



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
April 24, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

– Genesis 1:26



Every year since 1970, April 22nd has been set aside as Earth Day. It is a day that is set aside to celebrate the achievements of the environmental movement and to raise awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. Every year we set aside one day to remember our responsibility to take care of the world in which we live.

Unfortunately, like so many other things, the idea of care for the world has become a political topic. Instead of focusing on God’s call to protect the gift of the world that we have been given, we debate “global warming.” Instead of talking about how we might better care for the earth that was created for our benefit, we debate the idea of “climate change.”

We want to argue whether or not these topics are “man-made” or whether or not they are a hoax. However, what we cannot debate is that God calls us to take dominion over this world. That is not permission to do whatever we wish to God’s creation. Instead, it is a call to protect this gift that was meant for us and for our children. Genesis 2 reminds us that, “The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.”

We have only been given one earth. This world that we are given is not a political talking point. This world that we have been given is not a partisan debate. This beautiful world of ours is a gift from God that we are called to appreciate and protect.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, April 28th, will be the 5th Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon is Acts 8:26-40. Rev. Caleb Norris will be preaching. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God. The 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

New Members Sunday School Class



THIS SUNDAY, at 10am, Christian will be teaching a new Sunday School class for those who are interested in becoming members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church or those who are simply interested in knowing more about the church. We will talk about the history of our local congregation and our denomination. We will also talk about the beliefs of the denomination. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Christian.

Congratulations



We celebrate the marriage of Angela Joyce Dixon and Chad Anthony Yonge, who wed on Saturday, April 20, in San Antonio, TX. Angela is the daughter of Jim and Debbie Dixon and the granddaughter of Sarah Joyce.

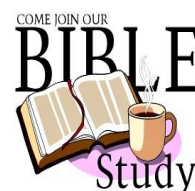
Wednesday Connection

Our Wednesday evening Connection program has concluded for this semester. We will resume in the fall. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the program a success!



Men's Bible Study

The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study has resumed. Tim Fournet is leading a discussion on Warren Wiersbe's book on Proverbs. Bring your lunch if you would like, and join us in the Session Room of the church!!! All men in the church are invited to attend.



Special Invitation

We invite you to join us as Anabel Rosario Fermin shares her story of faith and trust in God through tragedy and loss. She received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox when young and learned that God is always there, taking care of those He loves.

Anabel will be speaking on Friday, April 26th, at 8:30am in the Family Life Center of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We hope you will come celebrate her faith in God as she shares her story.



COOKEVILLE CP CHURCH

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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6:30 PM

RSVP AT 931-526-6585

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MASTER SINGERS CONCERT



Mastersingers Incorporated will present a concert on April 28th at 3:00pm in the Wattenbarger Auditorium of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. This concert will feature Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. Ann Clark and Brenda Johnson will be performing with the group and Josh Davis will serve as an accompanist for the program. To purchase tickets, you may see Brenda Johnson or visit the Mastersingers website at <https://mastersingersinc.com>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Commitments - \$3,110.00 Undesignated - \$1,294.00 Other - \$470.00

This week's offering includes a \$100.00 donation to the Recovery Kitchen program, \$100.00 to the Youth Program, \$100.00 to the Music Ministry and \$170.00 in Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$4,874.00



Regional CPWM Meeting

There will be a regional meeting of the CPWM **THIS** Saturday, April 27, at the Rocky Glade CP Church. Registration starts at 9am and we invite all of our ladies to attend. You may contact Belinda Wynne at 931-979-7816 if you are interested in attending or would like more information about the event.



New Smartphone App



For our smartphone users, we have developed a church app for First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. While we are still learning to use all of its features, I hope you will consider downloading it and using the tools you will find there. It can be downloaded using the QR code at the right. If you need help, please feel free to see one of the ministers of the church.

Wanted: Pictures

We would love to have you snap pictures of various groups and special events - just candid shots of church events for use in the Mid-Week Manna, website and Facebook page. These pics don't have to be professional grade - just snap them with your phone or camera and send them to Christian or Caleb!



For Our Visitors AND Members



We are excited to have the opportunity to worship with you on Sundays. If you are visiting with us or are currently attending our church, please take a moment to scan the QR code to the left and help us to get to know you and how we can better serve you. You may also use this form to share prayer concerns, praise reports, or other requests with your pastors.

Individuals: Don Haynes; Tommy Payne (Robbie Huddleston's brother - open heart surgery); the family of James Smith (Freeman's brother); Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton's nephew); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's Sister - pancreatic cancer); Shelby Dunham (new baby); Steve Varney (Lori's brother - recovery from thoracic surgery); Ginny Liebsch; Carrie Brown (broken leg); Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Leona Bryant (Steve's mother); Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Georgia Hensley; Jimmy & Linda Stringer; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



Cancer Treatment: Wayne Shanks; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Ginger Tevault (Julie Stepp's mother - chemo); Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer).

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Charter Senior Living); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe); Dave & Jackie Van der Cook (Charter Senior Living); Bob Zolg (Heritage Pointe).

