



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,
January 15, 2025

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

As we enter into a new year, our session is beginning to make plans about how to better serve you and our community. The session meets once a month to discuss the business of the church. Much of what we discuss is the result of work and service that is done within our church’s ministry teams. Those teams help us to determine what is important and needed by our members. Those teams are the lifeblood of our church.

Each of our elders is assigned to a ministry team. The elders help to lead these teams as they seek to provide a vision for how we might better honor God and encourage the members of our church and community. Our session and ministry teams cannot be successful without you.

We need your help. We need your experience. We need your ideas. We need YOU!

We would love for each of you to join one of our ministry teams. It does not matter if you are an official member of the church or how often you attend. We want everyone to be heard and to have the opportunity to help our church honor God, encourage one another, and serve those in need. So, each of you is welcome and encouraged to be a part of any ministry team in our church.

Below, you will find a list of the ministries to which our elders have been assigned. You are encouraged to contact these representatives with any ideas or questions you might have. While they are beginning the process of reaching out to and asking people to serve with them, you do not have to wait. Feel free to contact these elders and let them know that you are excited to serve.

Building and Grounds

Chris Langford
Shane Welch

Christian Education

Carroll Gotcher
Jodi Smith

Fellowship and Outreach

Nathan Fletcher
Kathie Chapman

Missions

Al Middleton
Tina Thurman

Stewardship and Finance

Tim Fournet
Jim Greeson

Worship and Music

Angie Knight
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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, January 19th will be the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using John 2:1-11 as the scripture. 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.

Opportunities to Serve in Your Church

Seeking Liturgists for Sunday Services

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>

Communion Preparation Signup

We are seeking families to sign up for the preparation of communion elements for the first Sunday of the month and special services. Directions for the preparing of communion will be made available to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are interested in and able to do, you may call Sandra in the church office or click on the following link to add your name to the list. Let us know if you have questions.



2025 Flower Calendar



If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2025, the signup sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for a flower arrangement is \$50.00 and you may submit payment the week that the flowers are ordered. Sally Beyer will contact you for a dedication (for the bulletin) and for a description of the type of arrangement you would like. Call Sandra in the church office for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, January 12, 2024

Commitments - \$9,950.00 Undesignated - \$1,125.00 Other - \$295.00

This week's offerings includes \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen and \$195.00 from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$11,370.00



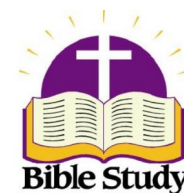
JOY Club Outing



The JOY Club is offering an outing for the “Just Older Youth” of our church. Please join us on February 6th for a dutch treat Valentine’s lunch at Nick’s Restaurant on Jefferson Avenue. We will be taking the bus for those who would like to travel as a group. There is a signup sheet on the narthex table for those who would like to participate. A timeframe will be given at a later date.

Men’s Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men’s Bible Study will resume a study on the book of Galatians on **January 21st**. We are using Max Lucado’s ***Life Lessons from Galatians*** as our text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.



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.



LOVE-JOY Circle Meeting Rescheduled

The Love-Joy Circle was canceled this week due to school being out. The reschedule date is this next Monday, January 20th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. We encourage all members and invite all ladies in the church to attend.

Wednesday Connection Resumes



We resume our Wednesday Connection activities **THIS EVENING**. Connection begins with dinner at 5:15p.m. Dinner is free for everyone, and our Fellowship and Outreach Ministry Team does a great job providing us with a wonderful meal. To ensure we have plenty of food, we ask that you make either a one-time or a standing reservation by contacting the church office.

At 6:00pm, our youth group, children’s group and our Twisted Stitches crafting group meet. At 6:15pm, our adult meets in the Upper Commons. This semester, Christian will be teaching a class about the parables of Jesus. We hope you will join us!





Scout Sunday and Breakfast

On Sunday, February 9th, we will be celebrating the relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and our congregation as we celebrate Scout Sunday during both of our worship services. As a part of the celebration, our local Boy Scout Troop, Troop 20, will be providing breakfast for the church during our Sunday School hour.

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.



Prayer Requests



Individuals: Carlene Byrne; Georgia Hensley (home); Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); Claude Ann Burton (surgery); Jere Gentry (heart bypass surgery); the family of Jane Roberts (Mike Roberts' mother); the family of Greg Hensley (Georgia's son); Eddie Smith (Christian's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Mary Broussard (friend of Tim & Liz Fournet); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Allen Kolath; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

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

