

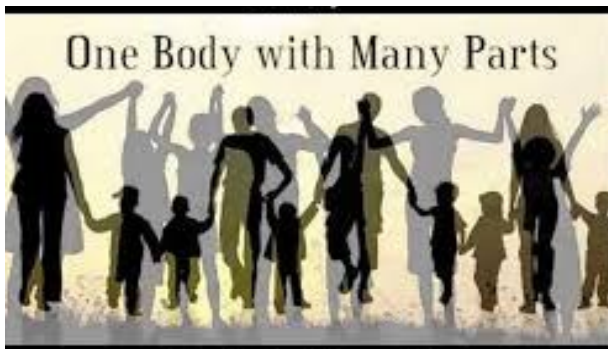
Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 9, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” – Romans 12:4-5



God has given us many parts to make us this wonderful body, of which He is the head. While I will step away for 30 days, during the next 2 weeks, we will have some visible reminders of what a gift it is to be connected to something larger than ourselves.

This Sunday, Edith Old, the Director of Ministries of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will be with us and briefly share a few things that are happening

in our denomination. This visit, along with that of Rev. Jhony Montañó, is a visible reminder that we are part of a wider, global family of faith.

Then, next week, we will host our annual Vacation Bible School. We will see the work of those who have prepared lessons, snacks, crafts, games, and songs. Combined with the many who offer their services, we are reminded that the Church is in good hands.

On July 20th, during worship, our children will sing a song they learned in VBS. We will be reminded that the future of the church is secure through those who are continuing to learn and grow in the faith.

Over the next few weeks, we will see that the Church does not depend on a pastor or any one person. It only grows and thrives when each member of the body of Christ plays their part and follows the call of God, who, as the head of this body of believers, remains always faithful to us.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 13th, will be the 5th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using I Corinthians 12:12-27 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "The Church as a Body." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00am as we all worship God. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



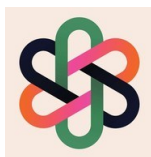
BABY BOY COMING!

Ladies in the church are happy to sponsor a card/gift table for Kristen and Blake Langford. Baby boy August Blake will be arriving soon and we invite you to give a special gift or card to honor the family. They would love to have anything you might want to share, but especially need diapers. The table is set up now through Monday, July 14th, in the narthex of the church. Please take this opportunity to help Kristen and Blake prepare for this addition to their family. An early congratulations to all!



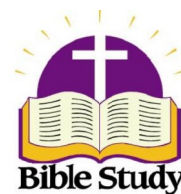
Ladies' Sonshine Circle to Meet

Members of the Love-Joy Circle will come together Monday, July 14th, for a special monthly meeting. The group will meet at I am at Cheddar's Restaurant for a time of food, fun and fellowship. All ladies in the church are invited and encouraged to join us.



Men's Bible Study

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

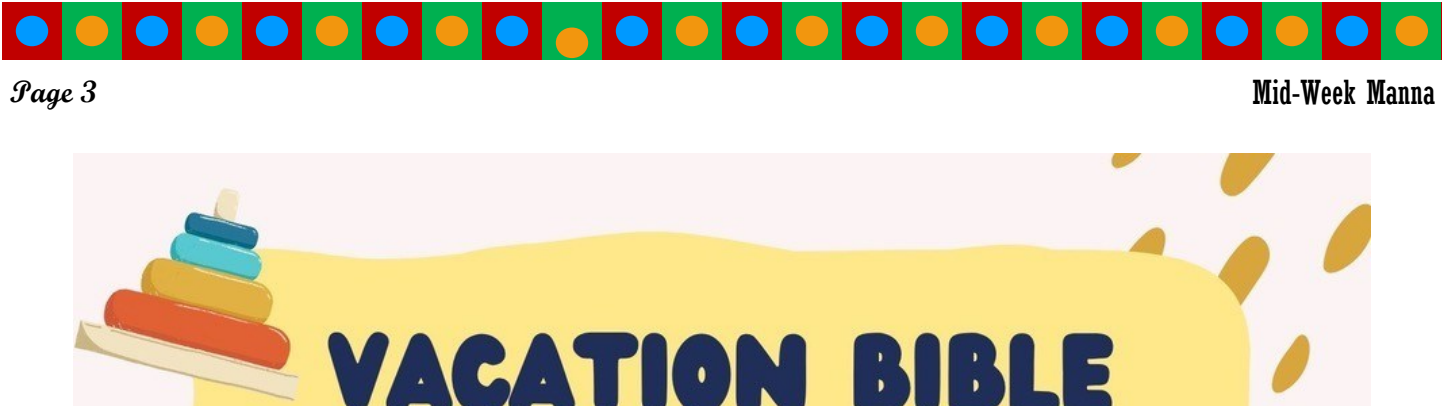


For Our Visitors AND Members



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 left 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.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Unity (Working Together)



14-17 JULY
2025
4:30-7PM

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ACTIVITIES

- Bible Stories
- Singing & Dancing
- Playing
- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Carnival Day (last day)

JOIN US ON OUR FUN ACTIVITIES!

Register your kids using
the QR code



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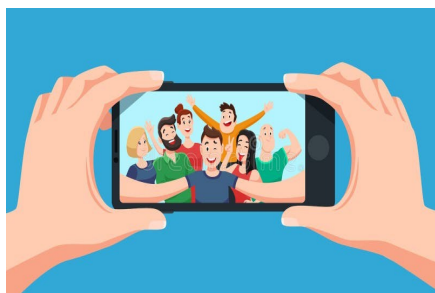


Scout Troop 20 Sets Sail at Sea Base!

This past week, Scout Troop 20 has been enjoying an unforgettable experience at the Sea Base High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys. The Scouts have been sailing, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, and soaking up plenty of sunshine along the way. We're excited to welcome them home soon!



Pictures for Church Directory



We will be snapping pictures of individuals and families for the church directory the next two Sundays (July 13th and 20th). Just meet us in the church Prayer Garden at one of the following times and we will be happy to add your picture to your directory entry. Call Christian with any questions.

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Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Wilma Wright Diemer by Allen and Kim Wright.



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/CpXSyeIwwCizY7cA>

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

Update or Add Family Photos:

We are now 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!



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.



Opportunities to Serve in Your Church

There are a number of ways in which you can become involved in serving your church. You can always contact our pastor, Christian, or any elder of the church regarding how you might become a participant in the church. Below are just a couple of ways that offer you opportunities to become involved in church life. Please feel free to call the church office at any time for more information.

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

Missions

Al Middleton
Tina Thurman

Cumberland Presbyterian Nursery School

Jeff Peek

Christian Education

Carroll Gotcher
Jodi Smith

Stewardship and Finance

Tim Fournet
Jim Greeson

Fellowship and Outreach

Nathan Fletcher
Kathie Chapman

Worship and Music

Angie Knight
Dan Elbert

Presbyterian Student Association/

UKirk - Gary Alspaugh



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 6, 2025

Commitments - \$15,505.00 Undesignated - \$3,073.00 Other - \$380.00

Included in this week's offering was \$60.00 for facility use, \$125.00 for camp reimbursement and \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$18,958.00

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!

Email and Texting Update

If you are interested in receiving the Midweek Manna and/or occasional text messages from the church (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 and/or email address.

Prayer Requests

Individuals: Paula Lafever; Maggie Wharton; Carolyn Pinkley; Kaye Powell; Regina Weber (home); Bill Byers; Dan & Kathy Hilton; James Maggart; Geraldine Smith; Kaye O'Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Evelyn (Bonnie) Hyder; Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

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

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Willow Spring at The Arbors in Spring Hill, TN); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

