

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 10, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13



Unfortunately, this Sunday we will be saying goodbye to Caleb Norris as our Associate Minister. Caleb has faithfully served this church for the last four years. Since he announced that he would be leaving our church, I have heard numerous times that it is a huge loss for our congregation. That is certainly true. He has been a constant presence for our youth, who have all shared their admiration for his ability to teach them the scriptures. The programming, Bible studies, and sermons that he has led will be missed. Most importantly, the relationships that he has built with people of all ages will be missed.

As painful as it is to see Caleb leaving as a staff member of our church, that pain is a blessing. Certainly, we wish that Caleb and Sophie were staying here in Cookeville. However, if they are choosing to move on to the next step in their journey, it is a blessing that it is a sad occasion and not a joyful one. The pain means that he has made a great mark in our lives and in the life of our church.

This Sunday we will have a reception between worship services. I hope that you will take the time, not just to let Caleb and Sophie know that you will miss them, but also to let them know why you will miss them. As you wish them well for their future, I hope you will also let them know how your future will be different because of the time that you got to spend with them. We will miss Caleb and Sophie being a part of our church, but our church is a better place for the time they spent with us.



VBS— This Next Week!

***VBS informational meeting for ALL VBS volunteers Sunday, July 14th at 3:00pm.**

Please plan to stay and help us decorate after the meeting.

***Contact Kathy Elbert with any VBS questions at 815-258-8667.**



July 15-18 5-7 pm Ages 0-12

**First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
565 East 10th St.
Cookeville, TN 38501**

Use the following link to register your child(ren) for VBS:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DzRqr6FNiGEoB8bra6dVPgp0v436DMznmAICJyC6s3A/edit>



Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 14th, will be the 8th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-16. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God together. During the 8:45 service, which will be streamed via our YouTube channel, we will also have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thursday Night Bible Study Will Meet



This summer, we have offered a Thursday night Bible study at FCPC. The turnout for the study has been just amazing and we hope to do another study in the near future. Tonight's lesson will be the final one in the series and will be based on the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verses 25-37. The topic for study is "Being a Good Neighbor" and Jim Greeson will be leading the class. Everyone is invited to attend.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. As is so often is the response for the call for help, we have most of the items needed for this meal. We are, however, still in need of the following. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give any of the these to the program. We need all food to the church by Friday, July 12th, at noon.

45 servings coleslaw

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90 bottles water

As always, thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

Men's Tuesday Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study **has begun meeting again**. Tim Fournet is leading a study on the book of Matthew. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning and fellowshiping with others in the church. We look forward to seeing you then!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 7, 2024

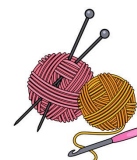
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Total Deposit - \$20,501.00

Twisted Stitches Knitting/Crochet Ministry

This evening, the Twisted Stitches invite you to join them in the Session Room of the church to knit/crochet items for the community. You may be a beginner or experienced in the art; all are welcomed. We will be meeting at 6:00pm.





Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Wilma Wright by Allen and Kim Wright.

CPWM Executive Committee Meeting

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, August 4th, at 4pm in the Session Room of the church. The meeting will be held for the purpose of setting the 24-25 budget. All committee members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



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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.

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!



A festive rodeo-themed announcement for a baby shower. The background is a light cream color with a brown border. It features various brown silhouettes: a cowboy hat with a white star and a square buckle at the top center; a revolver in the top right; a cactus on the left; a cowboy boot with a white star on the bottom right; and another cowboy boot on the bottom left. There are also several five-pointed stars of different sizes scattered throughout. The text is centered and reads: "Celebrate our first rodeo Gentry baby shower July 27 @ 12pm CST @Cookeville Cumberland Presbyterian Church". Below this, a smaller line of text says: "We are asking for everyone to bring a baby book instead of a card, feel free to sign the inside for us to look back on through the years."

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*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

The church expresses sympathy to the family of Don Haynes, father of Barbara Greeson. Don passed away in Florida on Sunday of this past weekend. A Celebration of Life will be held in Cookeville at a later date. Please keep Barbara and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Don Haynes; Martha Clift (surgery); Judy Robbins and family (car accident); Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Georgia Hensley; Bill Grogan (back surgery); Anthony Manis (Kathy Hilton’s nephew); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder’s sister - pancreatic cancer); Ginny Liebsch; Greg Hensley (Georgia’s son); Leona Bryant (Steve’s mother); Christopher Tollett (colon cancer); Jimmy & Linda Stringer; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.



REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER

Cancer Treatment: Wayne Shanks; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Susie Hyder (Evelyn’s daughter - breast cancer).

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

