



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
February 10, 2021*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

This past Sunday was the first time that weather has forced us to make changes to our worship schedule in quite some time. While it is early in the week, there is a chance of brutally cold temperatures and even ice this weekend. So, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of our inclement weather policy.

While worship is a vital part of who we are and what we do as a church, we want to make sure that we provide those opportunities as safely as possible. While we always want to make the effort to meet for worship, at times it may be necessary to cancel a service or even close the church on Sunday morning for the safety of the congregation and of the staff. In the event that a change is deemed necessary, we will send word through email, text messaging, and Facebook by 7:00am. You can always call a staff member as well. As always, if we do have service, we encourage you to use discretion. I promise that God loves you even if you feel safer at home.

Thankfully, through this pandemic, we have learned that, while not ideal, we can still offer worship even if we are unable to be together in person. In the event of cancellation, we will still be able to offer announcements, prayer, and a sermon through our Facebook page.

Hopefully, none of this will be necessary any time soon. However, whether we are gathered together in person, online, or a mixture of the two, we will continue to worship together as a part of the family of God.

Blessings, Christian

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES This Sunday we will return to our normal worship schedule with services 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.

Upcoming Birthday!

Pete Weber will soon be celebrating his 90th birthday and we ask that you help us celebrate with him by sending birthday cards! This is an awesome milestone for Pete and we'd like to make it even more special! Pete's address is: **4048 Charlton Square - Cookeville, TN 38501**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, February 17th, marks the beginning of Lent. While we will not have an Ash Wednesday service, Caleb or Christian will be available from 11:00am-7:00pm on that Wednesday in the sanctuary for the imposition of ashes and prayer. We encourage you and your family to come to the church and remember the beginning of the season of Lent.

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

Worship Information

Sunday, February 14th, will be the 6th Sunday of Epiphany. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary or online at 8:45am.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes

Christian has resumed Wednesday night Bible Studies. The Study takes place tonight at 6pm and will be conducted on Zoom. We encourage you to join us as we discuss a variety of topics this semester. Tonight, we will talk about Daniel in the Lion's den.



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

We will be having Sunday School classes for all of our school-aged children, youth and adult classes this Sunday. 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!



Thank You and Update from Don Anderson

My Dearest Friends at CFCPC,

Hello all. I write to send you all my sincerest 'Thanks,' for your prayers, your cards, and your loving words of support. Your frequent Get Well cards and abundant prayers have strengthened me during one of the most difficult periods of my life. Specifically, the nerve damage to my left arm from the car accident I was in last July.



Following the repairs to my left ankle, right wrist, and small intestine at Erlanger, I spent the next five months visiting with an Orthopedic Surgeon, a Neurologist, and Physical Therapists in Rome, Georgia and then, Neurosurgeons at Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. All in all, not a fun time, but a blessing meeting some truly incredible healthcare folks, and being let to probably the best Neurosurgeon in the U.S.

I return to the Mayo Clinic on 8 Feb for additional tests, evaluations, and God bless, me, surgery on the 11th that, over time, should return the use of my left arm to me. Please, please, please continue your mighty prayers that our Lord's will be done in and thru me as I seek to serve Him, and as I enter this next chapter of my healing/recovery.

I love you all, I miss you all, I pray y'all are keeping well, and I look forward to the day we can be reunited in His house. You folks have been an incredible blessing to me from our Lord God himself.

I remain yours, faithfully,

Don Anderson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, February 7, 2021

Commitments - \$14,015.00 Undesignated - \$655.00 Other - \$1,500.00

Sunday's offering included \$300.00 for assistance, \$200.00 for Winona projects and \$1,000.00 from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$16,170.00

GIVING



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)



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.



Prayer Requests . . .

Angie Knight (breast cancer)	Don Dyer
Rhonda Barlow (breast cancer - surgery)	Dorothy Nichols
Don Anderson (surgery)	Ramona Tilghman
Jean Webb (knee replacement)	Ruth Sapp
Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad)	Junior Dickerson's sister, Fay
Tim Fournet (surgery)	Dave James
Jim Dixon (surgery)	Wilma Diemer
Coen Malone Chambers (Carolyn Pinkley's great-grandson)	Bob Hill
Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families	Jim Lansford
Al Middleton (motorcycle accident)	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)
Euna Hancock Brown	Unnamed prayer requests
	Those in the military and their families