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# Mid-Week Manna

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Wednesday,  
September 18, 2019*

## From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I want to thank the session for allowing me to go to Chattanooga this past Sunday. The church I previously served, the Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was celebrating their 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past Sunday and asked me to come and preach as a part of that service and celebration. I had the opportunity to speak to them about the importance of continuing the service and ministry that had led them to this milestone. In the meantime, it was great to be able to celebrate with them, knowing that everything was handled and good ministry was still happening here at home. There are numerous people who helped to assure that worship happened here. Sometimes, we are guilty of thinking that without us, the job cannot be done. I am thankful to all of you for reminding me that God has gifted talents to a variety of people and I thank you for your willingness to put those talents to use for God's glory. That service to God has led us to the milestone of 152 years and will continue to lead us into the future.

## Stewardship Report - September 15, 2019

Sunday School - 97  
8:45 Worship - 115  
11:00 Worship - 88  
Total in Worship - 203

Commitments - \$4,750  
Undesignated Giving - \$883.68  
Other - \$448.75  
Total Offering - \$6,082.43

This week we received \$30.00 for assistance, \$173.75 for Connections Meals and \$245.00 for food for the Westin service. We also received \$100.00 in memorial gifts.

## This Week in the Church: September 18 - 24

**Sep 18** JOY Club to Mauricio's (11:30am)  
Connection Dinner (5:15pm)  
Children & Youth (6:00pm)  
Twisted Stitches (6:00pm)  
Adult Class (6:15pm)  
**Sep 19** Hallelujah Handbells (5:30pm)

**Sep 22** Worship (8:45am)  
Sunday School (9:50am)  
Worship (11:00am)  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (5:30pm)  
Vespers (6:00pm)  
**Sep 24** Community Assistance (1-3pm)

## One Service Sunday:

September 29<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. As is our tradition, we will have a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY. Sunday School will take place at 9:00am; worship will take place at 10:00am. Following worship, we will enjoy lunch together. The church will provide meat, bread, and drinks. We need your help with sides and desserts.

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In the Church

We offer our thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for leading us in special music this week. We thank Stelmo Stepp and David Huddleston for assisting with the worship Power-Point. We also are thankful to Linda Welch for serving as our liturgist. Finally, we thank Leanne for the sermon this week.

### Special Topic for Connection

Wednesday, Christian will continue a study entitled "The Bible's Sense of Humor." We hope you will join us as we examine some of the passages of the Bible that show that God and Jesus seem to enjoy a good laugh.

### Volunteers this Week

**Acolytes** - 8:45 Nakoa Mendez

11:00 Ross King

**Nursery** - 8:45 Jim & Cindy Gray

11:00 Carroll & Jane Anne Gotcher

**Greeter** - Brenda Johnson

**Service Elders** - Carroll Gotcher, Jerry Samon

**Sound System** - Mike Davidson

### Sunday in Worship

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our scripture will be Luke 16:1-13. Please plan to join us as we worship God and celebrate the victory that is ours through Christ.

### Worship Bags

As always, we invite kids of all ages to take a worship bag located in the narthex. New items are placed weekly in these bags to help kids follow along with worship. Please return bags after the service.

### JOY Club to Mauricio's for Lunch

Mauricio's Italian Restaurant opened in Cookeville, TN on May 15, 2002. The restaurant, formerly a residence, was built in 1910. It features hardwood floors, 14-ft ceilings, and five fine dining rooms, three with fireplaces. If you like good Italian food, old music from the 40's and 50's, and great atmosphere, this is the trip for you! **Those that signed up will meet at the restaurant TODAY, at 11:30am for a dutch treat lunch.**

## CHURCH MISSION NEWS



### LOCAL MISSIONS

Our church is a collection point for the **Jammin' at HIPPIE JACK'S** program. Hippiie Jack's delivers food to the poorest regions of the Upper Cumberland. Donations will be accepted from the community Tuesday through Friday of each week at the church. Let your friends and co-workers know.

We continue to collect **QUARTERS** for use in making laundry packs to provide those in need with detergent and quarters to do a load of laundry at a laundromat. We have made and distributed about 100 of these in the last nine months.

Twisted Stitcher's goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please help our ministry by getting them to anyone who could benefit from prayers and the love of Christ. Please indicate on the list who the blanket went to and help us cover everyone. Thank you.

### Food to the Rescue

During the month of September the youth group will be collecting 16oz jars of peanut butter for Food to the Rescue. Food to the Rescue’s goal is to collect enough peanut butter during the month of September to meet their needs for all of 2020. Peanut butter can dropped off in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.



Food to the Rescue is a grassroots organization comprised of individuals, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses partnering together to feed the children in our community. Their non-profit organization was formed by a local citizen who saw the significant need for children to have access to meals while school is not in session during the seasonal breaks. Their goal is to make the most significant impact possible on children in Putnam County through Christ-like servanthood.

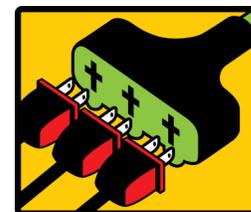


### Acolytes

If you would like to serve as an acolyte in Sunday services or if you would like to retire from that position, contact Jane Anne Gotcher at 260-9372 as soon as possible. There will be training available for new acolytes.

### The Connection!

On tonight’s Connection menu is chicken and rice casserole, strawberry salad, steamed broccoli, rolls and Mountain Dew cake. Please let us know if you are interested in a standing reservation for our meals or remember to respond weekly via the church website, fill out a card for the offering plate or call Sandra in the office by Tuesday at 10:00am. The cost for dinner is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth/children; no family pays more than \$12.00 per meal. The Foundations SS Class is responsible for helping to serve tonight. Children and Youth will meet at 6:00pm with the adult studies meeting at 6:15pm. Christian Smith will be leading an adult class that will survey some of the more humorous passages found in the Bible. Join us for “The Bible’s Sense of Humor”. The Twisted Stitchers will meet in the Session Room at 6:00pm. We look forward to having you with us.



*Sunday’s altar flowers were given to the glory of God in honor of Devonia McGee’s 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. With love from your family.*

### Service Opportunity

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, instead of having our regular Connection dinner and Bible study, members of our church family will meet at Central City Church (in the old Cookeville Mall) to sort and pack items for **Food to the Rescue** to distribute for Fall Break. They will be meeting the needs of 600 children in Putnam County over Fall Break time span. We will pack boxes from 5:00 - 7:30pm with people being able to come and go as needed. Pizza and bottled water will be provided for dinner. Our goal is to have 50 people from our church serving so that we can pack as much as possible for the kids in our county. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



**HUNGER RELIEF**

### Women’s Ministry Needs Shoeboxes

There is a need for more empty shoeboxes as the Women’s Ministry prepare for Operation Christmas child. If you have boxes you would like to donate, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall through the month of September.





**Trunk or Treat** will be October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00. We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores for dinner, trunk or treating, and lots of other activities such as hair painting and crafts. Trunk or Treat this year will be held at the Family Life Center and the adjacent parking lot. It will be come and go, with dinner, trunk or treating, and activities going on the whole two hours so that those from the congregation and community can come and go as time allows. To make this happen, we need several volunteers and donations of food.

**Food Sign up**

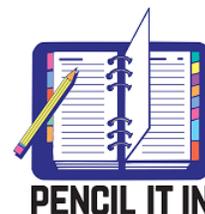
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk4>

**Volunteer Sign up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4af29abf58-trunk3>

**JOY Club - Looking Ahead**

On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the JOY Club will gather with fellow Cumberland Presbyterians for a day of worship and lunch at Montgomery Bell State Park, the birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. During the day we will experience worship in the historic chapel, eat lunch at the Inn Restaurant at the park and have time to tour the grounds. The cost is \$10.00 plus a dutch treat lunch. We will leave the church at 7:30am and return around 3:30pm.



**JOY Club Calendar Now Available**

A JOY Club Calendar for the remainder of the year is now available on the narthex table. We hope you will consider going with us on some of our adventures. Remember, folks of ALL ages are invited to attend!



# Prayer Requests . . .

Terry Julian (motorcycle accident)  
 Sheila Julian (motorcycle accident)  
 Joan Errick  
 Tim Fournet  
 Frank Howard (Frankie Dickerson's father - CRMC)  
 John Joyce (Sarah Joyce's son)  
 Tammy Tucker (Tyler Brown's mother-in-law)  
 The family of James Baggett (Cindy Gray's father)  
 Earl Nichols (cancer treatment)  
 Chuck Galemore (cancer treatment)  
 Blake Weber (Pete & Regina's grandson)  
 Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay  
 Bob Hill  
 Jerry Hill (assisted living)  
 Becky Knight (cancer)  
 Kathy Shanks  
 Esther Spencer's aunt, Jean  
 Nancy Biss (Tracy Sparks' mom - breast cancer)  
 Jim Lansford  
 Dave James  
 Joe Mullins (stroke)  
 Hendricks Pippin (3-yr-old diagnosed with cancer -  
 friend of Steven & Amanda Jones)  
 Cindy Bilbrey (Jerry Samon's sister - cancer)  
 Don Shockley  
 Brenda Savage (friend of Liz Fournet)

Kathy Hilton  
 Frankie Dickerson  
 Joyce Greenwell (Sandy Byrne's mother)  
 Devonia McGee  
 Wilma Diemer  
 Pat Brumfield (eyesight failing)  
 Levi Rector  
 Ethan Morgan  
 Robert Buck  
 Johnny Dunn (COPD)  
 Walter Plyter (Assisted Living)  
 Cindy Furcean  
 Clay Vanhooser  
 Jeremy Germinis (cancer)  
 Byron Fournet (cancer )  
 Nancy Dixon (pancreatic cancer)  
 Melissa Daniel Crannigan (cancer)  
 Max Atnip (cancer)  
 Mel Brown (cancer)  
 Steven Middleton (cancer)  
 Bob Fowler (Bailey Manor)  
 Anne McDonald, Rita Pickard, Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)  
 Lynn Dunham, Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)  
 Unnamed prayer requests  
 Those in the military and their families

