

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

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*He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.” — Psalm 40:1-2*

Last week I was looking at social media and I saw an announcement that I could not believe. It was sharing the news that my high school classmates and I would soon be celebrating our 30th reunion. It is hard to believe that it has been that long since I graduated.

Reminders of big events from the past make me want to reminisce. I think back on all of the good times and celebrations that I have had in my life. There have been many. Throughout my life, God has given me great opportunities. God has guided me to places where I have been able to serve and make a difference. God has given me major life milestones. God has given me ample reasons to have great joy.

However, as I reminisce, there are also plenty of moments that I look back upon and regret. I can remember those moments when I failed and disappointed myself or the people who trusted me. Worse yet, there are plenty of moments when I have felt that I disappointed the God who has sought to lead me to joy and purpose in my life. While others have had difficulty giving me a second chance at times, God has never failed to offer me forgiveness, restoration, and another chance.

Throughout my life, God has sought to lead me to joy, purpose, and hope. Yet, so often, I have failed to live up to God's expectations. However, no matter how many times I have failed, God has continued to offer me forgiveness and has continued to offer me the chance to serve him. God has never held a grudge. I hope that we will remember all of the joy and forgiveness that God has always offered us. I hope those memories will help us to trust God's continued faithfulness to us in the future and will motivate us to share that same grace and forgiveness to others.

***** In Today's Edition *****

- Nursery Volunteers
- Hurricane Donations
- Trunk or Treat
- Turkey Boxes

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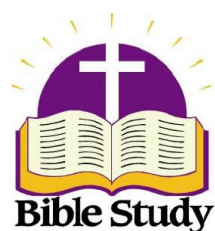


Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 20th, 2024, will be the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. The scripture for the sermon will be Hebrews 5:1-10. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God together. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Our nursery attendant, Kiana Gentry, is now on maternity leave and the church needs some help in the nursery. Kiana's last day was this past Sunday and we will need volunteers beginning THIS SUNDAY. 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.



Men's Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, October 22nd, with a study on the book of Galatians. We will use Max Lucado's **Life Lessons from Galatians** as our text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited 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>



Recovery Kitchen

The Missions Ministry and those at Recovery Kitchen express appreciation for the food donated for this month's meal. We are able to feed 90 homeless people in our community once a month due to your generosity. Keep in mind that 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 church office. Again, we thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.





Collections for Hurricane Relief



In addition to the local opportunities to donate items that will be sent to hurricane victims and relief workers, the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is facilitating the collection of monetary donations. 100% of donations will be used in affected areas. Those gifts can be sent to the denomination in four different ways:

1. Drop off your gift at the church office.
2. Send a check to:
Missions Ministry Team
c/o Hurricane Helene
8207 Traditional Place
Cordova, TN 38016
3. Go to www.cpcmc.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button.
4. Call 901-276-4572 and ask for Jinger, who can take a donation over the phone.

All Saints Sunday

On November 3rd, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday and celebrating the lives of the loved ones we have lost over the last year. The All Saints banner and instructions are available on the narthex credenza if you wish to add a name to the banner. If you are unable to be at church and would like a name added to the banner, please email christian@cookevillecpcchurch.org.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 13, 2024

Commitments - \$5,695.00 Undesignated - \$2,565.00 Other - \$1,120.00

This week's offering includes \$40.00 for Recovery Kitchen and
\$1,080.00 in donations for the Hurricane Helene Relief Fund.

Total Deposit - \$9,380.00





Connection Activities Back After Break!

Our Wednesday night activities resume after a much-needed Fall Break. Dinner is served at 5:15pm and we ask that you make your dinner reservations or cancelations by Tuesday (October 22nd) by 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, we 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.

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TRUNK OR TREAT!

Decorate your trunk and bring your kids for an evening of food, treats, and costumes!

October 30, 2024

Dinner - 5pm, Trunk-or-Treating - 6pm

565 East 10th St.

JOIN US FOR
A SPOOKY
NIGHT!

We need your help with soup or chili for dinner. If you would be willing to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Christian.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry initiates its 2024 Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. The Samaritan's Purse OCC project is an international program through which underprivileged children receive a box filled with various items used for grooming, education and play. CPWM will offer empty shoeboxes for you to pick up and fill yourself, **OR** you can sponsor a box at a cost of \$25.00. If you would like to include \$10.00 in the shoebox you fill yourself, that money will go toward Bibles and other literature given to the children when they receive their shoeboxes.

The CPWM Executive Committee will meet at 4pm **THIS** Sunday, the 20th, at 4pm in the Session Room.

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.



Mastersingers Concert

Members of the Mastersingers, Inc. will be presenting a special fundraising event entitled "Just Desserts" on Saturday, October 25th, at 6:30pm. Desserts/Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. The event will be held in the lobby of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the TTU campus. There will be musical presentations by the chorus with an array of individual numbers. Ann Clark, Brenda Johnson and Sydney Pasternack (from our congregation) will be taking part in the event. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be obtained from Brenda Johnson or online (<https://mastersingersinc.com>). Brenda would need to hear from you by Sunday (the 20th) and may be contacted at 931-529-9285.

**THIS
FRIDAY**

\$8 Soup Lunch



Bake Sale

and

Treasure Sale



**Indoor & Outdoor Seating
Take-outs Available**

Friday, Oct. 18 11:00 - 1:00

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
 Family Life Center
 565 E. 10th Street - Cookeville

Sponsored by P. E. O. Chapter L
 Proceeds benefit
 Women's Scholarships

THANKSGIVING TURKEY PROJECT

This year we will be collecting items to provide 85 families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal. The youth will work to deliver those meals on Monday, November 25th. We will be collecting the following items on the following schedule:

Nov. 3 - Mashed Potatoes	Mac & Cheese
Nov. 10 - Dressing	Gravy
Nov. 17 - Cranberries	Pie Filling
Nov. 24 - Green Beans	Corn

There will be a tote in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Additionally, we will be purchasing a turkey breast for each box and you are invited to sponsor one or more boxes at \$10.00 each. Help us make a difference for local families at Thanksgiving!



Prayer Requests

Individuals: Mary Broussard (friend of Tim & Liz Sheets); Grayson Gentry (premature son of Erika Gentry and husband, Trent - Vanderbilt); the family of Suzie Hyder (Evelyn Hyder's daughter); Don Anderson (recovering from fall); Dave Van der Cook (hospice); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Sherry Lassiter (transplant list); Ginny Liebsch; Georgia Hensley; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

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

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Heritage Pointe); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

Prayers