sunday services. We also want to thank Rick Jones for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Cosby King and Maggie Smith for helping with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, January 9th, will be Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. The chancel color is white. Sunday’s sermon text will be Luke 3:15-22. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11am as we worship, celebrate God and remember our baptism.

The **2022 FLOWER CALENDAR** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for placing flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are ordered.



Commitment Cards

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for year 2022, please take a moment to complete a **Commitment Card** and place it in Sunday’s offering. A copy of the 2022 Budget is on the narthex table if you would like to see how the church disburses its funds. Commitment Cards are also available on the narthex table.



Men’s Bible Study

The Men’s Noon Bible Study will take place on this next Tuesday in the Session Room. All men are invited/encouraged to attend the weekly meeting.

Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the Fellowship Hall and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises - while they are fresh on your minds. Take your card with you or leave it for the Missions/ Outreach committee to address, stamp, and mail for you. This is a wonderful way to express care, concern and support for others in our church.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 2, 2022

Commitments - \$7,585.00 Undesignated - \$4,571.00 Other - \$0.00
Total Deposit - \$12,156.00



Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join in person. Our services are streamed live at 8:45am every Sunday. Those services remain online and can be watched at any time. There are two ways to view our service online:

Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/cookevillecpc/>
YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/c/CookevilleCPChurch>



Prayer Requests

- The family of Joe Henry Nash (Geraldine Smith's brother)
- Ron & Georgia Hensley (Covid)
- The family of Lilah Clack
- The family of Joyce Keller
- Dan Hilton (hip replacement)
- Pat Brumfield (broken hip)
- Mike Sheets (back surgery)
- Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)
- Susie Hyder (breast cancer)
- Cindy Furcean (surgery)
- Carter Apple (teen diagnosed with cancer)
- Mike Scardina (Don & Ann Dyer's son - lung cancer)
- Tim Fournet
- Don Sundquist (with family in Florida)
- Joan Errick
- June Guzlas
- Frankie Dickerson
- Wanda McCaskey
- Connie Boots
- Geraldine Dunn
- Bob Zolg
- Kathy Hilton
- Kathy Shanks
- Ella Haynes
- Dorothy Nichols
- Jim Lansford
- Ramona Tilghman
- Levi Rector
- Robert Buck
- Clay Vanhooser
- Dan Sutherland (cancer, heart problems)
- Don Anderson
- Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)
- Those addicted to drugs/alcohol and their families
- Jimmy Stringer
- Bobby Wallace
- Lynn Twitty (cancer)
- Jim Dixon (cancer)
- Evelyn Hyder (cancer)
- Becky Knight (cancer)
- Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
- Max Atnip (cancer)
- Steven Middleton (cancer)
- Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
- Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
- Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe)
- Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)
- Jo Gentry (Morningside)
- Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
- Unnamed prayer requests
- Those in the military and their families

