



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
August 6, 2025*

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While I am Away...



**NORTH POINT
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

This week, I visited Rev. Andy Stanley and the multi-campus, “mega church” North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia. I had the chance to experience great hospitality and learn more about what it takes to make a large church feel like “your” church. This Sunday, I will be visiting Rev. Michael Clark and First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Winchester, TN.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, August 10th, will be the 9th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Cosby King will deliver the sermon. The sermon's title is "Holy Interruptions" and the scripture for the sermon is Luke 10:27-37. 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.



August 13th

5:15pm

Connection Resumes

August 24th

8:45/11am/5pm

Homecoming / Fish Fry

August 31st

9am

Sunday School

10am

5th Sunday Worship / Lunch

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 **NEXT 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.

Wednesday Connection Resumes

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 Stitchers crafting group will meet. At 6:15pm, our adult class meets in the Upper Commons. This semester, the topic of discussion for the adult group will be "Prayer."



Church Anniversary Celebration

On August 24th, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the anniversary of the founding of this church. We will celebrate 158 years of service to this community during our morning worship services. That evening, at 5pm, we will gather to celebrate our church family with a Fish Fry. The church will provide the main course, and drinks. We invite you to bring sides/desserts as we enjoy an evening of fellowship.



Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the heavenly birthday of Barbara Johnston, "YeeYee," from her loving family.



The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

SANCTUARY CHOIR

is seeking new members and welcomes **YOU!**

Prior musical training, while helpful, is not required to be a member of the Choir.

Join us at 5:30pm in the Choir Loft.

Contact Sandra Robbins with interest/questions!
931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934

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 (260-7011) or contact Sandra in the church office.

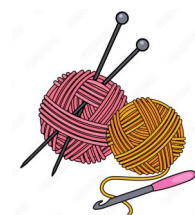


STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 3, 2025

Commitments - \$13,035.00 Undesignated - \$3,209.00 Other - \$150.00

Included in this week's offering was \$150.00 in donations for Recovery Kitchen.

Total Deposit - \$16,394.00



Twisted Stitchers

The Twisted Stitchers group continues to meet. 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!

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.



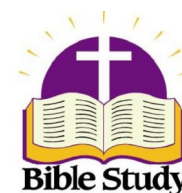
For Our Visitors AND Members



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.

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.





5th Sunday Worship & Lunch

Sunday, August 31st, is a fifth Sunday and we will come together to worship as one congregation. Sunday School will start at 9:00am with worship following at 10:00. We will fellowship together with a potluck lunch after the worship service. The church will provide meat, bread and tea, and you are asked to bring a side and/or dessert. Come be with us as we worship and fellowship together!



The church congregation expresses condolences to the family of Brad Gerren. Brad served as Youth Director at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in years past. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Please keep this family in your thought and prayers.

Individuals: the family of Brad Gerren; Nate Byers (back surgery); James Maggart (home); 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).

