



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 30, 2023*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.”– Psalm 24:1

For the last several weeks, I have been using sermons and this space to talk about stewardship. The goal has been to remind each other that we are called to offer back to God far more than just our finances. We are to offer back to God our talents, our time, the lessons we have learned from history, our energy. We are supposed to offer back to God everything that we have been given and those gifts extend far beyond things that we can hold in our hands.

I will continue to share those sermons and those messages in this space for several weeks. It is my job as your pastor to share the messages that God gives me and that is the subject that I feel called to speak about at this time. It is hard to explain how I know what God wants me to talk about. Sometimes it is revealed as I study. Sometimes it is revealed in a simple feeling. Sometimes I hear God speaking through the events of the world. This week I heard God speaking through you.

One of the things that we ought to share is our thankfulness. God spoke to some of you through the sermon on Sunday. More than one person shared that they experienced tears and conviction during the sermon. I have received phone calls and text messages about the sermon. I have even received fresh baked bread in appreciation for the sermon. When God works in us, we need to show our thankfulness. When God works in us, we need to share that appreciation with God and with others. God is working through you and through others. We need to share our thankfulness for those who are willing to allow God to work in them. I am certainly thankful for those who allowed God to speak to me through them.

Open House

for

Jesse & Haley Chapman

Please join us for an Open House next Sunday, September 3rd, from 12:15 to 3:00pm in the Family Life Center. We would love for you to come meet and congratulate Jesse & Haley (Steve & Kathy Chapman’s son and daughter-in-law) on the exchange of their marriage vows. Please RSVP to 931-260-7011 if you plan to attend. No gifts please.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 3rd, will be the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 1 Peter 1:3-9. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Wednesday Connection

Wednesday Connection has resumed! As usual, we begin our evening with a meal. We would love to have you and your family join us for this fellowship opportunity. Meals cost \$6.00/person and no one household is expected to pay more than \$20.00. You do need to make a reservation on a weekly basis or make a standing reservation by completing a reservation card (located on the narthex table), registering online or by contacting the church office. The meal for tonight is Firehouse Subs and the **Stewardship & Finance Ministry** is in charge of preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal. Next week's meal will include a baked potato bar and the **Missions Ministry** will be in charge of that meal.



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. We encourage you to come and be a part of our Wednesday Connection program!



Online Bible Study

Join Caleb live in a study presentation on Minor Prophets in the Bible. The study is streamed live on Facebook on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30am. Make a cup of coffee and join Caleb for Coffee and Conversation! All studies are recorded on our Facebook page and can be viewed at any time.





Julie Stepp
and
Eric Howard

invite you to share
in the joy and celebration
of their marriage
**on Saturday
September 16, 2023
at 1:00**

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Reception immediately following.
Your presence is our present.

Outdoor Worship Service

Back by popular demand. On September 24th we will be worshipping outdoors. We invite you to dress comfortably, bring your lawn chair and worship outside in God's creation.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Offerings - \$5,918.00 Other - \$370.00

This week's offering includes \$75.00 for altar flowers and \$295.00 for Connection meals.
Total Deposit - \$6,288.00



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>

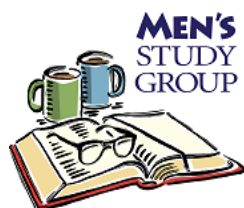


New Sunday School Class



On September 17th, we are planning to begin a new Sunday School class for our young adults. This new group is being formed to allow those who are in their early 20's to mid 30's to have a place to study the scriptures together as they reflect on the issues they are facing in this chapter of life. We plan to provide opportunities for those within this group to further develop new relationships through dinners and fellowship activities.

Corby King has graciously volunteered to be the teacher/facilitator for the group. We are looking for a core group that would like to participate in the formation of this new young adult group. We would welcome those who are currently attending our church, former members of our church, or new members to be a part of this new group. If you or someone you know would be interested in this opportunity, please let Corby King or Christian Smith know so that we can provide more details.



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues 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.

Individuals: the family of Ella Haynes (Don's wife and Barbara Greeson's mother); Frankie Dickerson (CRMC); the family of Jeff Comer: the family of Lucille Ford (Freeman Smith's sister); Martha Clift (broken shoulder); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Lorene Holland (Willene Gentry's sister - NHC); Ramona Tilghman (hospice); Don Holloway (NHC); Wesley Sanders - Kiana Gentry's brother-in-law in car accident); Georgia Hensley (home); Amelia Kate Moore (premature daughter of Liz & Ryan Moore); Rand & Allison McDonald; James Lacy (Bailey Manor); Reagan Bacgi (tumor); Jim Baggett (surgery); Cody Liddle (boating accident); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Bill Snyder (Virginia Lovellette's brother); 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).

