



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
June 28, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.” – Hebrews 10:22-23

This past Sunday I tried to bring a small part of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly meeting back to Cookeville. I used the same Call to Worship that the assembly used during opening worship. I used the same scripture and theme that we used throughout the week in Denton. Then, finally, we closed the service with “Blessed Assurance”, which was the same hymn the youth at the meeting used for the devotional they led.

That hymn has been running through my head a lot lately. It is a hymn that many of us grew up singing in the church. I want to take a moment to make sure that we all know the history behind the hymn. “Blessed Assurance” was written by Fanny Crosby. She lost her sight at 6 weeks old and by age 6 she began writing poems and music. She wrote over 8,000 gospel songs and hymns during her life. She also wrote over 1,000 non-religious songs and four books of poetry.

One day Phoebe Knapp played Mrs. Crosby a new tune that she had written. Mrs. Knapp asked her what that tune brought to mind. It is said that Mrs. Crosby knelt in prayer and then responded, “blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.” The two would continue to work together to add the remainder of the lyrics to this historic hymn.

Fanny Crosby gave us a great gift. She has shared with us words that remind us of how blessed we are. No matter what life may throw at us, we have assurance of something greater than anything this world can offer. No matter the difficulties we might face, we have that blessed assurance because we have the presence of the Christ who loves each of us.

Save the Date

We have several special celebrations/events coming up in the church and invite you to make a note in your calendars of those that might be of interest to you.

July 2nd - 90th Birthday Celebration for Sarah Joyce - 2:00pm in the Family Life Center

July 8th - Celebration of Life for Max Atnip - 11:00am in the Family Life Center

July 10th-13th - VBS for all grades and ages - 4:30pm to 7:00pm daily - registration now open

July 15th - CPCF - Bethel University - 9:00am to 3:30pm - grades K-6 - registration now open

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 2nd, will be the 5th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our scripture for the day will be Matthew 10:34-42. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am when we will worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together.



The family of Sarah Joyce requests only that you bring a card to help celebrate her 90th birthday. If you are unable to attend, you may mail your card to:

*1978 Pembroke Pine Lane
Cookeville, Tn 38506*

We are hoping to have 90 cards for Sarah to open on her birthday! If you would like to include a donation with your card, we will make sure it gets to the right place.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



A vibrant space-themed poster for Vacation Bible School. The background is a deep navy blue. At the top left is a large, bright yellow sun. Scattered across the sky are several stars in white, yellow, and purple. A red planet with a blue ring system is positioned behind the word 'Vacation'. Below it, a green planet with a brown ring system is shown. To the left of the green planet is a small blue planet and a satellite. To the right is a comet with a yellow and orange tail. In the bottom right corner, there is a small purple asteroid.

Vacation Bible School

**July 10-13
4:30-7:00pm**

**JOIN US FOR
LESSONS,
FRIENDSHIP, FUN,
AND SNACKS.**

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565 East 10th St.
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Registration is open for Vacation Bible School, happening each evening from July 10-13! Open to all ages. Sign up students or volunteers here: <https://forms.gle/zktXgskG3YJKLKH38>

For Our Children!!!



ONE HEART ONE MIND

JULY 15
9:00AM-3:30PM
BETHEL UNIVERSITY


WHO: CHILDREN K-6TH GRADE
COST: \$40 BEFORE JUNE 12, \$50 AFTER
LODGING IS AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20

2023

**PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE
 DAY OF PENTECOST AND THE COMMUNITY
 OF NEW BELIEVERS THROUGH WORSHIP,
 STUDY, AND PLAY.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: JODI RUSH
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 CPCMC.ORG/CHILDRENSFEST

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One Heart One Mind

**THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WAS ONE IN HEART AND MIND. -
 ACTS 4: 32**

**Contact Caleb
 if you would
 like to enroll
 your child(ren)
 in this event or
 would like more
 information
 about
 activities
 associated with
 the event.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, June 25, 2023

Commitments - \$1,715.00 Undesignated - \$1,094.00 Other - \$50.00
 This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers.
 Total Deposit - \$2,859.00

Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study will resume on July 11th in the Session Room. Tim Fournet will be leading a discussion of Max Lucado's book on James.



HANDBELL ALUMNI!



We are experiencing great response from former and new hand ringers! If you are interested in resuming or beginning work with the handbell choir, we would love to have you ring with us. We are planning a Kickoff/Welcome Back Luncheon on August 12th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for new and returning ringers. Afterwards, we will get organized and plan for the coming church year. Our first rehearsal will be August 17th, at 5:30pm (beginners at 4:30). We hope you will be able to join us for all events. Please let Lynn England (lynnwengland@yahoo.com or 931-743-2245) or Sandra Robbins know that you would like to attend and if you would prefer to play certain bells.



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/CookevilleCPCChurch>

Individuals: Jason Palmer (Belinda Wynne's nephew - heart attack); Ramona Tilghman (hospice); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry's brother-in-law - car accident); Ella Haynes (Bailey Manor); Jeff Comer (brain tumor); Georgia Hensley (Bethesda); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Signature Healthcare); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; Don Holloway; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Kim Daniels; Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp's mother - chemo); Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer; brain tumor surgery); Steven Middleton; Kendall Fogleman (3-yr-old with leukemia - Christy Huddleston's great-niece).

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

