The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 19, 2015

Is it just me, or can you too feel the excitement level growing here at First Cumberland? I can sense God's Spirit moving among us and I can hardly wait to see what great things He has in store for us as a congregation. New members, more and more visitors, financial stability, stronger fellowshipthese are but a few of the things I am anticipating God doing in our life. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." With the excitement building and Homecoming 2015 approaching, I want to take this opportunity to

invite all the former members who receive this newsletter to prayerfully consider returning to First Cumberland and once again making it your church home. You will be welcomed back with open, loving, and gracious arms!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Homecoming 2015

CHANGE OF DATE: Due to several church families having unavoidable conflicts on September 27th, our Session has decided to move Homecoming 2015 a week; it will now be held on Sunday, October 4th. Hopefully, this new date will not conflict with anyone's schedule. Please inform everyone you have asked to attend Homecoming 2015 of this change in date. Since October 4th is World-Wide Communion Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during our Worship Service. We will also have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., "pot luck dinner in the Gym"), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a time of fellowship and remembrance over coffee, juice, and pastries. This time can also be used to look at the historical displays. There will be no Sunday School on this day. Our Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change). Look for additional details in The Cumberlander over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know. The Church Office will soon be sending out special invitations to Homecoming 2015, if you have someone you would like us to send an invitation to, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible. Also, we are collecting pictures and memorabilia to be used that day; please get these items to the Church office as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to share A Homecoming Moment during an upcoming Worship Service, please let Pastor Mike know as soon as possible.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The Ladies' Bible Study has two more chapters till completion. The dates have been adjusted; the new dates are: Chapter 8 - "Hospitality", on Saturday, August 22nd, and Chapter 9 - "Putting It All Together", on Saturday, August 29th. Both studies will begin at 10:00 a.m. and take place in the beautiful new Keene Room.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

During the month of August, Kroger will be e-mailing each of our church's Community Rewards participants a link to re-enroll. If you do not have access to a computer, you can re-enroll by calling 1-800-576-4377. Kroger does this annually. Please re-enroll and encourage your friends and family to enroll; have them select our church as the organization of choice. If you need any help during this re-enrollment process, please contact Kim Halbert @ 660-5821. Let's make the next rewards check even bigger!

Youth News

- Beginning August 22nd, we are restructuring our Youth Group; we will have high school outings and middle school outings. We will also have some mixers where everyone will come together as well.
- August 22nd—High School Hike; meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bag-lunch and water. Be sure to wear appropriate hiking clothes and shoes. Estimated time back at church is 3:30 p.m.
- August 30th—Middle School Smokies' Game; meet at church at 4:00 p.m. Bring \$7.50 for tickets and additional money for food. Estimated time back at church is 9:00 p.m.
- September 11th—High School Group will go to Market Square Movie Night; more details to come.
- September 13th—Middle School Group will go to Laser Quest; more details to come.
- October 24th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. October 25th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.

Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event

Grace Baptist Church (7171 Oak Ridge Highway) is hosting a Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event featuring Kirk Cameron and Warren Barfield on Sunday evening, October 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$22.50 per person; less than ten people and the price is \$25.00 per person; contact **Amanda Roberts** is you are interested in attending.

Church-Wide Work Day

In preparation for Homecoming 2015, we will have another Work Day on Saturday, September 12th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be working both inside and out. We need everyone's help!

> For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to worship Christ, evangelize the lost, love one another and our neighbor, and learn more about our God.



First Cumberland,

where you belong!



Happy Birthday



August 19th-25th

22nd - Peggy Bradshaw 23rd - Judy Gwilliams 23rd - Tom Witmer



Stewardship Report August 16, 2015

Sunday School	47
Worship	
Offering	

Activities for August 19–25, 2015

11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Homecoming Committee
6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	10:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



Mildred Acuff spent two days in the hospital last week; she is now home and improving . . . Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Diane Fielder) will celebrate her 87th birthday this coming Saturday, August 22nd . . . It was great having Lilly Hall, Will Rogers, and Toni Summers (sister of David Collins) worshiping with us last Sunday . . . Carl Kissiah (father of Joanna Wilkinson) spent several days in the hospital last week; he is now home and improving . . . Marlene Ritchey remains under hospice care . . . Lois Witmer had surgery on her thumb last Thursday, August 13th . . . Kevin and Nancy Wood continue to improve . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, August 19th, at 11:00 a.m., at **The Chop House** (7417 Chapman Highway). Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are even encouraged to invite friends from outside the church.

Sunday School News

Rally Sunday will be on August 30th. Children will be promoted and teachers installed on this day. We will also have a Continental Breakfast in our Gym, at 9:00 a.m.

Coalition for Appalachian Ministries

We are collecting school supplies, socks and underwear for kids, plus yarn and craft things for the Coalition for Appalachian Ministries.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family of former yardman, **Fred Allan Johnson**, **Jr.**, who passed away last Thursday, August 13th.

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

To our knowledge, no one connected to First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Sarah Armes (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); Chris Atkins (son of Susan Edwards); Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Bettye Hudson (friend of Pastor Mike's mother); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); FAMILY OF FRED ALLAN JOHNSON, JR.; Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); CARL KISSIAH (father of Joanna Wilkinson); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Bob Neal (son-in-law of Mildred Acuff); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); persecuted Christians around the world; David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); J.D. and Sarah Price (friends of Alice Montgomery); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges' son); Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Larry Taylor (husband of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (grandaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Kevin and Nancy Wood

Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

Chapel Carpet Fund

Classical Conversations has started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. We hope to have this completed by **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,227.01 (need approximately \$7,500.00) has been given. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.