



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
May 14, 2025*

"These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." – Joshua 4:7



Senior Sunday is a day to celebrate God's work in the lives of our graduates and a reminder of God's work in our lives. This Sunday, we celebrate our graduating seniors and the journey that has brought them to this moment.

Milestones in life are more than just accomplishments. They are reminders of God's faithfulness along the way. Each of our graduates has walked a unique path. They have confronted challenges, experienced growth, faced questions, and made discoveries. Yet, all of them stand on the verge of new beginnings and new opportunities.

This Sunday, we get to cheer them on, pray for them, and remind them that they never walk alone. Additionally, we are reminded that we have not made it where we are alone, and we will not be alone in the future. The Bible reminds us that, throughout history, God invites people to remember how far they have come and trust that God will continue to lead them.

This Sunday, we joyfully celebrate our graduates: Mary Grace Barnhill, Emily Hudson, Cosby King, Gernt Martin, and Lydia Verble. We are proud of you. I trust that God will lead you forward, and I promise to walk with you and help you in any way I can.

As we worship, let's also give thanks to God for our blessings and commit ourselves to walk beside one another as we each seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

New Summer Bible Study Opportunity



On June 4th, at 6pm, Christian will begin a 4-week class that will discuss the history and beliefs of our local church and the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Everyone is invited to bring their dinner, if they wish, and join in this discussion.

It does not matter if you are new to the church, have been here all your life, plan to join the church at the end of the study, or never plan to join the church; you are welcome to join us as we seek to learn more about who we are as a church.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 18th, will be the 5th Sunday of Easter. The chancel color will be white. We will be continuing our sermon series, "Walking with the Spirit: A Pentecost Journey." Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Acts 1:15-20 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Preparing the Way." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God. We will also be celebrating our high school graduates during this morning's service. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

*** **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st - 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 Summer Break. There will be a variety of jobs available for all ages and physical abilities.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place July 14-17, and preparations are now underway. We are very excited about what's ahead! Leadership roles have been filled, but we still need helping hands in several key areas to make this ministry a success.



We are holding a VBS Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, May 28th, at 5:30 PM** in the Family Life Center — dinner will be provided! We'll talk about how VBS will be structured this year, what's new, and where we hope to take VBS in the future. Whether you're already involved or just curious, we'd love for you to join us.

Want to help? Scan the QR code above or click the link below to see areas of need and to sign up where you feel led to serve. Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry to our children and families!

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COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Every Thursday, from 7:30am-9:30am, Christian will be enjoying coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N Walnut Ave.). You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.



Flower Challenge

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class challenges other adult Sunday School Classes and other church groups to recognize a mission, cause, group, or event by providing flowers in the church sanctuary from time to time. There are several open slots for reserving flowers. For details, please contact Barbara Greeson at 931-260-3069.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, May 11, 2025

Commitments - \$6,330.00 Undesignated - \$3,743.00 Other - \$625.00

Included in this week's offering was \$50.00 for altar flowers, \$110.00 for facility use, \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program, \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS and a \$20.00 Recovery Kitchen donation.

Total Deposit - \$10,698.00





Walking with the Spirit

A PENTECOST JOURNEY

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Worship Times: 8:45am & 11:00am

Every Sunday through
June 8th, Pentecost Sunday.



Opportunities to Serve in Your Church

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>

Join a Church Ministry Committee

Below, you will find a list of the ministries to which our church elders have been assigned. We invite and encourage you to contact these representatives with any ideas or questions you might have regarding the church. While our church elders are continuing to reach out to find people to serve with them, please do not wait for a call. Feel free to contact them and let them know that you would be 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
Dan Elbert

Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School

Jeff Peek

Presbyterian Student Association/

UKirk - Gary Alspaugh

Communion Preparation Volunteers Needed

Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. We are in need of volunteers to assist us in the preparation of elements on Saturday and Sunday. Families/ Individuals are encouraged and welcomed to serve the church in this way. Directions for preparing communion are made available to you the week prior to the preparation process. If this is something you are interested in and willing to do, you can call Sandra in the church office or click on the following link to add your name to the list. Please let us know if you have questions.



www.docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13Mimf7y4LfkeXrrS0PcnhrsRLt4xRAjZTYf3mt4GK60/edit#gid=0



Graduates



Celebrate the Class of 2025 with Us

Mary Grace Barnhill - Home School

Emily Hudson - Cookeville High School

Cosby King - Upperman High School

Gernt Martin - Cookeville High School

Lydia Verble - Cookeville High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES AS WELL!

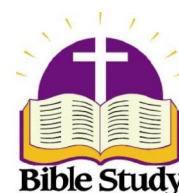
Abby Elbert * Algood Elementary * Kindergarten

Jonny Elbert * Algood Elementary * 4th grade

Emma Vermillion * TTU * B.S. Early Childhood Education

Men's Bible Study

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



Twisted Stitchers



Connection has concluded for the semester but the Twisted Stitchers group **WILL** continue to meet through the summer. You are, of course, invited to attend any/all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are invited! The stitchers meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. Please join us!

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.





Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God, in honor of all mothers, and in thanks for her loving family by Sarah Joyce.

Email and Texting Update

We have moved to a new email service which also allows us to send texts to you when necessary. If you are interested in receiving those texts (we promise not to spam your messages), we need you to fill out the form at this link (<https://cookevillecpchurch.flocknote.com>), or contact Christian with your phone number.

Church Directory Update

Our updated church directory is now available online and is accessible from your computer or through an app on your phone!

How to Access the Directory:

On your computer: visit <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

On your phone: download the *Instant Church Directory* app:

Apple devices, click here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

Android devices, click here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

Logging In:

You'll be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our church directory. If your email isn't listed yet, let Christian know, or fill out the information on this form:

<https://forms.gle/CpXSyeIwwvCizY7cA>

Once information is entered, you can follow the on-screen instructions to complete your login.

Update or Add Family Photos:

We will soon begin taking family photos at church for those who need them, but you are also welcome to upload your own! After logging in, you can update your family's info and add a photo. You may also text or email your photo to Christian, and he'll upload it for you. If you need assistance at any point, Christian is happy to help. Just reach out!

Sonshine Circle Lunch



The Sonshine circle took "This Is Living Ministries" students and staff to lunch at Logan's yesterday. As one of our members stated, "We got to learn more about their mission and meet some cool ladies."

Prayer Requests

Individuals: the family of Bobby Wallace (Evon Maggart's brother-in-law); the family of Carlos West (Peggy Rittenberry's brother); Dan Hilton (home); Kaye O'Brien; Georgia Hensley; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Carlene Byrne; Eddie Smith (Christian's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Terry Frye; Patty Shoulders (Janna Greer's daughter); Caleb Reese; Allen Kolath; Niki Work; Heidi Blessing; Kim Daniels; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

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

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