



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

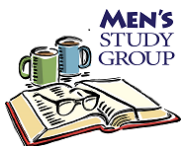
*Wednesday,
January 26, 2022*

Many of you know that Caleb and I both use the Revised Common Lectionary as a guide for the scripture texts that we use each week in worship. The lectionary gives us four texts from which we can choose to preach our sermons. The lectionary aims to help us avoid preaching the same topics or scriptures over and over again and it aims to help us present a broader view of scripture.

This week, Rev. McCaskey preached from the lectionary text in I Corinthians. Some people would call it a coincidence, but I will call it divine providence that on the week when both of your pastors were forced to miss worship due to Covid, the text that we were given to use dealt with the fact that we are many members who make up one body.

I cannot begin to thank all of those who volunteered to help make sure that we were able to continue with the activities of the church this weekend. You each went to work and the work of the kingdom at CFCPC never paused. While Caleb and I take leadership roles in the church, it is you who the church desperately needs. It is you who does the work of the church. It is each of you who is the church.

Blessings, Christian



**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Noon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays in the Family Life Center. Tim Fournet leads the study and all men in the church are invited/encouraged to attend.

Help for the Recovery Kitchen

The church missions team is going to be supporting an effort called the **Recovery Kitchen**. This program prepares and delivers food to homeless camps in Cookeville. We will be collecting items to make Blessing Bags for these homeless individuals and need your help with donations of the following items. Sandra will be collecting these items in her office.



**Help
for the
Homeless**

**travel size hygiene items
snacks
flashlights**

**single packets of drink mix
batteries (AA, AAA)
hot hands (hand warmers)**

**sanitizing wipes
propane**

We would very much appreciate your help with this project!

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We thank Sandra Robbins and Jim Gray for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher and Sandra for leading us in special music. We thank Linda Welch and Tracy Sparks for serving as our liturgists and Ashley Wharton for leading the children in worship. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith and Jim Putz for helping with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, January 30th, will be the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The text for Sunday’s sermon is Luke 4:21-30. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate God.

Connection Continues!



Our Connection program continues tonight with dinner at 5:15. We ask that you make a reservation for dinner if you do not already have a standing reservation. Likewise, let us know if you have a reservation and will not be joining us. Dinner is \$3.00 for children and youth and \$4.00 for adults. A household will not pay more than \$12.00 for dinner. You can complete a dinner reservation online, complete a reservation card found in the narthex or give Sandra a call in the church office. Reservations must be made by Tuesday morning. **NEXT** Wednesday evening, February 2nd, we will be having cheesy chicken spaghetti, niblet corn, lima beans, French bread, and butterscotch delight for dessert.

We offer classes for all ages, including children, youth and adults. Christian is hosting a discussion with the adult class on the Beatitudes. We invite you to come enjoy us for our Wednesday evening activities!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 23, 2022

Commitments - \$7,330.00 Undesignated - \$842.00 Other - \$345.00

\$120.00 was collected for Wednesday’s Connection meal and \$225.00 was reimbursed to the Fellowship budget for the Friendship Class Christmas party meal.

Total Deposit - \$8,517.00

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.



Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join us 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>



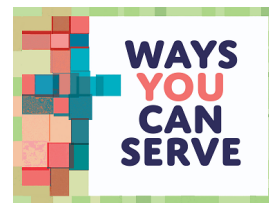
2021 Statements of Giving



If you turned in a Commitment Card for year 2021, your Statement of Giving will be available to you beginning this Sunday, January 30th. The statements will be on the narthex table through Sunday, February 13th. You may also come by the office during the week to pick up your information. On February 14th, statements not yet picked up will be mailed. Call Sandra in the church office if you wish to have your statement mailed to you now. Any questions you may have about your statement should be directed to Liz Sheets, our depositing treasurer. Her email address is: lizsheets@charter.net. She will be happy to assist you and make necessary adjustments.

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.



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.

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.





Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Chrissa Williams who passed away last week in Cookeville. Funeral services for Chrissa were held this past Monday. Please remember her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

- The family of Chrissa Williams
- The family of Perry Rowe Harris (Maggie Wharton's brother)
- Ron & Georgia Hensley
- The family of Lilah Clack
- Dan Hilton
- Pat Brumfield (broken hip)
- Perry Green (Evon Maggart's nephew)
- Susie Hyder (breast cancer)
- Cindy Furcean
- 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
- Geraldine Dunn
- Bob Zolg
- Kathy Hilton
- Kathy Shanks
- Ella Haynes
- Jim Lansford
- Dorothy Nichols
- 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

