



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
July 19, 2023*

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***“Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”– Proverbs 22:6***

Sin is bad. God doesn't like it. That has been part of the discussion from our last two sermons. We have been talking about the fact that we have a sinful nature that we must strive to overcome. We have been given the gift of the Spirit who works with us in order to help us resist the temptation to sin.

Too often, we give in to desires of our sinful nature and we fail to be the people that we ought to be. We also have been reminded that God offers forgiveness and does not condemn those who are in Christ Jesus. As we read in Romans 7, “Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

Through our relationship with Christ, we have been offered grace and forgiveness that we do not deserve. As people who have been forgiven, we ought to be willing to offer forgiveness to those who hurt us and those who do not share our values. Yet, too many times, we seem to argue that people do not deserve our forgiveness but our judgement. We decide that if someone sins against us, then they have only a sinful nature and they must not have been gifted with the Spirit of God. Therefore, they are deserving of our punishment.

Our job is not to judge people or push others away. Our job is not to decide that people are unworthy of God's love. Instead, we are to remind all of creation of the forgiveness that comes through relationship with God. Our job is not to punish others; that will be God's responsibility. Our job is to follow the instruction to love.

## **One-Service Sunday and Lunch**



We will be having just one service on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will start at 9am with worship following at 10. This is a wonderful opportunity for the congregations from our 8:45 and 11:00 services to meet and fellowship together. We will recess to the Fellowship Hall to share a meal immediately after the worship service. The church will be providing meat, bread and drinks; we ask that you provide sides and desserts. We look forward to worshipping and fellowshiping together as a church family on that day!

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our scripture for the day will be Romans 8:12-25. 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.

## Wednesday Connection Resumes

We are excited to announce that our fall semester of Wednesday Connection will be resuming on August 9<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will begin our evenings with a meal. We would love for you and your family to join us for this fellowship opportunity. Meals cost \$6.00/person and no one household is expected to pay more than \$20.00. You may make a reservation meals on a weekly basis or make a standing reservation by contacting the church office.



At 6:00pm, our youth and children will meet downstairs for Bible Study and recreation. Our Twisted Stitchers Group meets in the Session Room to crochet and knit together as they work on projects for various service organizations in the community.

At 6:15pm, our adults meet in the Upper Commons for Bible Study. This semester, Christian will be leading the group in a study about the history and meaning of the Apostles' Creed. The group will also look at some other creeds the Church has used throughout its history.



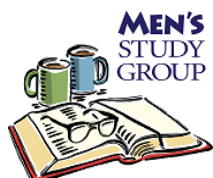
Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join us in person. Our services are streamed live at 8:45am every Sunday. Those services remain online and can be watched at any time. There are two ways to view our service online:

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 16, 2023

Commitments - \$3,975.00      Undesignated - \$2,088.00      Other - \$1,225.00  
This week's offering includes a \$75.00 in birthday donations, \$200.00 for facility usage and \$950.00 in reimbursement for church camps.  
Total Deposit - \$7,288.00

## Men's Bible Study



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study has resumed and we invite all the men in the church to attend the study with us each week in the Session Room of the church. Feel free to bring along your lunch. Tim Fournet is leading a discussion of Max Lucado's book on James.





On July 30<sup>th</sup>, we invite our school students, teachers, administrators, and staff to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or laptop bags to church for our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks.” As they return to the classroom for another school year, we want to surround them with our prayers for a safe and productive year.

**Individuals:** Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry’s sister - Blue Roof); Len & Julie Edelstein (multiple health issues - friends of Brenda Johnson); 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).

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**SANCTUARY**  
**CHOIR**

is seeking new members and welcomes

**ALL VOICES**

Prior musical training, while helpful, is not  
required to be a member of the Choir.

**Join us on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
in the Choir Loft (sanctuary).**

Contact Sandra Robbins with interest/questions!  
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