



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
May 11, 2022*

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

This Sunday we will honor our graduates during our worship services. As we celebrate the beginning of a new journey for our graduates, our liturgy and our sermon will seek to remind each of us that we have an opportunity for new beginnings. It may not be graduation or new jobs, but each of us has the opportunity for a new beginning and a new hope each day.

There are many scriptures that proclaim God's mercy. One that is especially meaningful to me is Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Each day I have to remind myself that my past mistakes are behind me. I cannot live in the past; I can only look forward to the opportunities of today. I seek to improve as a person each day. Unfortunately, many days I fail. Many days, I fall back into my sins and my faults. When that happens, I can take comfort in the fact that tomorrow is a new day and a new opportunity. God's mercies will be new tomorrow.

Try each day to be better. When you fail, remember that God is still a God of mercy. You still have the opportunity to experience forgiveness and try again to improve. So, as people who have and will continue to receive God's mercy, we ought to seek to offer mercy and patience to ourselves and to others who may be struggling to improve and experience forgiveness and love.

## ***Donations Being Accepted!!!***

There will be a church picnic and Silent Auction **THIS** Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Life Center. Donation of items for the Silent Auction are still being accepted. You may call Alice (239-5513) or Dana (261-1565) if you have items to donate OR you can bring them by the church office or Fellowship Hall.



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

**\*\*\*MAY 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7:30 pm\*\*\***

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 feed underprivileged children and their families during the Summer Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. We hope you will be able to join us!

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## Sunday Worship Information

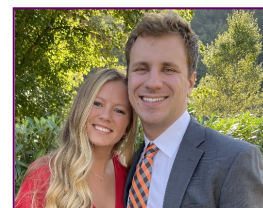
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The chancel color is white. The scripture for the sermon is John 13:31-35. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11am as we worship God and honor our high school graduates, Jonathan Cranford and Vance Gotcher.

### *In the Church...*



*Join Bekah and Jadon Richmond as they welcome baby Ariah, expected to arrive on June 22. Bekah and Jadon are registered at Target and Walmart. A table will be set up in the narthex this Sunday to receive cards/gifts.*

*Congratulate Sarah Sheets and Alex Lindsay on their upcoming nuptials. Sarah and Alex will wed on May 28 on a beach in Miramar, FL. The couple is registered at [theknot.com](http://theknot.com). A table will be set up in the narthex on Sunday to receive cards/gifts.*



## New Member Classes for All Ages



We are now offering two classes for those who may be interested in becoming members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church or who are interested in knowing more about this church and this denomination. Rev. Caleb Norris will lead a class for our children. He will share more information about who we are and why we do the things we do. Rev. Christian Smith will lead the class for adults. He will focus on the history, government, and beliefs of our church. Both classes will take place during the Sunday School hour, and anyone is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of our ministers.

## Breakfast for Prescott Teachers/Staff

Members of our church, as sponsors of Prescott South Middle School, are asked to help provide breakfast for teachers/staff on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The following items are needed:

**Fruit (cut for a fruit bowl)**  
for 20  
for 20  
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**Muffins/donut holes/bread/cinnamon rolls**  
for 12  
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**Donate \$37.00 for Mini Tray from Chick-fil-A**  
**3 needed**

Call or text Tracy at 931-261-1029 if you are able to donate OR there is a signup sheet on the narthex table. Food and money for Chicken Mini Trays need to be taken to the church before 3pm on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. You may take food to the kitchen and money can go to Sandra in the church office.

## Recovery Kitchen Project

Many thanks to all those who donated food and time to making a meal and snacks for the homeless. Those who came together on Saturday to help assemble the meal put together over 60 boxes/bags. Your donations make such a big difference for these folks and your generosity is much appreciated!!!



## Seeking Church Volunteers

We invite you to share their knowledge, talents, and time with the church. The following link leads to a survey that offers you the chance to share with us how you might like to serve and help us worship together. The link is (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>). Take a moment to check it out.

## Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the narthex and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises. 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, May 8, 2022**

Commitments - \$4,290.00      Undesignated - \$5,052.54      Other - \$200.00

This past Sunday, \$200.00 was given by PEO for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$9,542.54

## PRAYER CARDS

The Mission ministry has placed "prayer postcards" in the sanctuary pews. Please feel free to fill out a postcard for someone in need of prayer. Drop it in the offering plate and we will address and mail it for you!





Our church is proud to recognize the following graduates for Spring 2022. These young men and women have worked hard and persistently in the attainment of knowledge that will take them to the next chapter in their lives. We wish all of them the very best in their future endeavors and want them to remember that their church family will always be here to support in any way that might be needed! Note that tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday for Jonathan and Vance. You are invited to give a card and/or gifts to them at that time. Love and congratulations to you all!

*Jonathan Cranford*

**White County High School, Diploma**

*Vance Gotcher*

**Cookeville High School, Diploma**

*Alex Pütz*

**B.S. in Civil Engineering**

*Christopher Sheets*

**University of Tennessee in Knoxville  
B.S. in Nursing, B.S. in Kinesiology**

*Sarah Sheets*

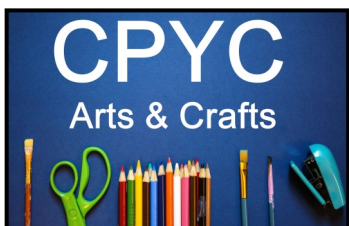
**University of Tennessee in Chattanooga  
Doctor of Occupational Therapy**

*Dylan Sparks*

**Tennessee Technological University  
B.S. in Finance**

*Ashley Wharton*

**Tennessee Technological University  
B.S. in Biology, Health Science concentration**



We are looking for help with our ARTS & CRAFTS program for CPYC. Please contact Julie Stepp at 931-267-8899 if you have any of the following and are willing to donate. We will be in touch about collection of donations.

- Embroidery thread
- Alphabet beads (for making bracelets)
- “Adult” coloring books (age appropriate for teens)
- Scrapbooking supplies (die cuts, pic holders, glue tabs, etc.)

### Note about Fall Yard Sale

Dates for the CPW’s Fall Yard Sale have been set for Friday and Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. As you clean and re-organize over the next few months, hang on to things that you might deem appropriate for the sale. Contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 with any questions.

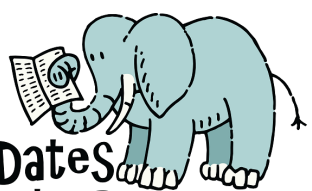


Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join us in person. Our services are streamed live at 8:45am every Sunday. Those services remain online and can be watched at any time. There are two ways to view our service online:

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

*Sunday’s altar flowers were placed in honor of all mothers and in memory of Wilma Wright and Devonia McGee by Allen & Kim Wright.*



 <p><b>Dates to Remember</b></p>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Classes for new members/history</b>
		<b>Church Cookout and Silent Auction</b>
	<b>May 18</b>	<b>Food to the Rescue Packing Event</b>
	<b>May 30</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
	<b>June 19</b>	<b>Father’s Day</b>

## Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** Dan Hilton (hip surgery); Carol Burgess (NHC); Don Holloway (home); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith’s father - recovering from Covid); Cindy Furcean.

**Cancer Treatment:** Paul Stephenson (Anita’s husband); Jim Dixon (radiation treatments); Carter Apple; Lynn Twitty; Evelyn Hyder; Susie Hyder (Evelyn’s daughter - breast cancer); Max Atnip; Steven Middleton.

**Assisted Living:** Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare); Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living).

