

# The Cumberland

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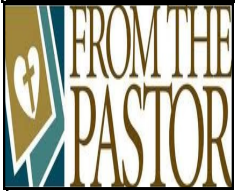
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

February 3, 2016



For the last five weeks, I have been preaching a sermon series titled, "Seeing and Savoring Jesus". Oddly enough, during this series I have focused on some of the attributes of God as we have looked at the glory of God, the Word of God, the grace of God, the goodness of God, and the faithfulness of God. This coming Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will conclude this sermon series by examining the love of God. It is my firm belief that the more we know about God, the Father the more we will be open to the leading of God, the Holy Spirit and the more we will see and savor God, the Son. My challenge for you this week is for each of us to ponder the love of God, particularly how the love of God is manifested in our lives and the lives of our families, including our church family. If you will accept this challenge and carry it through, this coming Sunday will be yet another great day to be in the house of the Lord here at First Cumberland.

"My beloved friends, let us continue to **love** each other since **love** comes from **God**. Everyone who **loves** is born of **God** and experiences a relationship with **God**. The person who refuses to **love** doesn't know the first thing about **God**, because **God is love**—so you can't know him if you don't **love**. This is how **God** showed his **love** for us: **God** sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of **love** we are talking about—not that we once upon a time **loved God**, but that he **loved** us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with **God**." [First John 4:8-10, MSG]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,  
*Pastor Mike*

### Church Pictorial Directory

We are creating a new **Church Pictorial 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. **Jimmy and Jeff Curtis** will be taking these pictures this coming Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The picture-taking session will take place following the Worship Service, in Room #24, unless you make arrangements with Jimmy to do otherwise. A special thank you to the families who had their pictures taken last Sunday. Our desire is for everyone (regular attenders and members) to be included in the new directory, so please make every effort to participate this coming Sunday. Because we are doing this in-house, you will not be asked to buy any pictures, nor will you receive a free picture for having your picture taken.

### Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Barbara Lancaster**, who passed away on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Barbara's husband, David, served as the Pastor of First Cumberland from 1985 until 2004. Please keep the Lancaster Family in your prayers.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Catherine Pipkin**, who passed away on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Catherine is the mother of Paul Pipkin and mother-in-law of Dianne Pipkin; she is also the grandmother of Amy Huether, Kevin Pipkin, Sarah Pipkin, and Julie Rech, and the great-grandmother of Sadie Huether, Kian and Kinsey Pipkin, and Josh, Jenny, and Josie Rech. Please keep the Pipkin Family in your prayers.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Bob Metts**, who passed away on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Bob is a former member of First Cumberland. Please keep the Metts Family in your prayers.

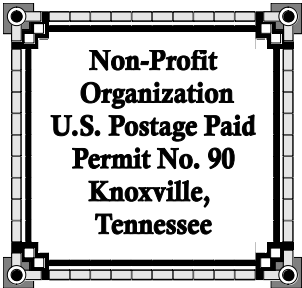
### A Personal Note

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What else can I say about the love that is in our church? The love you all have shown me and Lois during the last several weeks is just amazing. The love of our Father has shown through over the last few weeks as I have been treated for a major left coronary descending artery blockage. The faithfulness of God to us in our times of need is just a marvelous thing. May God continue to bless all of you with the same love you have given us and others. May God continue to give his strength to Pastor Mike as he tends this flock.


In the love of Christ,

Tom and Lois Witmer

*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

February 3rd-9th

9th ~ Stephanie Saults



| Stewardship Report January 31, 2016 |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School.....                  | 39         |
| Worship Service.....                | 75         |
| Offering.....                       | \$2,767.25 |
| Memorial.....                       | \$90.00    |

### Activities for February 3-9, 2015

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Picture Taking Session

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

*Among Our People*

**Dick Booher** is in Morristown, at his son’s home, recovering from surgery . . . **Peggy Bradshaw**, mother of Dianne Fielder, did not go to Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center as originally planed; instead, she is at West Hills Health and Rehab . . . **Jimmy Curtis, Betty Hammill, Joanna Wilkinson**, and **Pastor Mike** attended the Presbytery of East Tennessee’s Denomination Celebration last Sunday afternoon . . . **Tammy Eblen** is recovering from a recent fall . . . **Ada Ladd** remains under hospice care at home . . . **Lesa Medley** (daughter of Mary Helen Daniel) is now home recuperating from surgery . . . **James O’Neal** and kids (**Emma, Sydney**, and **Eli**) are moving to Hawaii this week; they will be joining **Peggy**, who began her new job at the first of the year . . . It was great having **Doug Parker** (high school friend of Pastor Mike) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Becky Rader** is home recovering from surgery . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . It was great having **Tom Witmer** back worshipping with us last Sunday, he has now returned to work here at the church . . .


### Scout Sunday

We will celebrate **Scout Sunday** on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year. First Cumberland sponsors and hosts a Cub Scout pack, a Boy Scout troop, and a Girl Scout troop. We are also generally blessed by an Eagle Scout project most every year.

### Quote of the Week

“People always say, ‘Motivation is great, but it doesn’t last.’ I just tell them, bathing doesn’t last either, that is why I recommend it daily.” — Zig Ziglar

I would add that gathering to worship God doesn’t last either, that is why I recommend it weekly. I hope to see all of you at church this coming Sunday. — Pastor Mike




### 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; 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); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLosier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries*, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); **TAMMY EBLEN**; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); 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); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Ada Ladd; **FAMILY OF BARBARA LANCASTER**; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); **LESA MEDLEY** (daughter of Mary Helen Daniel); **FAMILY OF 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*; **FAMILY OF CATHERINE PIPKIN** (mother of Paul Pipkin); Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne 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; Mary Safewright (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); **DEVAN WILHITE** (friend of Greg Beeler); Tom Witmer

*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.

“ . . . God is love.” — First John 4:8, NRSV