



# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

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*Wednesday,  
September 18, 2024*

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**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

**My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast.  
I will sing and make melody.  
Psalm 57:7**

My family, some friends, and I spent this past weekend in Bristol, Tennessee. A few of us have gone there for the last 4 years to attend Bristol's annual "Rhythm and Roots Music Festival." We go and spend 3 days listening to numerous different bands who play a variety of genres of music. During this past weekend, we had the chance to listen to rock and roll, country, bluegrass, and even a few gospel songs.

I love getting the chance to go out and listen to live music. While we always have the presence of God in our lives, when I go to a concert, I experience that presence more clearly. These artists are using the talent they were given. But beyond that, regardless of the genre, in most of the songs, the singers are expressing the joys of their lives or the pains that lead to a better understanding of life or joy. Those lyrics often remind me that my problems are not unique. We are all in this life together and these songs remind me that we ought to be able to lean upon God and each other in our times of need.

Another reason that I enjoy live music and experience the presence of God in those moments is because when the music begins, everything else fades away. When I am there at a show, my problems and fears are not important. When we are there listening to live music, everyone in the crowd is there for the same purpose. It does not matter what our life credentials may be, we are there together to enjoy a unifying experience. We are all the same and united. That is what I imagine life to be like when we all realize we are in the presence of God.

God is always with us, no matter where we are. There are simply some events and life experiences that help us to see God more clearly. We need to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, and we will have the opportunity to better understand who God is and who God wants to be for all of us. Where are you seeing God today?

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be James 3:13-18. Everyone is invited to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, our 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

## Nursery Help Needed



Our nursery attendant, Kiana Gentry, will soon be taking maternity leave and the church will need some help in the nursery. Kiana's last day before the baby is born will be October 13<sup>th</sup> so we will need volunteers beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a nursery volunteer signup sheet on the narthex table. Please take a moment to find a date(s) that you will be able to give some time to the program. Please contact Sandra in the church office with questions or a time you are available.

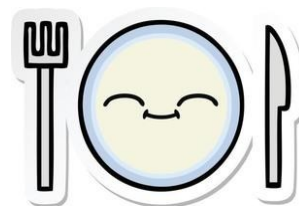
## Outdoor Service and One Service



On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Lunch will be potluck and the church will be providing meat, rolls and drinks. We hope that you will make plans to join us for a special day at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## Meal Delivery Help

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.



## 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.

## Restoring Hope

Many thanks to those who were able to donate time and funds toward roof repairs for the Restoring Hope ministry building in Baxter. Below are pictures of work being done.





## ***Connection Activities***

Our Wednesday night activities continue. Dinner is served at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations or cancelations by Tuesday at 10am. There is no charge for meals but you may help cover the cost of meals with a donation. 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 are 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.





## SHOEBOX WORK PARTY

The Women's Ministry invites you to join in a work party to put together shoeboxes for the annual Operation Christmas Child project. We will be meeting **THIS** Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm, will break for lunch, and meet again from 1pm to 3pm. We will convene in the Lower Commons area (basement) of the church. Everyone is welcome to come help us prepare for the OCC season!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. We appreciate any and all donations!

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Commitments - \$2,590.00    Undesignated - \$3,456.00    Other - \$298.00

This week's offering includes \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$40.00 for Recovery Kitchen, \$100.00 for Restoring Hope, and \$108.00 in donations for Connection meals.

Total Deposit - \$6,344.00

## **Food to the Rescue Packing Day** **\*\*\*Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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 Fall Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

## **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!

Join **FOOD<sup>to the</sup> Rescue** as we



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

We appreciate your help!



Scan above QR Code for Venmo payment

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

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

## **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.





## 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>



*A Celebration of Life will be held for Bob Zolg on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11am in the sanctuary of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cookeville. Visitation will take place from 10am to time of service.*

## *Altar Flowers*

*Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Devonía McGee by Kim Wright and Janet McGee.*



## *Prayer Requests*



**Individuals:** Jackie Van der Cook (heart attack); the family of Jo Rogers (Ashton Hitchcock's grandmother); Chloe Staggs (cheerleading accident); Don Anderson (recovering from fall); Jeff Palmer (Belinda Wynne's brother-in-law); the family of Bob Zolg; the family of Lyna Pennycuff (Kaye O'Brien's sister); Bill Grogan (heart bypass); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); 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 Furcan.

**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).

