

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

September 7, 2016



I will be preaching the fifth and final message in the sermon series "Guardrails" this coming Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. My message will be based on **Daniel 1:5-19**. Please read and meditate on this passage in advance; doing so will help us understand the importance of predetermining that we are going to honor God with our lives before any situation/circumstance/trial arises that would tempt us to do otherwise. The title of the message is "Once for All". As always, I look forward to worshiping the risen Jesus with you.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Sunday School Notes

- ◇ This coming Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, will be our **Sunday School Rally Day**. The day will begin with a **Continental Breakfast** in our Gym, at 9:30 a.m. followed by an abbreviated meeting of all our Sunday School classes, at 10:00 a.m. During our Worship Service, all our Christian Education workers will be officially installed for the upcoming year.
- ◇ The **Berean Adult Sunday School Class**, taught by **Steve Summers**, has begun a new study on *"The Holiness of God"*—What does it mean when we say that God is all powerful; all knowing, all merciful? It is not too late to join this study; anyone not currently attending Sunday School is invited to join this class as they explore our God as revealed in Scripture. The **Berean Class** meets in Room 26.

### Pictorial Directory

Work on our new, self-published **Pictorial Directory** has resumed. This coming Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, handouts with each individual family's name, contact information, and birth dates will again be handed out to each family present. If you did not do so last Sunday, please either confirm or correct (spelling and accuracy) this information and turn the form back in before you leave the building. Thanks in advance for both your patience and cooperation.

### Thank You

A special thank you to **Tom** and **Emily DeLozier** for having the choir robes cleaned recently in preparation of the fall-winter season. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

### Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The initial gathering of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be this coming Thursday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at Rafferty's Restaurant (8906 Kingston Pike). Somewhere between twelve and fifteen people are currently planning to attend this Dutch-treat dinner/supper.

### Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

### Kids Hope USA

We could use one more volunteer mentor to help with our newest ministry—**Kids Hope USA's in-school mentoring program for at-risk students** at the Rocky Hill Elementary School. If you have any desire to participate in this **Outside-Action Project** please let Pastor Mike know as soon as possible. All mentors undergo online training and must pass a Knox Schools' background check to be allowed on school property during school hours.

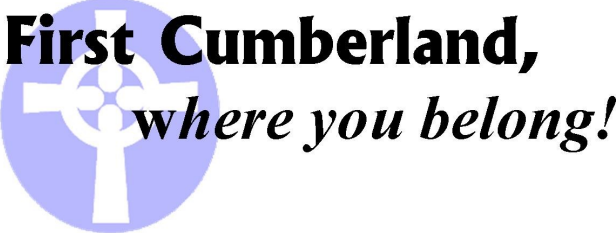
### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry


- Thank you to all who helped with the hosting of the **Church Women United** meeting last Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to **Pastor Mike**, **Tom Witmer**, and **Jimmy Curtis** for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, and for **Pastor Mike** offering the opening prayer, and for **Tom Witmer** taking care of the sound system. Thanks to **Maxine Curtis**, **Judy Gwilliams**, **Stephanie Saults**, **Jewell Kerr**, **Rue Dougherty**, **Dianne Fielder**, **Lois Witmer**, and **Betty Hammill** for providing refreshments and directions to our Gym and Sanctuary. We had around fifty fine Christian ladies to attend, and they were very appreciative of all we did for them. Thank you one and all.
- All the ladies of the church are invited to a **Wedding Shower** for **Lindsay Bridges** and **Taylor Rakes** Sunday afternoon, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., in the Keene Room. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Belk; and Target. Make plans to attend this happy event.

### Fall Outside Work Days

Our **Building and Grounds Committee** is planning to have two **Fall Outside Work Days**. One is Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. until dark and the second is Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please make you plans to attend one or both of these **work days** to help beatify our church grounds.

*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.*






### Happy Birthday

September 7th~13th

8th ~ Sidney O’Neal



Faithfulness Record September 4, 2016	
Sunday School.....	53
Worship Service.....	74
Offering.....	\$4,889.96
Youth Fund.....	\$81.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$25.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00


Activities for September 7~13, 2016		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Abbreviated Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Youth Hiking Expedition
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		

**Among Our People**

**Mildred Acuff** continues to recover from her broken arm and surgery ~ **Bill Halbert** has an upcoming appointment with an eye specialist ~ **Betty Hammill** continues to recover from her broken wrist ~ **Kim McCurry** continues to recover from her surgery ~ **Alice Montgomery** has been diagnosed with breast cancer; the course of treatment has not yet been determined ~ **Cliff Parrott** was scheduled for an outpatient test on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> ~ **Gary Smith**, grandson of Jewell Kerr, continues to recover from his surgery ~ **Pastor Mike** is scheduled for an outpatient test on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> ~ It was great having **Rebecca Wilkinson**, daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson, worshipping with us last Sunday ~ **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from a stroke

- ### Youth News
- This coming Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>—Following our Worship Service, both our **High School** and **Middle School Youth** will go **hiking** at the Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area; **bring a bag lunch**; Youth need to be picked up at the management area (3140 McClure Lane), at 3:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>—Following our Worship Service, our **High School Youth** will go to the home of **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** for lunch and a matinee; Youth need to be picked up from the Roberts’ home (8101 Greenwell Road) at 5:00 p.m.
  - October 30<sup>th</sup>—Both our **High School** and **Middle School Youth** will be setting up for our annual **Fall Festival**; if possible, all Youth need to stay after our Worship Service to help get things ready; **a light lunch will be provided**; the **Fall Festival** begins at 4:00 p.m.; the **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.


“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH.” — Psalm 119:105, NRSV



### Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!



**Health and Prayer Concerns** (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; **FAMILY OF ALEJANDRA VARGAS ARAIZA** (mother of Alfonzo Marquez); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Morgan and Wakely Burton (friend of Hannah Haddox and her friend’s baby); **FAMILY OF HELEN CARDEN**; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world*, Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Bill Halbert; Betty Hammill; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones and her mother (friend of Amanda Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Kim McCurry; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); *persecuted Christians around the world*, Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Gary Smith (grandson of Jewell Kerr); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (friend of Joy Taylor); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer

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

- ### Christian Sympathy
- \* Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Alejandra Vargas Araiza**, mother of Rev. Alfonzo Marquez, who passed way Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - \* Our sincere Christian sympathy is also extended to the **Family of Helen Carden**, who passed away Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please include both of these families in your thoughts and prayers.

### Church’s Website

The church’s website, [www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.