



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
August 10, 2022*

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## **From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

I am excited to start back our Wednesday Connection Bible Studies tonight. In our adult class, for the next several weeks, we will be discussing the sacraments of the church. We will talk about what the sacraments are, why they are important to the church, and why we do them the way that we do. This was a study that we began during our Wednesday night studies in early 2020. Due to tornadoes and Covid, we were not able to complete this study together.

I am excited about discussing the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. I am excited to hear what it means to you when we celebrate these moments in the church. But I am also excited about finally being able to finish the study that we began over 30 months ago.

Sometimes we find ourselves separated from what we believe we ought to do or we what we believe God is asking us to do. Sometimes it is due to disaster and disease. Sometimes it is due to circumstances of life. Sometimes it is because of procrastination or stubbornness. Thankfully we serve a patient, forgiving, and compassionate God who is always ready to help lead us back to the right paths in life.

It is not too late for us to go back and complete this study. Also, it is not too late for any of us to go back and restore relationship with God or neighbor. It is also not too late for you to go back and to do whatever it is God is calling you to do. I am excited to be talking about the sacraments, but I am more excited about us setting the example that, with God, it is never too late.

**\* TONIGHT... \***

**Connection resumes this evening with dinner at 5:15pm (reservation required)  
followed by class opportunities at 6 and 6:15pm.**

On August 21<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. During both of our morning worship services, Rev. Kenny Butcher, Associate Pastor at Cloyd's Cumberland Presbyterian Church and former member at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will be preaching. That evening we will begin gathering at the Family Life Center at 5:00pm for fellowship, and at 5:30 we will enjoy a BBQ dinner together. While the church will provide the meal, we do ask for your help with desserts. We look forward to celebrating this church milestone together.



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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. The scripture for the sermon is Isaiah 5:1-7. Rev. Caleb Norris will be delivering the sermon. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God.

## Wednesday Connection

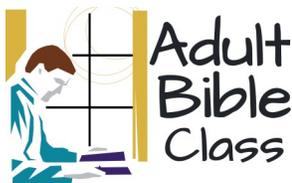
Our Wednesday evening Connection picks back up this evening with dinner at 5:15 (reservation required). **PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 10AM ON TUESDAYS!** Meal prices are \$6.00 per person and no household pays more than \$20.00. You may complete a reservation card (found on the narthex table) and place it in the offering or on Sandra's desk, go to our website or call the church office. You may make a standing reservation or reserve on a week-to-week basis.



We will need assistance with setting up, serving and cleanup for the meal. You may sign up to help using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-august>. We will also need folks who are willing to help deliver meals to some of our church members.

Finally, there are classes for all age groups with youth and children starting at 6pm and the adult class meeting at 6:15. The Twisted Stitchers will be resuming and they will meet at 6 in the Session Room. Questions? Call Sandra in the church office (931-526-6585).

## Connection Bible Study for Adults



The Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith states, "Sacraments are signs and testimonies of God's covenant of grace. Circumcision and passover are the sacraments of the Old Testament; baptism and the Lord's Supper are the sacraments of the New Testament. They are given by God and through his presence, word, and will are made effective."

Two years ago we began a study on the sacraments of the church. Unfortunately, Covid interrupted that study and we were never able to complete it. This evening at 6:15pm, we will return to our study of baptism and the Lord's Supper and what they mean and what they can mean to our lives.

Can't sing but would love to be part of a musical group? How about joining ranks as a handbell player? You don't have to be able to read music, however, it helps to have a good sense of rhythm. We can help you learn the techniques necessary for playing and will show you how you can mark your music for success! If you are interested in this opportunity, see or contact Sandra in the church office. We need several players to make a full choir work, so consider joining us!



### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Commitments - \$9,410.00      Undesignated - \$3,577.15      Other - \$232.00

This past Sunday, \$75.00 was collected from Weight Watchers and \$157.00 was given as a donation from the Smith family reunion.

Total Deposit - \$13,219.15





of the church. We work together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and the choir is a vital part of the worship experience. Please consider joining us as we continue to work on music for the fall semester.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUMED THIS PAST SUNDAY!** Our numbers are great, but we would love to have YOU join the group. The Sanctuary Choir is a group of individuals that meets weekly for rehearsal and prepares/presents anthems for the first and third Sundays of the month. We also prepare music for special services throughout the year. Our aim is to fellowship with one another and share our talents and love for music with members

### Recovery Kitchen



LOCAL MISSIONS

The church missions team is putting together a meal for the Recovery Kitchen and needs your help in donating food and other items. This program prepares and delivers food to homeless camps in Cookeville. Please have food to the church by **Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm**. If you are able to donate, contact Tracy Sparks by calling or texting 931-261-1029. The following are still needed:

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| Frozen breaded chicken patties (25) | Sliced mozzarella cheese (25) | Oranges (25) |
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| Kaiser rolls (25)                   | AA batteries (15)             | Dessert (25) |
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Thank you, in advance, for giving to this community effort!

Join us for a baby shower honoring Sarah Gray Jordan (daughter of Jim and Cindy Gray) on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 2:00pm in the Family Life Center at FCPC. Bring your favorite book for baby's library.



RSVP by text or call to Cindy at 931-267-8181. Sarah is registered at the Baby Registry on Amazon.com - search for Sarah and Jake Jordan, Cordova, TN.

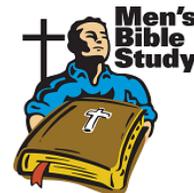
### CPWM NEWS

- ◆ The Love-Joy Circle is seeking to acquire a 4-drawer filing cabinet with a lock. Please contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 if you know of an available cabinet.
- ◆ The CPWM **Fall meeting** will take place on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Old Zion CPC. The meeting will start at 9am. Contact Belinda for more information.
- ◆ The CPWM **Fall picnic** will take place on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. The picnic will begin at 5pm.
- ◆ The **Fall Yard Sale** is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. Donations will be accepted starting September 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study continues at noon on Tuesdays. We are engaged in a study of the book of Daniel. This is a great opportunity to examine the prophecies about the end-times and prepare us for a study on the book of Revelation. We will use "Daniel: A 12-Week Study" by Todd Wilson as our guide for study. As always, all men of the church are welcomed to join the discussion.



## Seeking Church Volunteers

We invite you to share your knowledge, talents, and time with the church. The following link leads to a survey that offers you the chance to share with us how you might like to serve and help us worship together. The link is (<https://forms.gle/ryVjDiGQLRLcGVXi9>). Take a moment to check it out.



## Card Ministry

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the narthex and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises. Take your card 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.

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>



*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God in memory and celebration of our Mom, YeYe's, birthday. We love you Mom! The Charles Johnston family.*

## Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** Ron Hensley; Kendall Fogleman (3-yr-old with leukemia - Christy Huddleston's family); Pete Weber (eye surgery); Hayden Lytle (Evon Maggart's nephew); Don Holloway (Signature); Ed Fowler; Zach & Jenny Fowler (Texas); Carol Burgess (NHC); Wayne Sullivan (Teresa Smith's father - recovering from Covid); Cindy Furcean.

**Cancer Treatment:** Lynn Twitty; Evelyn Hyder; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer); Max Atnip; Steven Middleton.

**Assisted Living:** Lynn Dunham (Signature Healthcare); Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living).