

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,  
February 3, 2021

## From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I am excited that beginning this Sunday we will be returning to some sense of normalcy in our schedule. We will be returning to worshipping at 8:45am and 11:00am. I am also excited that many of our Sunday school classes will resume meeting over the next week or two.

With many of our members receiving the COVID vaccine and us returning to some semblance of and normal schedule, I know that there will be the temptation to move past precautions and social distancing. Unfortunately, we are not there yet. Until we have reached the end of this pandemic, we need your help making sure that we continue to keep everyone in our congregation as safe as we possibly can.

Also, as we begin to return to normalcy, we want to make sure that those who choose to remain at home for a while longer know that we miss them, we understand their absence, and we respect their decision.

We know that each day we are moving closer to the end of this coronavirus era. We simply ask for your patience and support as we move closer to the day that we can take off our masks, shake each other's hands, and hopefully never have to use the term "social distancing" again..

Blessings, Christian



**REGULAR WORSHIP** On this coming Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will return to our normal worship schedule. We will have worship at 8:45am and 11:00am. Both services will take place in the sanctuary. It is the session's hope that this change will allow more seating space in the sanctuary and allow people to spread out more as we continue to strive to provide a safe place to worship God.

## Men's Bible Study

Tim Fournet conducts a Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. The first study is "Ten Men of the Bible" by Max Lucado. The study guide is widely available on multiple sites. If you need help finding or purchasing this guide, please let Christian (931-265-8896) or Tim (931-239-9752) know. Each lesson is a 5-day guide and the study lasts for 10 weeks. We will discuss one lesson each week. For those who would like to join us remotely, there will be a Zoom link to the study.

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 31, 2021**

Commitments - \$3,660.00    Undesignated - \$1,457.00    Other - \$1,250.00

Sunday's offering included \$200.00 for assistance, \$1,000.00 for Winona and \$50.00 for laundry packs.

Total Deposit - \$6,367.00

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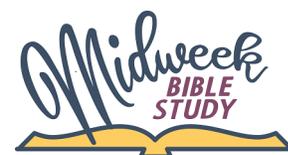
We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher for helping with the PowerPoint and Steve Boots for his work with the camera system.

### Worship Information

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will I Corinthians 9:16-23. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online at 10:00am.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes

We will be resuming our Wednesday night Bible Studies tonight at 6pm. Studies will take place on Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we discuss a variety of topics this semester. Tonight, we will talking about Noah's ark.



The **2021 Flower Calendar** signup sheet is now posted in the narthex. Please place your name next to the date(s) for which you are interested in donating flowers. You may also call in your request for placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday. The cost for flowers is \$50.00. Sally Beyer will call you for a dedication the week the flowers are to be ordered.

### Camera Persons Needed

The church needs another person or two to learn to run our new camera system for the 10am service on Sundays. The new system supports many views of the church and works to highlight various viewpoints, including a wide view of the church, the pulpit, lectern and music instruments. The new system is not difficult, but will require some training and Steve Boots, who currently runs the system, would be available for that purpose. We would like to have at least a couple of people become proficient at running the system and would like to have you express your interest to Steve or Christian. We would love to begin training you immediately.



The Twisted Stitchers' goal is to have a couple of finished and tagged **PRAYER SHAWLS** on the desk in the Session Room at all times. Please support 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.

### Sunday School Resumes This Sunday

On **February 7<sup>th</sup>** (this coming Sunday), we will be having Sunday school classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes. Classes begin at 9:50am. As we strive to make sure that your children and family stay safe, we will be using outdoor spaces when the weather permits and will maintain our distance from one another. When we must be inside the building, masks will be required. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday mornings!



## GIVING



### Remember Your Offerings

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church can continue to be the church and offer hope, assistance, and love to our community. However, in order to do that, we need your help. In order to continue with Tuesday Assistance, pay bills and our staff, we need you to prayerfully consider your ability to continue your regular giving. We know that it is a scary time for a lot of people. If you are able, please consider helping us to help some of the others that are being hurt during this time.

1. mail an offering to the church at 565 E. 10th St., Cookeville, TN 38501
2. give using a debit card through the church website. <http://www.cookevillecpchurch.org/give/>
3. instruct your financial institution to make a contribution from your account (each institution may have different rules/instructions for how to do this)

## *Prayer Requests . . .*

Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad)	Dorothy Nichols
Rhonda Barlow (surgery)	Ramona Tilghman
Jean Webb (knee replacement)	Ruth Sapp
Tim Fournet (surgery)	Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
Coen Malone Chambers (Carolyn Pinkley's great-grandson)	Dave James
Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families	Wilma Diemer
The family of Kenny Hill	Bob Hill
Al Middleton (motorcycle accident)	Jim Lansford
Don Anderson	Levi Rector
Jimmy Stringer (heart procedure)	Robert Buck
Ray Spencer (heart repair)	Johnny Dunn (COPD)
Rico Schwartz (17-yr old hit by drunk driver)	Cindy Furcean
Memory Turner (Rico's mother)	Clay Vanhooser
Rev. Blake Stephens	Lynn Twitty (cancer)
Bobby Wallace	Evelyn Hyder (cancer)
Kathy Hilton	Becky Knight (cancer)
Ginny Liebsch	Jeremy Germinis (cancer)
Devonia McGee	Max Atnip (cancer)
Kathy Shanks	Mel Brown (cancer)
Julie Stepp's mother	Steven Middleton (cancer)
Leighann Morgan and family	Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)
Wanda McCaskey	Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)
Ella Haynes	Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)
Pat Brumfield	Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)
Don Dyer	Unnamed prayer requests
Euna Hancock Brown	Those in the military and their families