

# ***Mid-Week Manna***

*A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

**From Your Minister - Christian Smith**

*Wednesday,  
October 23, 2024*

***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9***



This Sunday, we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. Each year, we remember that on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his “Ninety-Five Theses” on the door of the All Saints’ Church in Wittenberg, Germany. We celebrate this event as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, a movement that affirmed that the Bible, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is the authority for matters of faith and that authority does not lie with human positions. The Reformation movement also sought to remind the people that salvation is by God's grace and by faith in Jesus Christ and to move away from the idea of works-based salvation that had become popular.

While Martin Luther is the name that is mentioned most often, there were numerous reformers who argued against the oppression and the poor theology that they were seeing from the church at that time. John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, John Knox, and John Wycliffe are just a few of the more well-known reformers. However, there were countless others who chose to stand for their beliefs and called for the church to reexamine and reform its teachings.

While some may not get credit, and others may have been forgotten by history, thankfully, the reformers did not work for personal recognition. Instead, they worked to help the church better serve people and better bring glory to the Kingdom of God. Their work and dedication to the kingdom of God is something from which we still benefit over 500 years later. More importantly, while we may not know their names, God does. Let’s continue doing the work of reforming our church, our community, and our own lives. People may not always recognize the good that we are doing, but God sees us and seeks to guide us. If we follow God’s path, then the work we do will make an impact for years to come.

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## Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be Reformation Sunday. The chancel color will be red. The scripture for the sermon will be Hebrews 13:7-16. 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.



### *Welcome to the World!*

*Cole and Kiana Gentry welcomed Jeremiah Jakub Layne Gentry into the world on October 21, 2024. He weighed in at 8 lbs, 10 oz and was 21 inches long.*

*Congratulations to Cole and Kiana on the start of a new family.*

## **NURSERY HELP NEEDED**

Our nursery attendant, Kiana Gentry, is now on maternity leave and the church needs some help in the nursery. 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.



## **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.

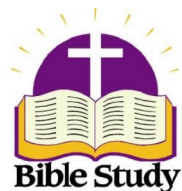


## Collections for Hurricane Relief



The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination continues the collection of monetary donations to go toward the devastation brought about by Hurricane Helene. 100% of donations given will be used to help those 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](http://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.



## Men's Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study continues with a study on the book of Galatians. We are using Max Lucado's **Life Lessons from Galatians** as our text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Commitments - \$5,785.00      Undesignated - \$1,339.00      Other - N/A  
Total Deposit - \$7,124.00

## **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**

For this evening, our regular Wednesday night activities continue with dinner served at 5:15pm. If you plan to attend a connection meal, we ask that you make your dinner reservations or cancelations by Tuesday 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.

## 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!



## 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:



## All Saints Sunday

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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@cookevillecpchurch.org](mailto:christian@cookevillecpchurch.org).

# TN TECH HOMECOMING PSA TAILGATE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024**

## WELCOME BACK ALUMNI

Come by the PSA house to catch up with old pals,  
meet the current students, and see the house!  
feel free to drop in as you are able

**OPEN HOUSE FOLLOWING THE  
PARADE FROM 11-1 BEFORE THE  
GAME**

629 North Cedar Ave Cookeville, TN 38501





## Prayer Requests

**Individuals:** Allison McDonald (surgery); the family of Nettie Ford (Karen Ford Joyce's mother); Wanda McCaskey; Doris Baggett; Mary Broussard (friend of Tim & Liz Sheets); Grayson Gentry (premature son of Erica Gentry and husband, Trent); 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); 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).

