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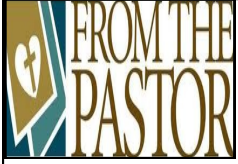
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 28, 2015



I want to begin by thanking you for all the expressions of love and support that I received for both my birthday and *Pastor Appreciation Month*. Each card, and there were many, was beautiful, but the handwritten notes inside them meant the most to me. I remember once reading a Facebook post that went something like this: "Lord, help me to be the kind of person my pet thinks I am." With that in mind, my daily prayer now is: "Lord, help me to be the kind pastor my congregation thinks I am." I am especially appreciative that so many of the pastor appreciation cards included Joanna. Unfortunately, not every pastor is fortunate enough to be married to a "pastor's wife"; I praise God that both you and I are blessed in this regard. I was completely surprised and thoroughly thrilled at the close of the Worship Service last Sunday when the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" and presented me with the basket of cards and gifts (a gift card to Outback Steakhouse that was used for last Sunday's lunch, a gift card to Ye Olde Steakhouse—a restaurant I have never been to, but have desired to go for quite some time, and an envelop of cash and a check—as I write this article on Monday morning, I have not yet had time to count the money). On top of this, Joanna and I were treated to lunch several Sundays during the month of October. We are truly blessed to be serving First Cumberland.

Speaking of blessings, last Sunday night's **Fall Festival** and **Trunk or Treat** meets all the criteria for a blessing. I do not yet have a head count, but over the course of three-and-a-half hours, several people, including many visitors, enjoyed an afternoon of activities and fellowship. I am not sure if all the numbers are in, but it appears we raised \$1,163.00 to help our **Youth** attend Winter Convocation in January. They still need approximately \$1,000.00 to fully fund this trip; if you would like to donate to this fund, simply make your check out to the church and note "Youth Trip" on the memo line. As part of this fundraising effort, whipped cream "pies" were thrown into my face. Twenty-four people—I know all your names and will never forget who you are :)—took part in this activity, but one lady in particular enjoyed it way too much; she even bought tickets for kids to throw a "pie" in my face, and no, this lady was not Joanna. She will remain nameless (**Dianne Fielder**). This nameless lady did give me permission to quote her: "IT WAS A GREAT DAY!" I want to thank **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** for all their hard work in making this year's **Fall Festival** and **Trunk or Treat** a success; we are blessed to have this couple working with our **Youth**.

I want to close by sharing a verse that was printed in one of the cards I received last week: *"Rejoice! Celebrate all the good things that God, your God, has given you."* [Deuteronomy 26:11, The Message]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Homecoming Tidbits

If you would like a DVD of the **Homecoming 2015 Slide Show** that was played in both the Narthex and the Gym on Homecoming Sunday, simply contact the Church Office; the cost is \$5.00 per DVD. Free CDs of the entire Worship Service are available through the Church Office. Also, various size color prints of the water color of the church that **Margaret Migas** painted for **Homecoming 2015** can be ordered through the Church Office; 24"x18" prints are \$30.00 each, 8"x10" prints are \$8.00 each, and 5"x7" prints are \$5.00 each; all the prints will be printed on mat-finish card stock and are suitable for matting and framing and would make wonderful Christmas presents. 4"x6" notes cards are also available for \$2.00 per card.

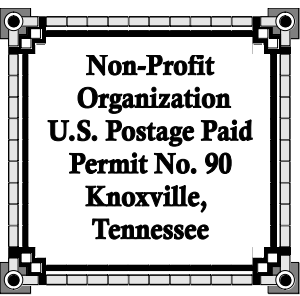
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Over the last few years, in order to conserve resources, many people have opted to receive their church newsletters via e-mail. While this conserves resources (paper and postage), it does create its own problem, and that is that generally one e-mail copy of the newsletter is sent to a family and once the recipient reads it, he or she deletes it without the rest of the family having access to it. If you desire to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please either make sure you share the newsletter with all your family members or supply the Church Office with all your family's e-mail addresses so that each family member can each receive a copy.

Church's Website

The church's website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the last four of our worship services. Look for the link on the bottom left-hand corner of our homepage.

*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

October 28th–November 3rd

28th - Mary Ann Haney
30th - Dawn Curtis



Stewardship Report October 25, 2015	
Sunday School.....	57
Worship.....	88
Offering.....	\$3,158.56

Activities for October 28–November 3, 2015	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m.	West Circle Meeting
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

It was great having **Mildred Acuff** back worshipping with us last Sunday; now that she is at the assisted living facility, she plans to be back at church every Sunday . . . It was great having **Peggy Bradshaw** [mother of Dianne Fielder] with us for last Sunday’s Fall Festival . . . **Cooky Dyer** is now out of the hospital and back home . . . Congratulations **Dianne Fielder** for having the most guests/family members attend our Fall Festival . . . **Edna Fleenor** remains under hospice care at NHC, St. Mary’s . . . Congratulations to **James, Laura, and Sarah Grace Paschke** on the purchase of their new home last week . . . **Ada Ladd** is still at Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation-Northhaven . . . It was great having **Cliff Parrott** back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . .


Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, October 28th, at 11:00 a.m., at **Carver Applehouse Restaurant**, in Cosby, TN. Following lunch and shopping for apples and other goodies, they will then travel to **Mary Ann Haney’s** house, in Gatlinburg, for dessert. Anyone wishing to carpool to the restaurant should meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies’ ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Coming up in November is our ladies’ ministry’s annual **BAKE/CRAFT SALE**. It will take place on Sunday morning, November 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. till after the Worship service, in the Library. Ladies, we ask your help in contributing to our CPWM’s largest fund-raiser.




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; 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); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); 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); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Larry Hickens (friend of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); **FAMILY OF LOU JACKSON** (friend of Ann Bachman); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); 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); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); persecuted Christians around the world; Catherine Pipkin (mother of Paul Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Tara Shelley and baby (due in November); Gladys Stone; Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr and her sons); Lois Witmer

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

Save the Dates

⇒ The second annual **Rocky Hill Christmas Parade** will be Saturday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m. We plan to enter a float in the parade again this year.

⇒ We will hold a **Brunch with Santa Claus** on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, in our Gym.

Additional information about these two events will soon appear in the newsletter.