



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 17, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. – 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I talked about this phenomenon several weeks ago. I work hard every week to prepare a sermon that I hope will be meaningful to the congregation. Each week, I spend several hours studying, writing, and rewriting to be able to present something to our church that will provide inspiration or guidance for the week ahead. However, no matter how hard I try, there are some weeks when I don't feel the sermon was as good as it should have been. Yet, it never fails that when that happens, God reminds me that as long as I am faithful to God's call and follow God's instructions, then it is God and the Holy Spirit who will see to it that our work is effective.

Two Sundays ago, I left the church feeling unhappy about the sermon I preached. I left the pulpit feeling like I had let down the church and God. Yet, that week I received multiple text messages and emails from members of our church wanting to express their thanks for the sermon. This past Sunday, I had several people share with me that they thought about that sermon all week long.

I don't share that story to brag about me or my sermon. I share that story to brag about the work of the Holy Spirit. We are called to make a difference in this world by serving God together. However, we are not called to bring about change on our own. We are called to allow God to work with us and through us for the benefit of others. There are days when you will feel ineffective. In those moments, remember that God is always working through you to bring about growth for the Kingdom of God.

Food to the Rescue needs some help. Because we have Vacation Bible School this week, we have not scheduled a time for our church to assist with the FTTR's mid-summer food distribution. They still need help to ensure that all of our community's school children get fed. If you can spend some time and energy helping to fill or deliver food boxes **TONIGHT** or **TOMORROW** please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094EADAE28AAFA7-48995436-summer?>

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 21st, will be the 9th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be 2 Samuel 7:1-14. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45 or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us, our 8:45 service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

THANK YOU!

Once again, on behalf of the local chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace, our sincere thanks go out to the members of this congregation, and the Women's Ministry, for so generously donating 90 pillows to replenish our supply! Our local chapter was started just two years ago, in July of 2022, and in that time the faithfulness of this church and so many others in our generous community have made it possible for our volunteers to build and deliver 669 beds to children who had none. That means 669 children are sleeping better and doing better in school. We could not do it without you.



Men's Tuesday Bible Study

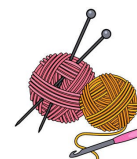
The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study has begun meeting again. Tim Fournet is leading a study on the book of Matthew. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning and fellowshiping with others in the church. We look forward to seeing you then!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 14, 2024

Commitments - \$6,260.00 Undesignated - \$1,662.00 Other - \$0.00
Total Deposit - \$7,922.00

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.



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.



Our kids (and the adult volunteers) are having a great time at ***Vacation Bible School***.
The fun continues tonight at 5pm.





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!





Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to thank Caleb and Sophie Norris for their time at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and to wish them good luck and happiness in their new journey. From the Gotcher family.

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.



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 left. If you need help, please feel free to see one of the ministers of the church.

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
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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).

