

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
May 12, 2021*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

As we transition (albeit it slowly) back to normalcy, I think we all need to do some introspection. For over a year we have been dealing with social distancing and face masks. We have been dealing with cancellations and rescheduling. We have been dealing with everything that we know being turned upside down. Now, it is time to prepare ourselves for a better post-pandemic life.

I was never trained on how to be a pastor in the midst of a pandemic. I was never trained on how to do things in a relationship-oriented job when relationships are taken away. I have no doubt that there are numerous things that I could have done better. I have no doubt that there are things that I should have done or said differently. As we start to return to normalcy, I hope that you will forgive me for the ways that I may have disappointed you as we dealt with COVID and all that came with it.

Likewise, I hope that you will forgive each other. I hope that you will seek forgiveness from each other. None of us has dealt with a global pandemic before. None of us have handled things perfectly. All of us have allowed emotions to run high and patience to wear thin as we have tried to do the best we could during trying times. As normalcy returns, let us seek to restore relationships through forgiveness and love.

Blessings, Christian

Recognition Of Our Graduating Seniors



Congratulations to each of the following students for their achievements as they approach graduation from Cookeville High School. Commencement activities will take place on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10am in Tucker Stadium at TTU. These students will be honored during the 8:45am service on Sunday; you are invited to give cards/gifts to graduating seniors between the 8:45 and 11:00am worship services on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes to each of these students as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

*Olivia King
Riley Stewart*

Hayden Verble

*Trip Wallace
Reece Wilkerson*

THIS Friday, May 14th - 7:15 PM

You and your family are invited to enjoy a movie under the church pavilion on Friday, the 14th of May. Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Feel free to bring refreshments, lawn chairs, and blankets. Contact Caleb if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*****Monday, May 19th, 5:30-7:30 pm*****

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

Roots Salon in front; Food to the Rescue in the back



We need **40** volunteers for this event! There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities. Masks are required. To sign up: Text/Call/Email Tracy Sparks at (931)261-1029/sparkst@pcsstn.com.

Delivery drivers are needed! Sign up at: <http://ow.ly/65Rs50zuDgw>

Youth Mission Trip

The youth group of the church will be embarking on a mission trip to West Virginia from July 17-23. Adult volunteers are needed! If you would like to register, please contact Caleb. The deadline for registration is June 13th.



We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins, Judy Sullivan and The Joyful Noise Ringers for their leadership in our music this week. We also want to thank Carroll Gotcher and Jodi Smith for their help with the church PowerPoint.

Worship Information

Sunday, May 16th, is Senior Sunday. The chancel color is white. Our text for the sermon will be James 4:13-15. Rev. Caleb Norris will be presenting the sermon. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am. We will be celebrating our graduates in the 8:45am service.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 9, 2021

Commitments - \$9,155.00 Undesignated - \$1,628.90 Other - \$110.00

Sunday's offering included \$50.00 for the Assistance Program and \$60.00 from Weight Watchers for use of the church.

Total Deposit - \$10,893.90

Help With the COVID Vaccine Registration

The Missions Ministry is offering to help anyone in the church who needs assistance in registering for the COVID vaccine. Call Sandra in the church office (526-6585) for more information.



Sunday Worship



We are now having two services on Sundays - one at 8:45am (broadcast online) and one at 11:00am. Both the 8:45 and 11am services will take place in the sanctuary. Masks are required for the 8:45am service; the 11am service is a mask-optional service. Social distancing is encouraged in both services.

Community Needs

The Pregnancy Center of Cookeville is sponsoring a diaper/baby item drive and you are invited to participate. The following are needed: diapers (sizes newborn, 4,5,6), newborn Onesie Sleepers (new), gently used high chairs, activity seats, rattles and toys for babies age one-year and under. Please bring your donations to Sandra in the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CPWM News

- The **Cumberland Presbyterian Convention** will be held in Louisville, KY June 27-July 2.
- The **CPWM Yard Sale** will be held on June 25th all day and June 26th till 1pm. Please start collecting your items for this year's sale. We will start taking items on the Monday after Father's Day. The yard sale helps the community by giving people the opportunity to buy good clean items at a very economical price, We donate all items left over to other charities in the community. We use our profits for missions work in the CPC and items needed for the ministry of our church.
- The Annual CPWM Picnic will be held on September 13th to kick off the 2021-2022 year. Our theme will be **"RISE UP"** based on Isaiah 40:31. We welcome all women of the church to join one of our three circles. For more information contact Belinda at 931-979-7816.



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men has resumed with Tim Fournet leading the discussion. All men are encouraged to attend. The study will take place in the FLC. Feel free to bring your lunch!

GIVING

It is our hope that, during this world health crisis, Cookeville FCPC 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. 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)





Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in celebration of Nathan's birthday by Roger & Jan Presley.

Grief Share

Grief Support Group



The Missions Ministry is sponsoring a six-week session of grief support starting on Tuesday, May 19. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Family Life Center. We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to come join us for these meetings. Please see Frankie Dickerson or Nancy Miller if you have questions.

Walker Available

If you know of someone who might make use of a barely-used walker, Ellen Beckham has one that she would be happy to donate. The walker rolls and has a seat in addition to an attached basket. If interested, call Ellen at 252-2831.



Prayer Requests . . .

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| Dave James | Bob Hill |
| Ginny Liebsch (pacemaker) | Jim Lansford |
| Shawntelle Mathieson | Levi Rector |
| Ron Hensley | Robert Buck |
| Joyce Keller (broken leg - Blue Roof) | Johnny Dunn (COPD) |
| Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy) | Cindy Furcean |
| Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia) | Clay Vanhooser |
| Rhonda Barlow | Ginger Trevault (cancer treatment) |
| Don Anderson | Lynn Twitty (cancer) |
| Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt) | Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder (cancer) |
| Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families | Becky Knight (cancer) |
| Jim Dixon (cancer) | Jeremy Germinis (cancer) |
| Jimmy Stringer | Max Atnip (cancer) |
| Bobby Wallace | Mel Brown (cancer) |
| Kathy Hilton | Steven Middleton (cancer) |
| Devonia McGee | Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills) |
| Kathy Shanks | Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe) |
| Wanda McCaskey | Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe) |
| Pat Brumfield | Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare) |
| Ella Haynes | Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside) |
| Dorothy Nichols | Unnamed prayer requests |
| Ramona Tilghman | Those in the military and their families |
| Wilma Diemer | |

