

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
August 13, 2025*

While I am Away...



This week, I visited Dr. Michael Clark and the Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I had the chance to experience their contemporary service and one of their traditional services. I was able to learn more about how they manage 3 different worship services. This Sunday, I will be attending worship at the Dyersburg CP Church.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, August 17th, will be the 10th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Charles McCaskey, will deliver the sermon titled "Living in Division." The scripture for the sermon is Luke 12:49-56. 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.

Wednesday Connection Resumes

We will resume our Wednesday Night Connection activities this evening. 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. You can contact Sandra at 526-6585 or sandra@cookevillecpchurch.org to make your reservations.



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." Jodi Smith will be leading this evening's discussion.

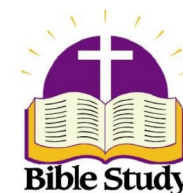
No "Coffee with the Pastor" This Week



Please note that Christian is out of town tomorrow and will not be available for his regular 7:30 to 9:30am coffee time at the Exceptional Bean. Plan to join him next week for a time of fellowship and a cup of coffee.

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.



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.



Mahjong, Anyone?



If you are interested in learning the hottest new game - Mahjong - we have room for eight (8) participants in our newly scheduled classes. The course is \$50 per person which include four classes at two hours each and Mahjong card.

Our teacher will be Shawna Peace; she has been teaching this class for over two years. Classes are scheduled for every Monday in September (excluding Labor Day) from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Family Life Center.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up with Angie Knight at 931.261.3490 or Elizabeth Fournet at 931.260.8494.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 10, 2025

Commitments - \$3,455.00 Undesignated - \$1,217.00 Other - \$697.00

Included in this week's offering was \$520.00 for Recovery Kitchen,

\$100.00 for altar flowers and \$77.00 for facility use.

Total Deposit - \$5,369.00



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.

FISH FRY



Homecoming Sunday

August 24, 2025

5:00pm

Family Life Center

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!



August 31 – 10am
Family Life Center

Outdoor
Worship
Service



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.

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.



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 celebration of Ron & Tina Thurman's 35th Wedding Anniversary.

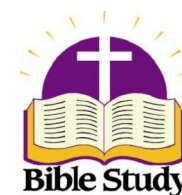


Twisted Stitchers

Connection has resumed and 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!

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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

Individuals: the family of Reneé Richter (Tim Fournet's sister); 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: 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).

