



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
July 23, 2025*



Pastor's
SABBATICAL

Our pastor is now on Sabbatical and will be for the next four weeks. A Sabbatical is a time set apart for spiritual, physical, and mental renewal. This intentional period allows for rest, reflection, and refreshment, ensuring long-term health and vitality in ministry. During this time, Christian will be visiting other churches to explore new ideas regarding what may be, for us, new worship styles and ways that leadership in the church might benefit us as we grow and adapt to our changing world.

During this time, the leadership and care of the church have been thoughtfully arranged through the church session. Worship, pastoral care, and other ministry needs will continue as planned under the guidance of our committed session members and staff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandra in the church office (931-526-6585). She will be happy to contact the appropriate person to assist you.

Please join us in praying for our pastor during this sacred time of renewal.

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 have our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" (led by Rev. Michael Clark) on August 3rd (in both services.) This is a way of our congregation showing these folks our love and support! All involved - bring your backpacks!



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Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 27th, will be the 7th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Rev. Jon Carlock will deliver the sermon. The text for the sermon is Ecclesiastes 3:1-15. 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.mybabylist.com. Walmart and Amazon gifts cards are also welcome.

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!



ATTENTION: CPWM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

The CPWM Executive Committee will meet this Sunday, July 27th, at 4PM in the Session Room. We will discuss the budget for the 2025-2026 year. All members are encouraged to come and bring suggestions for this new budget year.

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.



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.

Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Glenn & Helen Greeson, and Don & Ella Haynes by Jim & Barbara Greeson.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 20, 2025

Commitments - \$3,260.00 Undesignated - \$1,447.00 Other - \$610.00

Included in this week's offering was \$110.00 for altar flowers and
a \$500.00 donation for the Children's Ministries.

Total Deposit - \$5,317.00

Twisted Stitchers

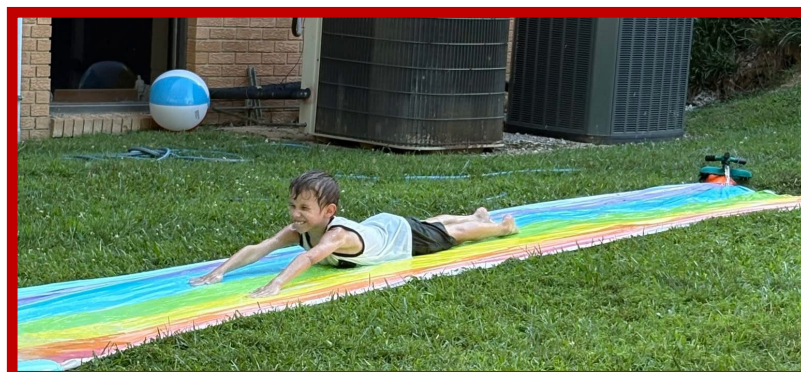


Connection has concluded for the semester but the Twisted Stitchers group **WILL** continue to meet through the summer. You are, of course, invited to attend any/all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are invited! The stitchers meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in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



2025 VBS Highlights

**A special thank you to all
who served as leaders,
helpers and to Jodi Smith
who served as
coordinator for the event!**



Annual CPWM Picnic



This year's CPWM picnic will be held in the FLC on TUESDAY, August 12 at 5pm. The theme for the next two years is:

Bind Us Together with Love.

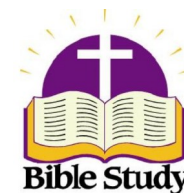
"Baby it's HOT outside so BOWL us over with your COOL Salads, Veggies and Desserts" is the theme for our meal. **All ladies in the church are invited to join us.**

Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Lisic from the Mustard Seed Ranch located in Cookeville.

Note that we will also be taking orders for pink or white t-shirts with our new logo on them. Small to X-large shirts will be \$20.00; larger sizes will be \$25.00.

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.



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.

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Individuals: James Maggart (heart bypass surgery); Wendy Dewberry (open heart 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).

