



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
September 4, 2024*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16

It is always heartbreaking to lose someone who has meant so much to us. This week we mourn the loss of Bob Zolg, who was a faithful member of this church for the last 35 years. This morning, I had the opportunity to sit down with Bob’s daughters as we began the preparations for his celebration of life on September 21.

It is such an honor to be able to have these meetings with grieving families. While we spend some of that time planning what the service will look like, we spend the majority of the meeting sharing memories. I get the opportunity to listen as families share the lessons they learned from their loved ones. I hear about the examples that families will never forget. I get to hear about how their loved one shared Christ with them. It is an honor to be able to hear the stories that will live on with that family long after their loved one has passed away.

Sitting with these families and hearing all of these wonderful memories makes me wonder. What would my family, my friends, and my church remember about me? What are the examples, lessons, and stories that define our lives? What are we doing to make the world a better place, not just for the people we know, but for all humanity? What are we doing to shine a light that gives glory to God?

Meal Delivery Help Needed

Each week we try to take a few meals from our Wednesday Connection to some of those from our church who are not able to be here in person. This service helps those individuals remain connected to their congregation. If you are willing to help with this ministry by delivering a meal or two and, perhaps, spending a few moments visiting with those members, please let Christian know.



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 8th, will be the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be James 2:1-10. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Scouts Troop 20 Update

We would like to keep the congregation informed about what our scouts have been up to lately. Well, we spent Labor Day weekend selling popcorn! Proceeds from popcorn sales pay for merit badges, camping equipment, and other expenses that come with running an active scout troop. If you see a scout selling popcorn around Cookeville in the weeks ahead, please consider buying some to support our efforts to help these young men become the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you!



Troop 20 serves boys between the ages of 11 and 18. Our mission is to prepare young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. If you would like any information about Troop 20 and our activities, please contact Carolina Barnes at carolina@beroza.com.

CIRCLES TO MEET



The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting on Monday, September 9th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. Members are encouraged to attend and we welcome all ladies in the church to join us.

The Sonshine Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. We will be studying favorite hymns and we invite all ladies of the church to attend.

Liturgist Sign-up

We would love to include your voice in worship. People of all ages are invited to help lead us in worship as our liturgist. Christian will provide you with instructions, liturgy, and, if you wish, the opening prayer early in the week. Please take a moment and sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AA28A4FDC25-50583122-liturgist>



Liturgists

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!



Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School's 2nd Annual Fall Carnival

\$12 Per Child for Unlimited
Games, Activities, and a pumpkin
from our pumpkin patch!

Bounce House, Carnival Games,
Face Painting, Snow cones,
Cotton Candy, Popcorn, A
Pumpkin Patch and so much
more! Come Out and Join Us for
all the Fun!!



September 28th

2pm-4pm

565 East 10th Street



*If your child is not old enough to
participate in games and you would still
like them to have a pumpkin there is a
separate charge of \$2*



CPNS Fall Festival Fundraiser



The **Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School** will be holding its 2nd annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, September 28th, from 2pm to 4pm. They extend a hearty welcome to the members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church to come enjoy the carnival with us this year! If you would like to donate to our carnival fundraiser, we are in need of:

Hay Bales
Pumpkins (any size!)
Baked Goods for our bake sale table

If you are interested/able to donate any of these items please contact Madison Savage at 931-644-0034 or Kristi Langford at 931-881-5379. Please have donations dropped off at the Nursery School by Friday, the 27th, at 3pm. We appreciate any and all donations!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, September 1, 2024

Commitments - \$12,200.00 Undesignated - \$3,280.00 Other - \$782.50

This week's offering includes \$75.00 for altar flowers, \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program, CPNS reimbursement of \$227.50 and \$230.00 in donations for the 08/28 Connection meal.

Total Deposit - \$16,262.50

Download the FCPC Smartphone App



For our smartphone users, there is a new church app available to you. 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 Christian for assistance.

For Our Visitors AND Members

We are always excited to have the opportunity to worship with you on Sundays. Whether you are visiting with us or are currently attending our church, please take a moment to scan the QR code to the right 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.





Connection Activities

The Fall semester is here and we have resumed our Wednesday night activities. Dinner is served every Wednesday at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations by Tuesday at 10am. Our youth and children's groups will meet downstairs at 6pm. Our "Twisted Stitchers" crafting group will meet in the Session Room at 6pm. Finally, our Adult Study will meet in the Upper Commons at 6:15pm. This semester our adults will be studying the Psalms. We will think about how they have been used and how they could serve more purpose in our lives. We hope you will join us for this evening's activities.

Join **FOOD^{to the} Rescue** as we



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by collecting 16 oz* jars of
Peanut Butter for the
current school year
food distributions.

We appreciate your help!

*jar weight varies by brand: this is a general guideline for size!



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[PayPal.me/foodtotherescue](https://www.paypal.me/foodtotherescue)



Outdoor Service and One Service Sunday



Outdoor
Worship
Service

On September 29th, we will gather outside near the Family Life Center for worship as we enjoy our Annual Outdoor Service. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair, dress comfortably, and come celebrate God’s goodness outside in God’s beautiful creation. As an added bonus, September 29th is also a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY. We will have Sunday School at 9am. Our outdoor worship will take place at 10am. Following the service, we will enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Family Life Center. We hope that you will make plans to join us for a special day at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for this next meal. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by NOON on Friday, August 9th.

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| 90 sub rolls (pre-sliced) | 45 servings potato salad | 90 bananas or oranges |
| 6 heads lettuce | 45 servings potato salad | 90 bottled waters |
| 12 tomatoes | 90 servings baked beans | |

If you would like to donate money, it will be used to purchase items for the program. You may give money to Alice, or to Sandra in the office. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.





Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and to thank Him for sending us Nate and Brody. From your grandpa, Jim Lansford.

Sympathy

The church expresses condolences to the family of Bob Zolg. Bob passed away on Saturday of this past week. A Celebration of Life will be held on September 21st at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please remember Bob's family in your thoughts and prayers.



Prayer Requests



Individuals: the family of Bob Zolg; the family of Lyna Pennycuff (Kaye O'Brien's sister); Bill Grogan (heart bypass); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); the family of Jimmy Stringer (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister, Jimmy Stringer's wife); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Ginny Liebsch; Georgia Hensley; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Dick & Pat Brumfield; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Jim Ashley (J.B. Rittenberry's brother-in-law - cancer); Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Susie Hyder (Evelyn's daughter - breast cancer); Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

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

