The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 2, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Late last Spring, our Session designated September 2015 as **Outreach Emphasis Month**. During this month, we want to encourage each and everyone of us to invite at least one person and/or family per week to attend church with you. To aid you in this effort, our *Mission and Outreach Committee* has prepared trifold brochures for you to give to family members, friends, neighbors, classmates,

coworkers, clerks at the store, servers at the restaurant—the list of who we can invite is endless. These brochures will be included in the bulletins every Sunday during the month of September. Please participate in **Outreach Emphasis Month** because God is doing great things here at First Cumberland we want everyone possible to be a part of it.

During our Worship Service last Sunday, the following Sunday School and Christian education leaders were installed: **Bill Halbert**, Superintendent of Sunday School; **Anna Lewis**, Nursery Worker; **Hannah Haddox**, Kindergarten and First Grade teacher; **Marikate** and **Jessica Walker**, Second through Fifth Grade teachers; **Maxine Curtis** and **Joanna Wilkinson**, children's substitute teachers; **Bonnie Bridges**, Middle School teacher; **Phil Bridges**, High School teacher; **Gene McCammon**, College and Career teacher; **Donna Walker**, Cornerstone Class teacher; **Steve Summers**, Berean Class teacher; **Betty Hammill**, Friendship Class teacher; **Laura Paschke** and **Julie Rech**, Children's Church leaders; and **Amanda** and **Scott Roberts**, Youth Program leaders. In addition, **Phil Bridges** was presented the 2015 *Miss Frances Wilkerson Christian Education Service Award*.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

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Homecoming 2015

CHANGE OF DATE: Our Session has moved Homecoming 2015 a week; it will now be held on Sunday, October 4th. 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 be sending out special invitations to Homecoming 2015 this week, 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

Save the date: On Saturday, September 26th, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is sponsoring an **English Tea**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Information about the mission work of the Thistle Farm, in Nashville, will be shared. See **Betty Hammill** to make reservations by Sunday, September 13th. Let us have a large group to participate.

Youth News

- * 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.

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 (cleaning the Keene Room kitchen, work room, conference room, and office area) and out (weed-eating, painting, etc.) We need everyone's help!

Facebook

Social media has become an easy way for churches to share information about upcoming activities, such as our Homecoming 2015 event, and to share our completed activities, such as Youth Group events and to just share news about our church and people. We would encourage everyone of you who is on Facebook to look up our Facebook page, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and like it. Then when items are posted you can like them, if you so desire, and even better is for you to share the item. Then all of your friends will see the item and will be informed of our fabulous church and people.

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



September 2nd-8th

5th-Hannah Haddox 5th-Julie Rech 8th-Sydney O'Neal



Stewardship Report August 30, 2015

Sunday School	53
Worship	
Offering	\$4,850.54

Activities for September 2–8, 2015

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



Mildred Acuff is now at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center (formerly Brakebill Nursing Home) for rehab as she recovers from a light stroke; she is in room 114 . . . Hannah Davis participated in her first gymnastics meet last Saturday . . . Marlene Ritchey remains under hospice care . . . It was great to having Elaine Stapleton worshiping with us again last Sunday . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, September 23rd, at 11:00 a.m., at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** (324 North Peters Road). 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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

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, \$2,327.01 (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**.

From the Girls Scouts

The **Girl Scouts** would like to thank the members of First Cumberland for our support. In addition to providing them a place to meet, we collect aluminum soda cans to help fund their activities.

Corrections

The correct address and telephone number for **Tom** and **Emily Delozier** are 9419 Tedford Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 and 865-256-5403. In addition, Tom is the band director at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, in Maryville.





No one associated with First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PLT!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Sarah Ames (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); 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); FAMILY OF DENETTE CARPENTER; 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); 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); 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 (due in November); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Lois Witmer; Kevin and Nancy Wood

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

Christian Sympathy

Our sincerest Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Denette Carpenter** (mother of Dawn, Chrissy, Christopher, Justin, and Patrick Curtis and the ex-wife of Jeff Curtis) who passed away last Sunday, August 30th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

Psalm 34:18, NLT