



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
August 27, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” – Philippians 2:3

This past Sunday, we gave thanks for 158 years of ministry together. We remembered the past and we looked forward with hope to what God has in store for us, while committing ourselves to be a praying church as we press on toward what lies ahead.

Part of what gives me such confidence for the future is what I witnessed during my recent sabbatical. While I was away, you continued to worship, to care for one another, and to those around you. Your faithfulness reminded us all that the strength of this congregation is not found in one person's leadership, but in the Spirit working through all of us together.

This coming Sunday, we'll take a small, but meaningful, step as we remember our commitment to prayer and drawing closer to God's will. We will worship outside. As we leave the sanctuary, we will be reminded that the church is not defined by a building. Instead, the church is the people of God, who gather in Christ's name and allow themselves to be empowered by the Spirit and sent into the world.

Worship is never meant to stay within four walls. On Sunday mornings, we lift our voices in song and prayer. But throughout the week, we worship God by the way we live. Every act of kindness, every moment of mercy, every word of truth, and every prayer spoken is an act of worship.

As we prepare for this week's outdoor service, I invite you to think about where God is calling you to worship with your life. What does it look like for you to be the church not only on Sunday, but on Monday through Saturday as well?

How is God calling you to press on in prayer? Let's be ready to worship, not just with our words, but with our lives.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, August 31st, will be the 12th Sunday of Pentecost and our annual outdoor worship service. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Matthew 5:14-16 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "The Church Without Walls." Everyone is invited to join us in the Family Life Center and the parking lot around that building at 10am as we worship. Due to the nature of the service, we will not be able to stream live, but we will do our best to record the service to post later in the day.

JOY Club's Wildwood Resort Outing

For those going on the JOY Club trip to Wildwood Resort in Granville: we will meet at the church at 10:45am on Thursday with a departure time of 11am. Those who will be driving separately and would like to follow the bus should be ready to depart at 11am. Our lunch reservation is scheduled for noon. Those with questions can contact Kathie at 260-7011. We will see you on Thursday!

Wednesday Connection

We have resumed our regular Wednesday Night Connection activities and we invite you to join us for dinner at 5:15pm; it 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 DO ASK THAT YOU MAKE EITHER A ONE-TIME OR A STANDING RESERVATION BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON.** You can contact Sandra at 931-526-6585 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." Christian returns as leader for the group.



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!

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.

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 drinks. We ask that you bring sides and desserts. Come be with us as we worship and fellowship together!



August 31 – 10am
Family Life Center



Outdoor
Worship
Service

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



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Every Thursday, from 7:30am-9:30am, Christian will be enjoying coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N Walnut Ave.). You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.



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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.





Meal Train

You are invited/encouraged to help us provide meals for one of our long-time members, Evelyn Hyder. Evelyn is mostly homebound and her sister in South Carolina has been providing door dash meals for quite some time. A good home-cooked meal would be most welcome. You can sign up to provide a meal at <https://mealtrain.com/n9z8zd>. If you are not familiar with the meal train app and would like to sign up and need some assistance, you can contact Alice Peek at 931-239-5513 or call Sandra in the church office. Thank you in advance for your help with these meals!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 24, 2025

Commitments - \$8,560.00 Undesignated - \$1,409.00 Other - \$612.26

Included in this week's offering was \$250.00 for the assistance program, a \$222.50 reimbursement from CPNS, \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$89.76 for Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$10,581.26

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.

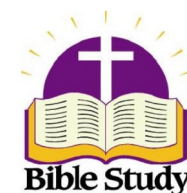
Update or Add Family Photos:

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!



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.



Individuals: Donna Larsen (neck surgery); Dave Brown (Julia Huddleston Brown's husband - St. Thomas West); Annette Coorts Flanders; the family of George James; Carolyn Pinkley; Regina Weber; Dan & Kathy Hilton; Kaye O'Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Evelyn Hyder; Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Bill Snyder (Virginia Lovellette's brother); Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Allen Kolath; Niki Work.

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Willow Spring at The Arbors in Spring Hill, TN); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

