



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 27, 2022*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

For the past several weeks we have been discussing the life of David. We have seen David at his best and then this past Sunday, we saw him at his worst. David committed great sins. Then, in an attempt to keep others from knowing what he had done, he committed more sins. One of the worst parts about this entire narrative of David's sin is that he seems to be unaware or unconcerned about the ways that he had hurt others or betrayed God's will.

Thank goodness for people like Nathan. In 2 Samuel 12 God sends Nathan to David to confront him with his sin. If you are unfamiliar with this narrative, I encourage you to read it. The way the challenge is presented to David is genius. It is genius in its creativity, but it is also genius in its compassion.

Nathan did not challenge David's sin out of self-righteousness. He did not do it to make David look bad or destroy his image in front of others. Nathan did not challenge David's sin in order to lift up himself or drive down another. Instead, he challenged him out of compassion and a desire to bring David back where he needed to be in relationship with God.

We all need Nathans in our lives. We need those people who remind us of who we should be and call us back into the right paths and right relationship with God.

At times, we may need to be a Nathan for others. Nathan was called by God to the task. We need to make sure we are called by God and follow God's way of challenging others out of compassion.

We have all been David at times in our lives. We have sinned and needed to be called to repentance. I am thankful for the Nathans of my life who have helped to lead me back to God. I hope and pray that God will help me to be a Nathan for others.

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY, we will have a **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY**. Sunday School will take place at 9:00am with worship at 10:00am. Following worship, we will have our first post-covid fellowship meal. The church will provide meat, drinks and bread, and the congregation is asked to bring covered dishes to complete the meal. We will need people who are willing to set up for the meal and clean up afterward. If you can help, please let Liz Fournet know by texting her at 931-260-8494 **OR** use the following link to sign up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-july>

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 31st, will be the 9th Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Charles McCaskey, will present the morning sermon. We hope that you will plan to join us at 10am as we worship God as a united church family.

Wednesday Connection Meals

Our Wednesday evening Connection program starts **August 10th** and our first meal will be Blue Coast Burrito!!!! First timers and college students eat for free. Our prices for Wednesday meals have been the same for well over a decade and while we have tried to avoid doing so, rising costs have forced us to raise our prices. Meal prices will rise to \$6.00 per person and no household pays more than \$20. We will need assistance with setting up, serving and cleanup for the meal. You may sign up to help using the following link:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-august>

We will also need folks who are willing to help deliver meals to some of our church members.



The **SANCTUARY CHOIR** has been on break during the month of July, but is scheduled to return to rehearsals on Sunday, August 7th, at 5:30pm in the choir loft. We look forward to continuing work with current members, but encourage you to consider joining our ranks.

The Sanctuary is a group of vocal musicians that meets weekly for rehearsal and prepares/presents anthems for the first and third Sundays of the month. We also prepare music for special services throughout the year.

You do not have to be an accomplished musician to be a part of the choir. Our aim is to fellowship with one another and share our talents and love for music with members of the church. We work together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and the choir is a vital part of the worship experience. Please consider joining us on the 7th as we begin working on music for the fall semester. We would love to have you with us.



Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in celebration of our daughter, Wynne's, birthday by Roger and Jan Presley.



Jul 31

**One Service Sunday (10am)
Sunday School (9am)**

Aug 7

Sanctuary Choir resumes (5:30pm)

Aug 10

Connection begins

Aug 21

Homecoming (155 years)

Sep 18

Church-Wide Movie



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 24, 2022

Commitments - \$4,450.00 Undesignated - \$4,335.00 Other - \$975.00
 \$200.00 was given for altar flowers, \$500.00 was donated toward the Columbarium
 in the Prayer Garden and \$275.00 was received as reimbursement for camp fees.
 Total Deposit - \$9,760.00

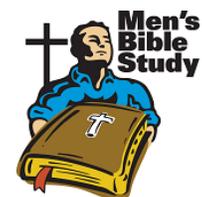


Card Ministry

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.

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study continues at noon on Tuesdays. We are engaged in a study of the book of Daniel. This is a great opportunity to examine the prophecies about the end-times and prepare us for a study on the book of Revelation. We will use "Daniel: A 12-Week Study" by Todd Wilson as our guide for study. As always, all men of the church are welcomed to join the discussion.



Other Important Dates

On August 21, we will celebrate the 155th anniversary of the founding of our church during morning worship. We will have a BBQ and celebration at the church beginning at that evening at 5:30pm. Also, put

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>

CPWM NEWS

- ◆ The CPWM **Executive Committee** will meet on August 7th at 4pm in the Session Room.
- ◆ The CPWM **Fall meeting** will take place on August 27th at the Old Zion CPC. The meeting will start at 9am. Contact Belinda for more information.
- ◆ The CPWM **Fall picnic** will take place on September 6th in the Family Life Center. The picnic will begin at 5pm.
- ◆ The **Fall Yard Sale** is scheduled for September 16/17 in the Family Life Center. Donations will be accepted starting September 12.





Upcoming Circle Meetings

The **Love-Joy Circle** will be meeting on Monday, August 8th, at 10am in the Session Room. All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

The **Sonshine Circle** will meet on Tuesday, August 9th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. The topic of study is the life of Martha. All ladies are invited to attend the meeting/study.

Seeking Church Volunteers

We invite you to share your 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.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Pete Weber (eye surgery); Brad Wigtil (Brenda Johnson's brother - tests); Hayden Lytle (Evon Maggart's nephew); Ed Fowler; Zach & Jenny Fowler (Texas); Carol Burgess (NHC); Don Holloway (Signature); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith's father - recovering from Covid); Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: 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).

