



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 16, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“From him the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.” – Ephesians 4:16

Last night, we began Vacation Bible School. It was great to see all of the kids from our church and community come together to learn about “Unity” and what it means to care for each other. But as much as I loved seeing the kids, I loved seeing our teenagers and our adults teach them that lesson by showing it in the way they served.

We had over 40 volunteers join together to cook, teach, play, decorate, dance, and simply support our kids. I am thankful for every person who has given their time, energy, and talent to make this a joyful and meaningful ministry for our church. All of them have made the effort to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in our church.

We are all called to be a part of the body of Christ. As a part of that body, sometimes we will function in ways that are noticed by many. But often, being a part of the body means worship, prayer, and countless acts of service that go unseen. Every part matters. Each gift is needed to make the body complete, and every effort we make draws us closer to Christ and to one another.

I am grateful for each of you and the unique ways you live out your faith. Whether it’s through VBS or any of the other ministries of the church and community, I hope we will remain committed to building one another up, serving with joy, and reflecting the love of Christ in all we do, as we seek to live out the same unity that we are teaching our children about this week during VBS.

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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 20th, will be the 6th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Philippians 1:3-6 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "A Trusting and Temporary Goodbye." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.



BABY ON THE WAY!

Please help us welcome a new baby in the church. David and Chloe Jones are expecting Baby Jones in August. Proud grandparents are Rick and Karen Jones. A table will be set up in the narthex if you would like to leave a card or a gift. They are registered at: www.babylist.com. Walmart and Amazon gifts cards are also welcome.

We are excited to welcome Jeffery and Gigi Penticuff as the newest members of Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They joined the church on July 13th during our 8:45am service.



IN PROGRESS!



A colorful poster for Vacation Bible School. At the top left is an illustration of a stack of four wooden blocks in blue, yellow, orange, and red. The background is a light yellow shape with a wavy border, set against a light pink background with scattered yellow confetti. The title 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, 'Unity (Working Together)' is in a smaller, black font. To the left of the dates is a small calendar icon. The dates '14-17 JULY 2025' and time '4:30-7PM' are in white text on a red background. Below this, the location 'COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' is in white text on a blue background, accompanied by a small map icon with a red location pin. To the right, the word 'ACTIVITIES' is in bold white letters on a teal background, followed by a list of activities: Bible Stories, Singing & Dancing, Playing, Arts & Craft, Games, and Carnival Day (last day). At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'Register your kids using the QR code'. To the right of this is a QR code. At the very bottom, the church's name and address are printed in a small black font.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Unity (Working Together)

14-17 JULY 2025
4:30-7PM

COOKEVILLE FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
565 E. 10th St.

Pictures for Church Directory



We will be snapping pictures of individuals and families **THIS SUNDAY, July 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.

after 8:45am worship service * before 11am worship service
after 11am worship service



VBS 2025

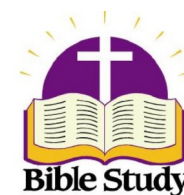
We are having a great
time celebrating unity
together. Come join us
tonight!





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.

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!

Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in honor of our new grandson, Jack Carter Thurman. We love you, Nana and Bop.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 13, 2025

Commitments - \$7,500.00 Undesignated - \$2,472.00 Other - \$400.00

Included in this week's offering was \$50.00 for facility use, \$100.00 for Recovery Kitchen and \$250.00 for the Tuesday Assistance program.

Total Deposit - \$10,372.00

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.

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.



YES!



Our public schools will resume soon! The big date (first day of classes) is August 4th! We have lots of students, staff, and teachers in our congregation and will soon have "Blessing of the Backpacks" as a way of showing these folks our love and support! Stay tuned for more information!



Prayer Requests

Individuals: James Maggart (surgery); Paula Lafever; Maggie Wharton; Carolyn Pinkley; Kaye Powell; Regina Weber; Bill Byers; Dan & Kathy Hilton; 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).

