

The Cumberland

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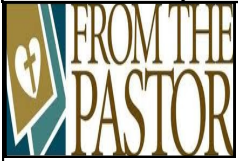
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 11, 2015



"I, (NAME), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." This oath has been taken by every person who has or is serving in our country's military. To all who dared take this oath, I want to say, **"THANK YOU!"** On **Veterans' Day**—Wednesday, November 11th—every American needs to remember the sacrifices our veterans have made and continue to make, and I would suggest that our remembrance should include a personal word of appreciation to all the veterans we know and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their service and sacrifice.

As you know, we are in the midst of our annual Stewardship Campaign here at First Cumberland. Our theme this year is, **Generosity: Excelling in the Grace of Giving**, and the Scripture upon which this theme is based is **Second Corinthians 8:7**, which says: *"... since you excel in everything—in faith, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* [NIV] With this in mind, I want to share my closing thought from last Sunday's sermon: "Generosity is not merely about how we divide up our earthly treasures; it is also about how we store up our heavenly treasures." Remember, stewardship and generosity are not about what I, your *Stewardship and Finance Committee*, and your *Session* want from you; "... stewardship and generosity are about what we want for you—for each of us—and what we want is for each one of us to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ."

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

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 fundraiser.

Youth News

- ⇒ Our **Middle School Youth Group** **WILL NOT** meet here at the church this coming Saturday, November 14th, as planned and announced; instead our **Middle School Youth Group** will meet here at the church on Saturday, November 21st, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. They will still practice archery and play games; a light lunch will be provided.
- ⇒ Our **High School Youth Group** **WILL NOT** go bike riding this coming Sunday, November 15th, as planned and announced; instead, after the Worship Service on Sunday, November 22nd, our **High School Youth Group** will meet at one of the city's greenway entrances (directions to follow). Youth need to bring their bikes and a light lunch. This outing will start about 12:30 p.m. and end around 3:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, December 12th, **BOTH** our **Middle and High Youth Groups** will help with the **Brunch with Santa** event. All youth need to be at the church at 8:00 a.m. to prepare brunch to be served at 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 20th, our **Middle and High Youth Groups** will have a joint **Christmas Party** (details to follow).

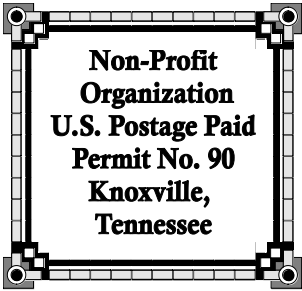
Homecoming Tidbits

LAST CALL: 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; 18"x24" prints are \$20.00 each, 8"x10" prints are \$5.00 each, and 5"x7" prints are \$2.00 each; all the prints will be printed on matte-finish card stock and are suitable for matting and framing and would make wonderful Christmas presents. 4"x6" note cards are also available for \$5.00 per box (six cards with blank envelopes). 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; order forms are also available in the Narthex.


Birth Announcement

Congratulations to **Tara and Josh Shelley** on their birth of the second child—**Audrey Elaine Shelly**. **Audrey** was born last Friday, November 6th; she weighed eight pounds and four ounces and was nineteen-and-a-half inches long. **Audrey** is the sister of **Brooklyn** and the granddaughter of **Tammy and Danny Eblen**.

*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

November 11th-17th
12th - Tom Chesney
14th - Cliff Parrott



Stewardship Report November 8, 2015	
Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	69
Offering.....	\$3,642.25
Building Reimbursement.....	\$2,375.00
Youth Fund.....	\$180.00
Music Fund.....	\$75.00

Activities for November 11-17, 2015	
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

It was great having **Ann Avery** and **Mark Henn** back worshipping with us again last Sunday . . . **Hannah Davis** placed in all the events at her gymnastics meet in Nashville last weekend . . . **Edna Fleenor** remains under hospice care at NHC, St. Mary’s . . . **Ada Ladd** has returned home from Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation-Northhaven . . . **Cliff Parrott** will learn this week when he will have a skin graph on his injured leg . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . It has been great having **Gina Seavers** worshipping with us the last three Sundays . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, November 18th, at 11:00 a.m., at **The Original Louis’ Drive-In Restaurant** (4646 Old Broadway). Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are also encouraged to invite friends from outside the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.


Missions and Outreach Committee

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday evening, November 22nd, at 5:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.

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.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”




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); Pat Beeler (friend 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); 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; 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’s 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.