



# *Mid-Week Manna*

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
August 11, 2021*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**



I am so excited! For the first time since February 26, 2020, this evening we finally return to Wednesday Connection. While we have tried to maintain connection and fellowship over the last year and a half, I think that most of us would admit that it has been a struggle. I have missed the connection that we find when we are able to break bread together. I have missed the togetherness that is experienced as we all gather to discuss scripture and our relationship with Christ. I have missed being able to pray over crochet projects. I have missed seeing our children and youth play

downstairs. We are aware of the fact that the pandemic has not ended and that we need to continue to strive to be as safe as we can. I urge you to make the decisions that are best for your family at home and for your church family. I hope you will make plans to be here tonight as we gather for the first time in 531 days (yes, I did the math) to study, play, eat, and perhaps most importantly, experience connection.

Blessings, Christian

## **CONNECTION RETURNS!**

We are excited about the return of Connection and invite you to take part in the various activities offered through this program. We start with dinner TONIGHT at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided by Grade-A Catering and we ask that you let us know ahead of time if you plan to come. There are reservation cards in the narthex of the church, you can go to our church website or you can call Sandra in the church office to make your reservations. We need to know by Tuesday morning whether you and your family plan to eat. Cost for the meal is \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults, not to exceed \$12.00 per household.



There will be children (6:00), youth (6:00) and adult (6:15) studies available for all ages. The Twisted Stitchers will meet in the Session Room at 6:00.

This semester's adult study will be led by Christian and will focus on "The Fruits of the Spirit". The women of the church are invited to attend a study of the book Discerning the Voice of God led by Jean Webb.

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank The Joyful Noise Ringers for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith for her help with the church PowerPoint.

### Worship Information

Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. Our text for the sermon will be John 6:51-58. Please plan to join us online (8:45am) or in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship and celebrate the goodness of God.



The response to the invitation to join the Sanctuary Choir in rehearsal this past Sunday evening was spectacular. We are so excited about our return and have many great anthems selected for the fall. We invite YOU to join us in making a joyful noise. No experience is required and you will be welcomed by everyone in the group. We meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary of the church. Feel free to contact Sandra at 931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934 with questions.

### CPWM News

The Annual CPWM Picnic will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Are you afraid of missing God's voice and call on your life, not recognizing it when He speaks, or of never hearing from Him at all? Well there is good news for you: God will find a way to get to you no matter where you are in your walk with Him!*

Join us during Connection on Wednesday evenings for a special Women's Bible Study. We will meet in the Family Life Center following Connection dinner. Our study will be based on Pricilla Shirer's Discerning the Voice of God. We thank Jean Webb for leading this study. Contact Jean at (931)261-0305 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

### New Ministry in our Church

The Missions committee has started a new ministry in which the congregation can take an active part. They invite you to take a card or cards from the Fellowship Hall and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises - while they are fresh on your minds. Take it with you or leave it for the Missions/Outreach committee to address, stamp, and mail for you. This is a wonderful way to express care, concern and support for others in our church.



### We Need Your Help!



Please consider taking the time to learn how to run the church video system. Our video streaming has allowed people to stay connected to the church, reconnect with the church, and find new connection with the church. Steve Boots and Bill Byers do a great job, but they could use a break on occasion. It is not difficult to run this system but would require some training. We would love to help you learn how to occasionally assist in our worship services. If you are interested, please let Christian know.

Helping Hands of Putnam County is in need of items for their food/household pantry. We have been able to help the organization in the past but it has been awhile and we ask that you consider bringing the following items to the church office to aid in their community support efforts: powdered laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper. They would appreciate your donations.



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>

The **BUILDING & GROUNDS** ministry is having a work day on this coming Saturday, August 14, starting at 8am. Please consider coming to help in keeping up the grounds of the church.



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 1, 2021

Commitments - \$19,109.00    Undesignated - \$2,569.00    Other - \$941.00

Sunday's offering includes \$55.00 for flowers, \$300.00 for assistance and \$591.00 for the Youth Fundraiser.

Total Deposit - \$20,050.00

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 8, 2021

Commitments - \$10,710.00    Undesignated - \$3,220.00    Other - \$125.00

Sunday's offering includes \$50.00 for flowers and \$75.00 for facility usage.

Total Deposit - \$10,835.00

### **September 26 Event**



Set aside Sunday, 9/26, for the annual **CHURCH FISH FRY / FALL FESTIVAL**. Everyone is welcome to come for dinner and activities starting at 5pm. The event will take place in the Family Life Center. Plan to come and spend some time socializing with your church family.



### Altar Flowers



*This past Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron & Tina Thurman's happy 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.*

### Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study for men has resumed with Tim Fournet leading the discussions. We are meeting in the Family Life Center. Please plan to join us.



## Prayer Requests

Holly & Andrew Lawrence (twins born at 26 weeks) - friends of Maggie Wharton

Tyler Brown

Frankie Dickerson (home)

Mel Brown (cancer)

Wanda McCaskey (home)

Harold Mayberry (stroke - Kristi Langford's father)

Connie Boots

Johnny & Geraldine Dunn

Bob Zolg

Stanley Hawkins (Ann Wynne Hawkins' father-in-law);

Dan Southerland (cancer, heart)

Ron Hensley

Joyce Keller (home)

Tracy Sparks (Bell's Palsy)

Jerry Peek (Jeff's dad - leukemia)

Don Anderson

Louise Burton-Buck (James Maggart's aunt)

Those addicted to drugs/alcohol; their families

Jimmy Stringer

Bobby Wallace

Kathy Hilton

Devonia McGee

Kathy Shanks

Pat Brumfield

Ella Haynes

Dorothy Nichols

Ramona Tilghman

Wilma Diemer

Jim Lansford

Levi Rector

Robert Buck

Cindy Furcean

Clay Vanhooser

Jim Dixon (cancer)

Ginger Trevault (cancer treatment)

Lynn Twitty (cancer)

Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder (cancer)

Becky Knight (cancer)

Jeremy Germinis (cancer)

Max Atnip (cancer)

Steven Middleton (cancer)

Charlene Huddleston (Cedar Hills)

Carol Burgess (Heritage Pointe)

Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe)

Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare)

Jo Gentry (Morningside)

Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Morningside)

Unnamed prayer requests

Those in the military and their families

