

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 5, 2014



Are you like me and think that many, if not most, of today's "prosperity preachers" have misappropriated a legitimate biblical concept. I think that we can legitimately say that God wants His children to prosper, but what does that really mean? Does it mean that believers will never run out of money?—never get sick?—never have problems at home, work, school, or church? No, that is clearly not what Scripture means when it refers to prosperity. Some five years before making his trip to Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote the church there, saying: "I keep pleading that somehow by God's will I may now at last prosper *and* come to you." [Romans 1:10, AMP] The Apostle Paul was asking the believers in Rome to join him in his prayer for a prosperous trip. Did God answer this prayer? Most definitely, for Paul made it to Rome and had a remarkable ministry there preaching and teaching; he just did not know that getting to Rome would include false accusations against him resulting in his arrest. He could not have foreseen that the trip would include a hurricane, a shipwreck, and the bite of a poisonous snake. Here is the point that I want each of us to see; it is a point that most "prosperity preachers" do not understand: ***You can live a prosperous life in the will of God and still face personal conflict and adversity.*** Facing storms and shipwrecks (illness, death of a loved one, conflict, divorce, money struggles, aging, whatever your storm and shipwreck might be) in our lives is a matter of when, not if, so we need to learn how to get through them, how to survive them, and how to learn the lessons these storms and shipwreck teach us. How do we do this? We do so by trusting God. **Proverbs 3:5-6** says: "Trust the LORD with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the LORD in all you do, and he will give you success." [NCV] Another way of saying, "... He will give you success." is "... He will make you prosperous." Again, prosperity is not necessarily a financial or health matter; rather, it is the ability to accomplish God's plan for our lives. I return once again to the theme verse of my ministry: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" [Jeremiah 29:11, NIV]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### **All Saints Sunday**

The first Sunday in November is the Sunday on the Church calendar which is set apart every year to remember the faithful service of followers of Christ who have gone on to their eternal reward. The official name of this special day is *All Saints Sunday*. During the past year, the following members of First Cumberland went home to be with the Lord: **Mary Jane Blaylock; Howard Eblen; Mildred Stone; Jeanine Walker; and Richard Zimmerman**. In addition, long-term visitor **John Smith** passed away last year. Also included among those now in glory are Kim Halbert's grandmother, **Virginia Brown**; Maxine Curtis' sister, **Patti Derreberry**; Becky Rader's mother, **Alice Sherrod**; Jewell Kerr's daughter, **Suzan Smith**; and Mildred Acuff's daughter, **Donna Wingard**. While not technically a member of this congregation—as an ordained minister, he belonged to the Presbytery of East Tennessee—**J. David Hester** has now gone on to his eternal reward. Let us give praise to God for the lives of these, His saints.

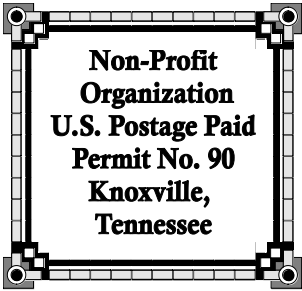
### **Friendship Club**


The **Friendship Club** will gather at **Bush Brothers' Café and Museum**, in Dandridge, Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., for a Dutch-treat lunch. You can meet us there or meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and form a carpool. Remember, everyone who reading this announcement is invited to go on this outing.

### **Christian Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Donna Wingard** (Mildred Acuff's daughter) who passed away last Thursday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Memorial Service will be this coming Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., at the Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, in Morrow, GA. Meet at the church at 6:30 a.m. if you want to be a part of the carpool going to the service.


*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

**November**  
9-Kim McCurry  
12-Tom Chesney  
14-Cliff Parrott



Activities for November 9-15, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report November 2, 2014	
Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	63
Offering .....	\$4,553.81
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Benevolence Fund .....	\$1,730.00

*Among Our People*


Dianna and Larry Fielder were in Pennsylvania last Sunday for the baptism of a great-nephew . . . Melanie Hester Kuhnhenh had knee replacement surgery this week and is now home doing well . . . Pat Hester (Dianne Pipkin’s aunt) is doing well following heart surgery last week . . . Becky Rader is at NHC Fort Sanders and continues to improve . . . B. F. Daniel has completed outpatient physical therapy; he will continue to receive outpatient speech therapy . . . Dick Booher will have knee replacement surgery on November 5<sup>th</sup> . . .

**Thursday Connection Online Auction**

**Thursday Connection** (one of the two home school groups that meet at First Cumberland) is holding an **Online Auction** November 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. To view the items donated, go to [www.32auctions.com/TCAuction2014](http://www.32auctions.com/TCAuction2014). They accept Paypal and credit/debit cards payments on the auction site.


**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

If you shop at Kroger during the holidays, you can help First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Members and friends of FCPC can register online to take part in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** to benefit our church. To do so, simply register online by going to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church as the organization you wish to support. Next time you shop, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you see our church’s name there. Contact Kim Halbert at 660-5821 if you have any questions. Thank you!



## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital  
Becky Rader - NHC Fort Sanders



## Health and Prayer Concerns

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Ada Ladd; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Maxine McGuire; Charlotte Bird; Carol Seeman; Jack Walker; Mildred Acuff; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Debbie Holloway; Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Lois Witmer; Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Ruth West (Greg Beeler’s aunt); Becky Rader; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Melanie Hester Kuhnhenh; Pat Hester (Dianne Pipkin’s aunt); family of Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter)

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*

**Bake / Craft Sale**

Our **Ladies’ Ministry** will hold their annual **Bake/Craft Sale** before and after church services on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>—the Sunday before **Thanksgiving**. The sale will be held in the Library. All the ladies of the church are asked to start planning for this event. The project the money will be going towards has not yet been determined; we will inform you as soon as a decision has been made. Thank you for your participation—either baking, crafting, or buying.

**Just a Thought**

“Beware of asking God to tell others what they need to know, unless you are willing for Him to show you what you need to know.”

—Warren Wiersbe