



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 9, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

It is amazing the way that God works. It was in December that I felt led to study the beatitudes during our Wednesday Connection study. Our Wednesday study focuses on Matthew's version of the beatitudes and what it means to be blessed. The idea of my own blessedness is one that I need to hear frequently. It is easy to think about all of the problems that I have, but Jesus seeks to remind his listeners that problems do not have to get in the way of our joy.

This week, as I prepare for the sermon, the reading that I have felt most led to share comes from Luke's version of the beatitudes. They are the less poetic and, therefore, the less remembered version of Christ's assurance of blessing, but they are yet another reminder that God wants for us to enjoy life and feel eternal happiness and hope no matter what.

I know that many in our church, community, and world are struggling right now. I love the way that God works. Despite our troubles, God is continually seeking to remind us through the books of Matthew and Luke that we are not left alone in our struggles. Even in our struggles, God is always present and is always seeking to fill us with love and joy.

Blessings, Christian

Love-Joy Circle to Meet

The **Love-Joy Circle** will meet in the Session Room on February 14th at 10:00 a.m. Members are asked to bring St. Patrick's Day Cards for our shut-ins. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend.

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MOJOY**

Holy Moly is our new curriculum for children K-4 on Wednesday evening during Connection. We invite you to bring your children to explore a series of 12 New Testament stories. This week's study is based on "The Sower". Kids will play a mystery game to determine what seeds need to grow. Our scripture will be Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 and our key verse will be Matthew 13:23. Our lessons will be divided into four parts: 1) discover, 2) relate, 3) connect and 4) create. This week's lesson will also include making valentine cards for our shut-ins! Come join us!!

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Worship Information

Sunday, February 13th, will be the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. The chancel color is green. The text for Sunday’s sermon is Luke 6:17-26. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the love of God.

Tonight’s Adult Bible Study

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” -Matthew 5:4

The second Beatitude is a promise of consolation for those who are hurting. All tears, all afflictions will one day be the object of consolation originating with God himself. How long will it take? How do we learn to recognize and appreciate the comfort that is offered to us by God? How do we learn to persevere with hope and patience in the meantime? We will discuss these topics tonight at 6:15pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us.

Missions Projects

The church missions team is supporting a couple of community effort projects and would like to ask for your help in giving to these projects. The first is called the **Recovery Kitchen**. This program prepares and delivers food to homeless camps in Cookeville. We are collecting items to make Blessing Bags for these homeless individuals and need your help with donations of the following items. Note that the list of things needed has narrowed. Sandra will be collecting these items in her office.



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| snacks | batteries (AA, AAA) |
| hot hands (hand warmers) | socks |

A second project is support for the **Priority House**, a halfway house for young men seeking to establish a better life for themselves. They are in need of **new or gently-used twin-size sheet sets and twin-size comforters**. You may bring those to Sandra’s office as well.

We express much appreciation for all the donations given to date and encourage you to continue your support of these efforts. Thank you!



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****MARCH 9th - 5:30-7:30 pm*****

(In place of Connection)

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon is in the front; Food to the Rescue is in the back

Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during Spring Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. Masks are optional. We hope you will be able to join us!



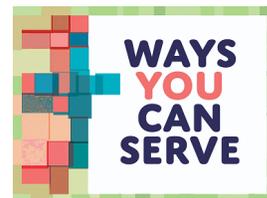


Men's Bible Study

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.

Seeking Church Volunteers

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.



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>



Today's altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ethel James' 87th birthday. Happy Birthday from the Gotcher family!

Changes Coming Soon

The church newsletter has always served to keep the congregation informed about what is happening in the church. In recent years, we have added social media and the church website as different ways to share information. Your church staff and session are discussing how we might use those tools more effectively. If there are things that you want to see in the Manna or on social media, please let Christian know.

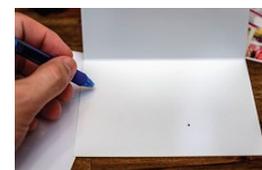


Commitment Cards

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.





We wish to thank all those who have held us in their thoughts and prayers during my fall and recovery period. Your calls, cards and prayers are greatly appreciated. We are blessed and grateful to be a part of a loving and supportive church family. Dick & Pat Brumfield

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 6, 2022

Commitments - \$6,260.00 Undesignated - \$3,773.75 Other - \$191.00

\$141.00 was collected for Wednesday's Connection meal and \$50.00 was given for altar flowers.

Total Deposit - \$10,224.75

Connection Activities!



We invite you to join us for our Wednesday evening Connection program which starts with dinner at 5:15. We ask that you make a reservation if you are not already on our standing list. 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 16th, we will be having baked ham, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, cornbread and cherry cobbler.

We offer classes for all ages, including children, youth and adults. Christian is hosting a discussion with the adult class on the Beatitudes. We hope to see you tonight!

2021 Statements of Giving

If you turned in a Commitment Card for year 2021, your Statement of Giving is now available to you on the narthex table. The statements will be in the narthex 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.



Prayer List Update

Some of you will notice that many names have been removed from our prayer list. Prayer is an important part of our life as a Christian community. We want to be able to pray for those we love and have people pray for us when needed.

However, at times it seems that people are added to the prayer list and rarely removed. While we want to offer prayer for those in need, we are trying to come up with a more effective system that removes people from the prayer list after a reasonable amount of time. If your loved one is removed and you would like them to be placed back on the list, please simply let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Prayer Requests

The family of Helen Knight (Lanny's aunt)
 Don Holloway (broken hip)
 Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith's father - Covid)
 Ed Fowler (heart procedure)
 Aaron Casey (Janice Cox's son - heart attack)
 Leo DePriest (Covid)
 Molly Phillips (heart attack)
 The family of Luke Fansler
 Carter Apple (cancer)
 Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - cancer)
 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)

