

# The Cumberland

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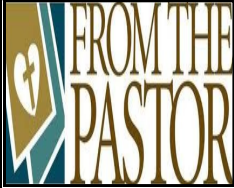
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 29, 2015



Regrettably, at our Session meeting last Sunday night, the tough decision was made to move \$10,000.00 from our depleted reserves to our Operating Account to cover the expenses that our offerings have failed to cover. This is the first time in my twenty-two months as Pastor of First Cumberland that we have had to dip into our limited reserves. This deeply saddens me because it means that I have failed to teach the spirit of generosity to some of us. While I do not know what anyone other than Joanna and I give to the church, typically every congregation has some generous givers who should not be asked to give more, and every congregation has some less than generous givers who can and should give more. If you fall into that second category, I want to again encourage you to step up and be generous in your giving. Our current shortfall was partially created by what is often called a "Summer Slump." Most congregations, including ours, experience a downward trend in both attendance and giving in the Summer months as people go on vacation and take several weekend get-a-ways; sports and recreational activities take their toll, as well. Unfortunately, many of these folks do not catch up on their giving when they return. Another factor in our shortfall is none of the homeschools that use our church facility meet during the Summer; therefore, we have no rental income from these groups during the Summer months. In spite of our current shortfall, I am confident that we will move beyond our current circumstance and finish the year strong. It is both my prayer and our Session's plan to put the \$10,000.00 we are moving this week back into our reserves by the end of the year. This is not only possible, it is a reasonable expectation if all of us become generous as God is generous with us.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Garage Sale

Our two-weekend Garage Sale and Youth Group BBQ Fundraiser are now complete. Final numbers are still being tallied, but it appears that the Garage Sale raised upwards of \$3,500.00 and our Youth Group cleared at least \$300.00 from the sale of barbeque. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who made these events such a great success. While many people volunteered, **Maxine and Jim Curtis and Family** deserve special recognition for their part in that Garage Sale, as does **Scott Roberts**—our resident BBQ pit master.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- ⇒ The next meeting of our **Ladies' Bible Study** will be this coming Saturday morning, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 6 (Self-examination) in "**Soul Feast**". The final three dates are as follows: Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>; and Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.
- ⇒ The West Circle of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Conference Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.
- ⇒ Our ladies' ministry is collecting supplies, socks and underwear for kids, plus yarn and craft things for the **Coalition for Appalachian Ministries**. There is a box in the Narthex to deposit what you bring. Thank you for helping in this very important ministry.

### Homecoming 2015

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate **Homecoming 2015**. This is going to be an exciting event, so mark your calendar and make your plans to be here and invite all the former members you know, as well as all your family and friends. We will have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., pot luck 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 Cumberland** over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know. The Church Office will be sending out invitations to **Homecoming 2015**, if you have someone you would like us to send an invitation to, please let 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.

### Church-wide Work Day

We will have **church-wide** (men, women, teenagers, boys, and girls) **Work Day** Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. The intent of this **Work Day** is to thoroughly clean our Sanctuary and spruce up our grounds/lawn in preparation for **Homecoming 2015**. It is important to have as many people as possible participate in the **Work Day**.

*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.*

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Happy Birthday

July 29th–August 4th

30th – Margaret Migas  
2nd – Hannah Davis

Stewardship Report July 26, 2015	
Sunday School.....	32
Worship.....	54
Offering.....	\$1,276.00
Chapel Carpet.....	\$100.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$90.00

Activities for July 29–August 4, 2015		
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Ladies’ Bible Study
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Christian Education
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

*Among Our People*

It was good having **Terrie McVey** worshipping with us again last Sunday . . . It was great having **Lesa and Zackary Medley** (Mary Helen Daniel’s daughter and grandson) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care . . . It was great having **Elaine Stapleton** (longtime friend of Susan Edwards) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Larry Taylor** (husband of Joy Taylor) is in the University of Tennessee Medical Center in ICU . . . Former pastor, **Kevin Wood** is now out of the hospital and improving . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., at **The Chop House** (7417 Chapman Highway). 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 outside the Church Office.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed**

This September, we will be dividing our current **Youth Sunday School Class** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) into two classes: a **Middle School Class** taught by **Bonnie Bridges** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and a **High School Class** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) taught by **Phil Bridges**. This means that we need a teacher for **Bonnie’s** current class, **Juniors**, (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades); if you would like to volunteer to teach this class starting in September, see **Pastor Mike** or **Amanda Roberts** (the Chair of our *Christian Education Committee*).

*"A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."*  
Proverbs 11:25

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Larry Taylor @ U.T. Medical Center

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Sarah Armes (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); Chris Atkins (son of Susan Edwards); 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); **CAROL CRAVEN** (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; 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); 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; 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); 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); Carol Seeman; Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammil); **LARRY TAYLOR**; Jack Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Lois Witmer; Kevin Wood; **NANCEY WOOD**

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

**Chapel Carpet Fund**

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church on Tuesdays) started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. Our Session’s hope is to have this completed before **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,227.01 of the approximately \$7,500.00 needed has been contributed to this fund. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds for this project; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.