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"Loving God, Loving People"

Our Weekly Newsletter

FK()M THH Congratulations to Ryan Haddox, Scott Roberts, and Steve Summers on being elected and installed to serve as the Elder Class of 2018 at last Sunday's Congregational Meeting. Ryan **N** and **Scott** were ordained as Elders. Also, congratulations to **Dianne Pipkin** on being elected

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and installed to serve the remaining eleven months (term begins February 1, 2016) of James O'Neal's term on the Elder Class of 2016. As you know, James and his family are moving to Hawaii. Please continually keep our Session in your prayers as we seek to lead this congregation into the future God has planned for us. Also, please express your appreciation to Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, and Jewell Kerr for their service to this congregation as the *Elder Class of 2015*, and to **James O'Neal** for his service on the *Elder Class of 2016*.

As we settle into the new year, what would your one goal—hope—dream—aspiration—prayer for First Cumberland be? Would it be numerical growth—spiritual growth—increased financial stability—deeper fellowship—the return of former members? If I could only have one goal—hope—dream—aspirationprayer for us as a congregation, it would be that those of us actively involved in the life of First Cumberland become so excited about what God is doing in and through this congregation that we enthusiastically invite and encourage others to join us in worshiping and serving the Risen Christ. The achievement of this one goal—hope—dream—aspiration—prayer would simultaneously bring about the other goals—hopesdreams—aspirations—prayers that I mentioned. Can you imagine the effect on this congregation if we all dedicated ourselves to seeing our one goal-hope-dream-aspiration-prayer come to fruition in the coming year? It would simply be amazing—perhaps miraculous! Won't you join me in this effort?

I challenged those who were here last Sunday morning to spend some time this week at the feet of Jesus, savoring His Word. I now extend this challenge to everyone reading this article. Get away from all the distractions—the television, computers, telephones, etc.—shift your focus to Jesus, and run a finger down the finely cut pages of the gospels hunting for the words of Jesus. Read every single word, and then, "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." [First Peter, 5:7. NRSV]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

This year's **Winter Convocation**, in Gatlinburg, will be this coming Friday, January 15th, through Monday, January 18th. All our Youth who will be attending need to be at the church and ready to leave for Gatlinburg at 6:30 p.m., this coming Friday, January 15th; **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** will be providing transportation.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- All of the items on the mitten tree—and there were many—were taken up to the Coalition of Appalachian Ministry's mission in Townsend last Thursday. They are always appreciative of all that we bring.
- Care Group #3, Leigh Ann Summers and Bonnie Bridges as captains, took food to the Family of Edna Fleenor this week. Care Group #1, with Jewell Kerr and Betty Hammill as captains, is up next.
- A big thank you goes to those who contributed to all of the Christmas outreach ministries this year. There is a thank-you note from Serene Manor Nursing Home on the CPWM bulletin board in the Narthex.

2016 Denomination Day Celebration

The Presbytery of East Tennessee's **2016 Denomination Day Celebration** will be Sunday, January 31st, at 3:30 p.m., at the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The celebration will be a song service featuring Southern Gospel Music. There will be a Presbyterial Choir made up of people from many churches, including First Cumberland, along with several other choirs and soloists. Following the celebration, a meal will be provided for a donation. Please make reservations no later than Monday, January 25th, by contacting the Talbott Church at 865-475-1221 or talbottchurch@bellsouth.net.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the Family of Edna Fleenor, who passed away last Thursday, January 7th. Up until the time of her passing, at the age of ninety-nine, Edna was the oldest member of First Cumberland. Please keep the Fleenor Family in your prayers.

> 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.



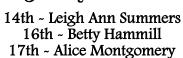
First Cumberland,

where you belong!



January 13th-20th

Happy Birthday





Stewardship Report January 10, 2016

Sunday School	46
Worship Service	71
Offering	
Youth Fund	
Memorial	\$50.00
Building Reimbursement	\$20.00

Activities for January 13~20, 2015

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Friday: 6:30 p.m. Youth to Gatlinburg
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Monday: 11:00 a.m. Youth return from Gatlinburg

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)



Dick Booher will have surgery on his shoulder Tuesday, January 26th . . . Ada Ladd remains under hospice care at home . . . Sarah Grace Paschke's cheer team, Dean Hill Cheer, placed third in last weekend's state competition . . . Catherine Pipkin, mother of Paul Pipkin, remains in Parkwest Medical Center after follow-up surgery to her initial back surgery . . . Marlene Ritchey remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . Donna Wingard, daughter of Mildred Acuff, was in town this past weekend visiting her mother . . . Tom Witmer will have a stent placed in his heart with the aid of an Impella Ventricular Assist Device on Wednesday, January 20th . . .

Friendship Club

Change of Date: The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** will now be Wednesday, January 27th, at 11:00 a.m., at **Calhoun's Restaurant** (Bearden hill). Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are also encouraged to invite people from outside the church to join you. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Church Directory

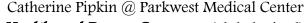
We hope to soon create a new **Church Directory**. Please make sure the Church Office has your updated contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address) so the new directory will be as accurate as possible. We will be doing this directory in-house and it will include family pictures.

"pray without ceasing," First Thessalonians 5:17, NRSV

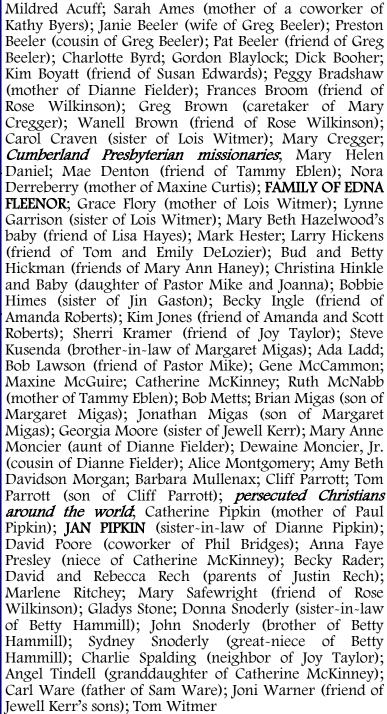


Prayer Concerns





Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



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

Church's Website

The church's website, **www.first-cumberland.org**, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

2015 Contribution Statements

If you would like your **2016 Contribution Statement** emailed to you, be sure the Church Office has your correct email address.