



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 5, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Yesterday, many of us gathered with family or friends and we celebrated the 247th anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence and the birthday of the United States of America.

Tomorrow is another important anniversary for my family. On July 6, 2014, Jodi, Maggie, and I attended our first worship service at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. For the last nine years, I have had the opportunity to serve as one of the pastors of this church. During those nine years, the church has experienced its joys and its sorrows. I have had my successes and my failures as a pastor.

I cannot thank the members of this church enough for the support and the love that you have offered to me and my family. Jodi, Maggie, and I have found a home in this church and in this town. Too many pastors find themselves experiencing a somewhat nomadic lifestyle. I am thankful that you have afforded my family the chance to find a place to feel settled. The last nine years have been great for us, and we look forward to being here for years to come.

Circles to Meet

The **Love-Joy Circle** will meet on Monday, July 10th, at 10am in the Session Room of the Church.

The **Sonshine Circle** will meet on Tuesday, July 11th, at 10:30am in the Family Center. Circle members will be hosting a Salad Luncheon in honor of This Is Living Ministries. Members of the Circle are asked to bring personal care items for the Living Ministries program. All ladies of the church are invited/encouraged to attend this special meeting of the Circle.



Men's Bible Study

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

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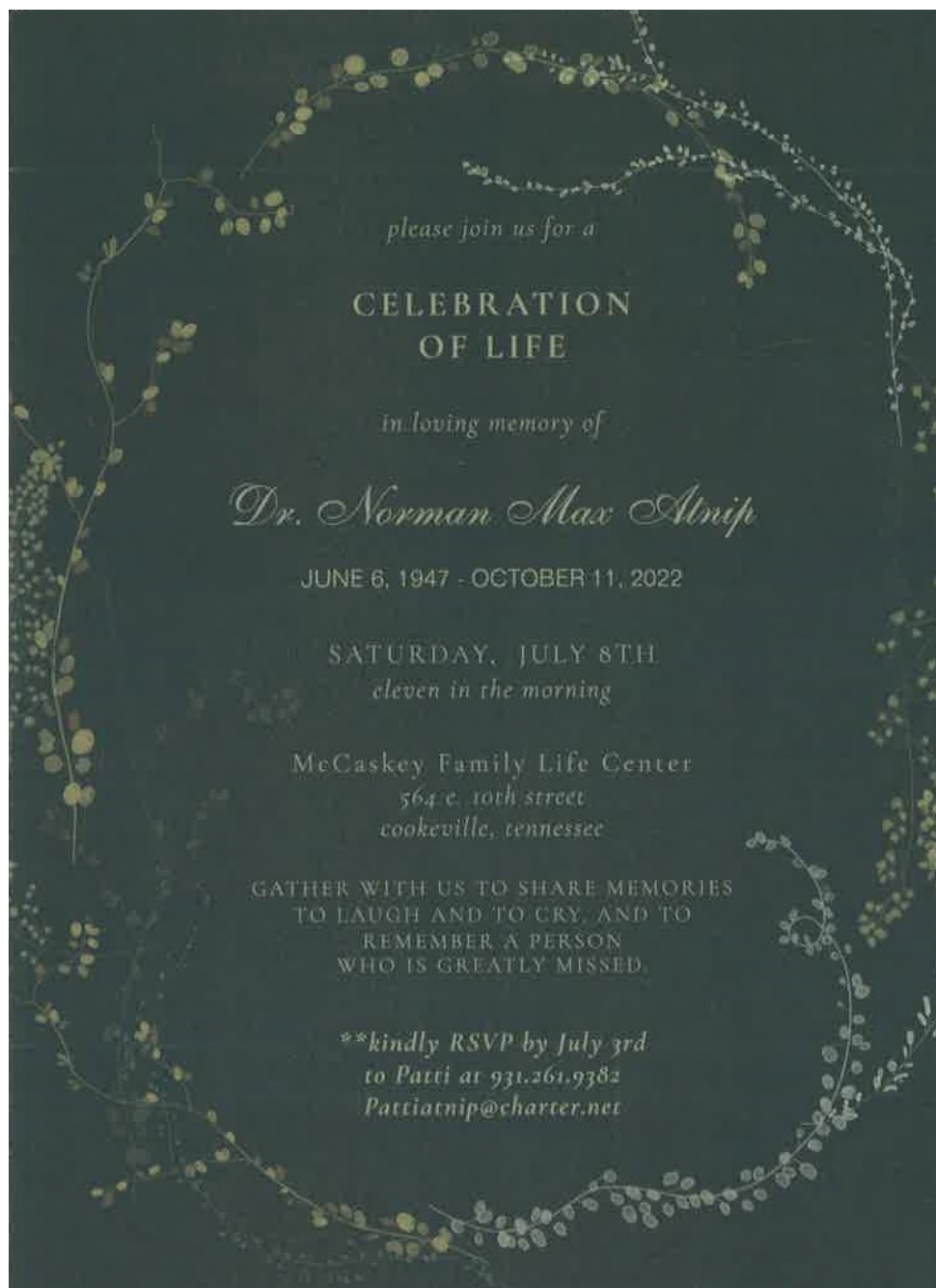




Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 9th, will be the 6th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our scripture for the day will be Romans 7:15-25. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am when we will worship together as the family of God.

As a reminder to those who contacted Patti with a RSVP:



Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that provides hot meals for the homeless in our community. We ask that members of the church assist us in preparing a meal by donating any of the following items. Please contact Tracy at 261-1029 if you are able to donate items to the project. Please have all food to the church by Friday, July 7th, at NOON.

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| (4) 55oz baked beans or (24) 16oz cans | (80) rolls | (40) soft granola bars |
| (80) bottles of water | (80) bananas | (80) p/b crackers |
| (20) individually wrapped desserts | (80) oranges | (2) large bottles BBQ sauce |

Thank you in advance for your loyal and continued support for this important service to our homeless community.



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School, happening each evening of next week - **July 10-13!** Open to all ages. Sign up students or volunteers here: <https://forms.gle/zktXgskG3YJKLKH38>

Worship and Music Ministry Team

The Worship and Music Ministry team meets to assess and discuss various aspects of the worship experience of the church. We encourage the participation of people from a variety of backgrounds to come join us in seeking to make both the liturgical and musical offerings of our church even more meaningful.



Some of the topics addressed by the team include:

- Planning special worship services for the church year.
- Coordinating lay person involvement in services.
- Overseeing the music program of the church.
- Securing flowers for worship services.
- Training and securing ushers for worship services.
- Assigning and maintaining greeters for worship services.
- Planning/Preparation for communion in monthly/special services.
- Training and scheduling acolytes for worship services.

Contact Corby King or Jim Gray if you have questions/suggestions for the ministry team or if you are interested in becoming a member of this ministry.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 2, 2023

Commitments - \$17,285.00 Undesignated - \$5,690.00 Other - \$1,866.20

This week's offering includes \$250.00 in Tuesday Assistance Program donations, \$405.00 in birthday donations, a \$500.00 donation from the Beech CPC for facility usage and a \$711.20 hotel reimbursement.

Total Deposit - \$24,841.20



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).

