

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
July 30, 2025*

While I am Away...



This week, my family and I visited Rev. Pat Driskell and “The Gathering on Lucy’s Barge.” We experienced their informal worship service on a barge in Athens, Alabama, and learned about their unique history. Next week I will be visiting North Pointe Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, August 3rd, will be the 8th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Rev. Michael Clark will deliver the sermon. Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

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) **THIS SUNDAY** in both services. This is a way our congregation can demonstrate its love and support for all these folks. All involved - bring your backpacks!



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!

Annual CPWM Picnic



This year's CPWM picnic will be held in the Family Life Center on TUESDAY, August 12th, 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. You are welcome to make a donation to the Ranch at the evening's picnic.

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.

Kitchen Cleanup



The Fellowship & Outreach Ministry will be cleaning the church kitchen from top to bottom on Saturday of this week. They would ask that you come by to pick up any food items, dishes, etc. that you may have left at the church before that time. There is no guarantee that personal items will be there after this weekend! Any questions can be directed to Nathan Fletcher or Sandra in the church office.

Wednesday Connection Resumes Soon

We will resume our Wednesday Night Connection activities on August 13th. Dinner begins at 5:15pm and is free for everyone. 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 will meet. At 6:15pm, our adult meets in the Upper Commons. This semester, the topic of discussion for the Adult group will be "Prayer."



Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Wynne Elizabeth Presley Swann, daughter of Roger and Jan Presley.



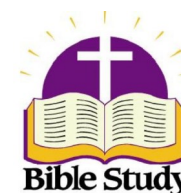
For Our Visitors AND Members



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.

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.

JOY Club Goes to Lunch! Wildwood Resort and Marine in Granville



The **JOY Club** (Just Older Youth) of the church will be traveling to beautiful Wildwood Resort & Marina on Thursday, August 28th, for a dutch treat lunch at the Lakeside Restaurant in Granville, TN. The array of food available to diners is fabulous and delicious! The restaurant has a beautiful view of the lake and there is a lovely area around which you may walk if you should so choose.

The church bus is available to those who would like a ride and directions can be given for those wishing to drive themselves. The bus will leave the church at 10:45am with a noon lunch reservation. There is a signup sheet on the narthex table for those who would like to venture out with us. Reservations must be made on the 26th; please take the time to sign up by Monday, August 25th. You can direct questions to Kathie Chapman (260-2691) or contact Sandra in the church office.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, July 27, 2025

Commitments - \$2,990.00 Undesignated - \$1,220.00 Other - \$305.00

Included in this week's offering was \$55.00 for altar flowers \$60.00 for facility use
and \$195.00 in reimbursement from CPNS.

Total Deposit - \$4,515.00

Twisted Stitches



The Twisted Stitches group continues to meet through the summer. You are invited to attend any/all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to join us! The stitchers meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. We hope to see you there!



August 3 rd	8:45/11am	Blessing of the Backpacks
August 13 th	5:15pm	Connection Resumes
August 24 th	8:45/11am/5pm	Homecoming / Fish Fry
August 31 st	10am	5 th Sunday Worship / Lunch

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.



Individuals: Nate Byers (back surgery); James Maggart (home); 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: Dave Van Hoven (pancreatic cancer; on hospice); 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).

