

# The Cumberland

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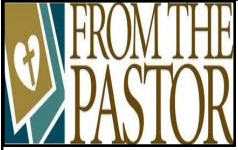
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 11, 2017



The snow and ice that fell last Friday and lingered throughout the weekend reminds me that I need to publish our **Severe Weather Policy**: *In the event of dangerous weather and/or hazardous driving conditions, our Sunday School will be canceled and our Worship Service will be held at its normal time (10:45 a.m.) if at all possible.* As we did last week, we will send out a mass e-mail with this information. Just because we will be attempting to hold our Worship Service under these conditions does not mean that I expect everyone to be present. Road conditions vary across the area, so if it is unsafe for you to travel, please do not attempt to do so. In spite of the bitter cold and icy roads, 45 of us were able to attend our Worship Service last Sunday. We worshiped the risen Jesus in our Chapel and do not tell anyone else, but we actually concluded our service earlier than usual, around 11:45 a.m. I want to thank those who gathered at the church Saturday afternoon and spread deicer on our parking lot and sidewalks helping make it safe for us to be here on Sunday; **Mike Bachman, Jim Curtis, Brack Emory, Bill Halbert, and Tom Witmer** spread the deicer while **Kim Halbert** made coffee to help everyone try to stay warm. Due to the weather conditions, we did not hold our annual **Congregational Meeting** as scheduled because I wanted as many of us as possible to be here to participate; the meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (see the announcement below).

I want to close on a personal note: Thanks to everyone who has expressed concern and/or offered a prayer on behalf of my Mom (details can be found on the back page of this newsletter). Both my sister, Susan Edwards, and I greatly appreciate it. Once again, you have proven yourself to be a caring and loving people—to God be the glory!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Congregational Meeting

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** to elect, ordain, and/or install the *Elder Class of 2019* has been rescheduled; it will now take place at the close of our **Worship Service** Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>; at that time, our *Session* will nominate **Phil Bridges, Chrissy Collins, and Dianne Pipkin** to serve as the next *Elder Class*; additional nominations can be made from the floor providing the nominee meets the biblical and constitutional qualifications to serve as an Elder and is present at our **Congregational Meeting** to accept the nomination.

### Youth News

All our **Youth** who will be attending this year's **Winter Convocation** need to be at the church this coming Friday evening, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. to leave for Gatlinburg. They will return to the church Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, around 11:00 a.m. Everyone needs to pack appropriate clothing, toiletries, and their Bible. They also need to bring enough money to for two meals and any extracurricular activities they wish to participate in during free time. If you have any questions, contact **Amanda Roberts**.

### Denomination Day Celebration

First Cumberland will host the *Presbytery of East Tennessee's 2017 Denomination Day Celebration* Sunday afternoon, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. This special musical Worship Service will feature a Presbyterian Choir, as well as various church choirs, and soloists. For those interested in joining the Presbyterian Choir, meet at the Talbot Cumberland Presbyterian Church for practice this coming Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. As part of our hosting responsibilities for the **Denomination Day Celebration**, we have been asked to provide the evening meal that will follow the Worship Service. We need volunteers to provide vegetables, salads, and desserts; the church will provide the meat. We are expecting 150-200 people, so we will need lots and lots of your good, home-cooked food! You may bring your dishes either Sunday morning or by 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Thanks in advance for all your help! If you have any questions, contact **Dianne Pipkin**.

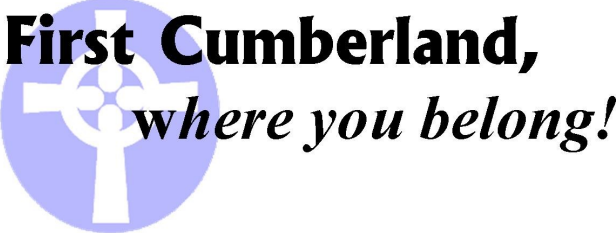
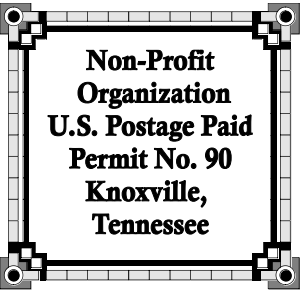
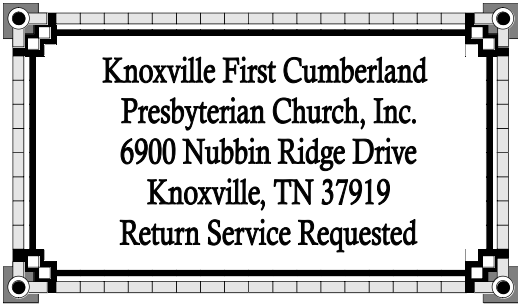
### Water Angel Ministry

First Cumberland has begun a new ministry – that of providing bottled water, and both men's and women's winter coats to the homeless. We will be working with **Water Angel Ministry**, a local organization who distributes these things to the homeless and needy; they are based at 907 University Avenue. We will be collecting these items on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year. **Aaron Mynatt**, the volunteer who heads up **Water Angel Ministry**, will pick up our donations monthly. Please bring your cases of water and coats to the hallway off the side entrance of the church. The cases of water are rather heavy, so assistance will be provided to help carry them into the church, if needed. Thank you, congregation, for helping the "least of these" in our community.

### Fellowship Sunday School Class

Our **Fellowship Sunday School Class** will look briefly this coming Sunday at the lessons for January 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and then concentrate on the lesson for January 15<sup>th</sup>, "Praise God the Provider."

*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

**January 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

14<sup>th</sup> - Leigh Ann Summers  
16<sup>th</sup> - Betty Hammill  
17<sup>th</sup> - Alice Montgomery



Our Faithfulness Record for January 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday School.....	0
Worship Service.....	45
Offering.....	\$2,854.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$25.00

Activities January 11 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
Friday:	6:00 p.m.	Youth leave for Convocation
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	11:00 a.m.	Youth return from Convocation
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		

**Among Our People**

**Maxine Curtis** is still at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center (Room 113) undergoing therapy following surgery to repair her broken hip. ~ **Jewell Kerr** continues to have a heart-rhythm issue. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, fell on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>—her eightieth birthday; the fall resulted in two compression fractures in her back that required surgery (kyphoplasty), which she underwent Wednesday evening, January 4<sup>th</sup>; she is now at Morningview Village (Room 128), in Maryville, for therapy.

**Special Guests**


It was great having **Sallie and Allen Cox** worshipping with us again last Sunday.

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at **The Lunch House** (3816 Holston Drive), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

**Friendship Club, P.M. Edition**


The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be this Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at **The Original Louis Drive-in Restaurant** (4661 Old Broadway), at 6:30 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.



### Prayer List

**In the Hospital**

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



**Health and Prayer Concerns**

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**, Maxine Curtis; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Kim Halbert; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Jewell Kerr; **our Kids Hope USA ministry**, Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; **persecuted Christians around the world**, Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Amanda Roberts; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Shane Thompson (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codee Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); **FAMILY OF BOYCE WALLACE** (longtime Cumberland Presbyterian missionary); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Bob Witmer (uncle of Ton Witmer); Lois Witmer; **FAMILY OF THEOLA YORK** (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards)

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

**Christian Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expended to the **Family of Theola York**, the mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards, who passed away Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expended to the **Family of Boyce Wallace**, longtime Cumberland Presbyterian missionary to Colombia, South America, who passed away Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. He and wife, Beth, were in Florida visiting family for the holidays at the time of his death.

Please keep these families in your 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](#).

*As followers of the risen Jesus, our daily aim should be to help as many people as possible to find and follow Christ.*