



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
May 8, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. – Psalm 46:1-3

As I sit in my office and look outside my windows, it is beginning to look eerily dark. At 8am it is supposed to be bright outside, but I can barely see East 10th Street this morning. Storms are on the way and the threat of storms is present all day and much of the night. Unfortunately, many of us in this area are highly familiar with the destruction these storms can bring. Thankfully, we also know the precautions we need to take to prepare ourselves before the storms arrive and we know what to do to try to protect ourselves during the storms.

Even when the sun is shining, we often face the storms of life. Problems, pressures, disappointments, challenges, and heartaches come our way. When that happens, life begins to look eerily dark. Trouble comes our way, and we get concerned about what the future may bring. God never promises that we will be able to avoid the storms of life, but we are consistently promised, throughout scripture, that when they do come our way, we do not have to face them alone. We are promised that God will be our refuge and that God will guide us through the storm. We prepare for the storms by learning to trust in the God who loves us.

I hope that you are prepared and have a plan in case storms strike today. That plan is the best thing you can do to prepare for the weather. I also hope that you are preparing for the storms of life by praying, learning about, and seeking to have a closer relationship with the God who wants to guide you through all that life has to offer.

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 12th, will be Senior Sunday. The chancel color will be white. The text that will be used for the sermon will be Matthew 7:7-12. We will be celebrating our four graduation high school seniors and praying for their futures. 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.

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Breakfast for our Teachers



One of the missions of our church is to serve as school adopters for Prescott Middle School. At the end of the school year the mission committee provides breakfast for all the staff on the school work day. We need a total of 10 dozen muffins and 8 large fruit trays. Please text or call Kim Wright at 931-267-6981 if you are able to donate. Your help would be much appreciated! Bring food to the church kitchen by 4pm on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Twisted Stitchers Meet Tonight



We invite you, if you are wanting to learn to knit or crochet, to meet us at in the Session Room of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church this evening at 6pm. If you are a frequent shopper at Hobby Lobby, we ask that you pick up cotton yarn to donate for community projects. We hope to see you this evening!

Join us for a baby shower honoring Molly & Rhen Hughey on Saturday, May 11th, from 10am-11:30am in the Family Life Center. Reid Kurtis is due to arrive in July; the future grand-parents are Mike & Dana Davidson. Molly & Rhen live in San Antonio, TX where Rhen is an officer in US Army Nurse Corp. Registry and shipping info is available at www.babylist.com.



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*** WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th - 5:30-7:30pm ***

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

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



Part of the outreach program of our church is the packing of boxes for Food to the Rescue. This program helps to feed underprivileged children during the Summer Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 5, 2024

Commitments - \$12,650.00 Undesignated - \$3,530.00 Other - \$4,682.00

This week's offering includes \$100.00 for the Recovery Kitchen program, \$12.00 for flowers, a \$80.00 reimbursement for the music program and a \$4,490.00 reimbursement for the July Mission trip.

Total Deposit - \$20,862.00



Graduates

CELEBRATE WITH US!

GRADUATE SUNDAY

CLASS OF 2024 SUN. MAY 12



ALEXANDER EADS MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL	ELISABETH HUDSON COOKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	CADEN LANGFORD COOKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	PETE STONE COOKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES AS WELL!

CONNOR BAGGETT - CHS HANNAH BOLES - CHS ALEXANDER HARMON - CHS
WILL HITCHCOCK - INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE & SP. ED.
JAKE JORDAN - U.T. SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
CARYS MYRACLE - MADISON COUNTY HIGH, VA EVA SPARKS - U.T. KNOXVILLE
SAMANTHA STEPHENSON DURANT - EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL

Our four seniors will have tables in the fellowship hall displaying their achievements and personalities. They will have books available if you would like to wish them well, and space will be provided on the tables if you would like to give a card or gift.

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.

Love-Joy Circle to Meet

The Love-Joy Circle will meet on Monday, May 13th, at 10:00am in the Session Room. Anita Stephenson will lead our Bible study on the "Women of the Bible"; we will be discussing Jehosheba this month. All women of the Church are invited to attend.



Sonshine Circle Meeting

The Sonshine Circle will meet in the parking lot beside the Family Life Center on Tuesday, May 14th, at 11:00am. We will be carpooling to "This Is Living Ministries" off Hwy 70. Please remember to bring the side dish you signed up for. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Recovery Kitchen



Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We have everything we need for this time around and want you to know how much we appreciate the congregation of our church for their generosity in giving to this project. **A reminder to have all donations to the church by Friday, May 10th, at noon.**

JOY Club Event/Men's Bible Study Luncheon

If you are a member of the JOY Club or attend the Tuesday Men's Bible Study, you are invited to a luncheon at the home of Tim and Liz Fournet on **Tuesday, May 21st**. Lunch will be served between 11am and 12:30pm. Christian will be driving the church bus to the house and you may ride or drive. The bus will leave the church at 10:30am. If you wish to drive, the address is 310 W. Cleveland Avenue in Monterey. Liz's phone number is 931-260-8494; call for directions.



There is a signup sheet on the narthex table and you may let us know if you are going by signing the sheet or giving Sandra a call in the church office. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies. We look forward to hearing from you!



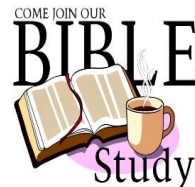
Wanted: Pictures



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!

Men's Bible Study

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



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.

Individuals: Bill Grogan (back surgery); 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); 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).

