



Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

*Wednesday,
September 3, 2025*

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

***“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42***

The past two weeks have been filled with joy and fellowship. Two weeks ago, we celebrated our church anniversary with a fish fry and fellowship. Then, this past Sunday, we gathered for worship under the open sky, shared another meal, and had more fellowship with one another. Both of those opportunities reminded me of something simple but profound. The church has always been called to eat together and to pray together.

Meals around the table draw us closer as a church family. We share stories, laughter, and our struggles with one another. In doing so, we find the value of connection with one another. In the same way, prayer draws us together in the presence of God. When we pray, we bring our needs before the Lord. But we also carry one another’s burdens, give thanks for one another’s gifts, and grow in love for God and for one another.

That is why, beginning this Sunday, we will enter a new season of focus on prayer. Just as we’ve enjoyed fellowship around food these past two weeks, we now turn to seek fellowship with God and with each other through prayer.

Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring prayer together. This will not just be a sermon series to listen to, but an invitation to practice prayer and find fellowship and connection as a congregation. My hope is that prayer will not only be something we discuss, but also something we do together.

I hope you’ll join me this Sunday, not just to learn about prayer, but to practice prayer as a church family. Let’s strive to make the fellowship we have enjoyed in our meals a starting point as we seek an even deeper fellowship with God and with one another through prayer.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, September 7th, will be the 13th Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will begin a series of sermons "Teach Us to Pray." This week's sermon will use Luke 11:1-13 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11am as we gather to worship God and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you cannot join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed on our church's YouTube channel.

Recovery Kitchen

Recovery Kitchen is a program that helps provide hot meals for the homeless in our community. We are in need of the following items for our next meal. Contact Alice at 239-5513 if you are able to give to the project. Please have items to the church by **NOON on Friday, September 12th**.



DONATE AND HELP

(4) cans 100oz green beans

(96) individual chips

(96) hoagie buns (Aldi has best price)

(48) p/b crackers

(96) individual desserts

(96) Nutrigrain bars

Please let Alice know if you would prefer to donate the funds for an item or items. She is happy to pick them up for you! You can get your money to Alice or Sandra in the church office. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous donations.

Wednesday Connection

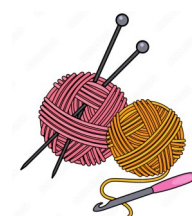
We have resumed our regular Wednesday Night Connection activities and we invite you to join us for dinner at 5:15pm; it is free for everyone. Our Fellowship and Outreach Ministry Team does a great job providing us with a wonderful meal. **TO ENSURE WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD, WE DO ASK THAT YOU MAKE EITHER 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!



We had a great time worshipping,
eating, and fellowshiping outside this
past Sunday. Thank you to all who
made the day possible.



Ladies Circles to Meet



The Love-Joy Circle will be meeting Monday, September 8th, at 10am in the Session Room of the church. Please note that it is time for annual dues to be paid. You are encouraged to bring those with you to this meeting. As always, all ladies in the church are invited to attend the circle meeting.

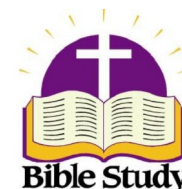
The Sonshine Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 9th, at 10am in the Family Life Center. Annual dues can be brought to this meeting. We will continue our study of hymns of the church with Jean Webb leading the study. Any lady in the church is welcomed to attend the meeting.

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!

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.



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!



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.



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.



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Church Directory “How-To”

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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Commitments - \$7,385.00 Undesignated - \$2,576.00 Other - \$603.00

Included in this week's offering was \$500.00 for Recovery Kitchen
and \$103.00 for Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$10,564.00



Individuals: Donna Larsen (neck surgery): Regina Weber; Dave Brown (Julia Huddleston Brown’s husband - St. Thomas West): Annette Coorts Flanders; Carolyn Pinkley; Dan & Kathy Hilton; Kaye O’Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry’s father); Allison McDonald; Evelyn Hyder; Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

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

Assisted Living: Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Jo Gentry (Willow Spring at The Arbors in Spring Hill, TN); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

