

# The Cumberland

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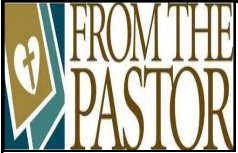
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 6, 2016



I want to begin this article with a brief update on our recent **Vacation Bible School** offerings; \$168.58 was received for the **Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering Fund**, this coupled with the \$130.00 received for this fund on the Sunday morning following **VBS**, allows us to send \$290.58 to our denominational Missions Ministry Team for the **Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering Fund** to help support the 22 Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries now serving on the field around the globe. Hopefully, several of us took the offering envelope provided for this fund home with us and have either already or soon will be sending in a contribution to this fund directly to our Missions Ministry Team. In addition to the offering received during the Opening Assembly of **VBS**, \$192.30 was donated to cover the expense of the meals.

I, like most of the pastors I know, dread what we call the "Summer Slump". This is when those who are faithful in their church attendance (present most Sundays unless ill) typically take vacations and miss a Sunday or two; this is when those who are fairly regular in their church attendance (present a couple of Sundays a month) choose to go to the lake or the mountains for the day instead of attending church, meaning that they may only attend once a month or less during the Summer; and this is the time when those who are sporadic in their church attendance (present once every two months or so) totally disappear for the Summer. The end result of the "Summer Slump" is much more than just lower attendance numbers and lower offering totals, if that were not dreadful enough for a pastor; the end result is that any momentum gained through the school year is lost, and when school does start back in August, it takes great effort to renew the momentum and excitement and then Summer comes again; the end result is that congregations are weakened by a lack of commitment to the Community of Faith; and the end result is that congregations do not accomplish all that God has called them to do. Please do not misunderstand, I am not anti-vacation—I take vacations myself—and I love going to the lake and to the mountains—just not on Sunday mornings—and I know that on occasion circumstances may cause us to miss an occasional Sunday—see my next paragraph—but many of you reading this article need to re-rank your priorities on Sunday mornings and get yourself and your family back in church on a faithful basis. Forget all your excuses and so-called "reasons" and show up to worship the risen Christ, and if you simply cannot or will not do it here at First Cumberland, then please find a church home where you can. The time to stay away has passed; it is time to show up—yes, even in the remaining weeks of Summer—and be the Church!

I once again close on a personal note: to our disappointment, our oldest daughter, Christina Hinkle, did not give birth to her second child (our third grandchild, but our first granddaughter) last week as anticipated. The due date is this Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Again, once Joanna and I receive the telephone call that our daughter is in labor, we will immediately drop everything and travel to Birmingham for the birth. Hopefully, all of this will take place during the week so that I can be present next Sunday (re-read the previous paragraph). If not, either **Rev. Don Winn**, a retired Cumberland Presbyterian minister, or **Rev. Gary Hartman**, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister currently not serving a church, will be here to preach in my place. Please continue to keep Christina and Baby Girl (Joanna calls her Ethel because her parents have still not settled on a name), in your prayers.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** will host a church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social** this coming Sunday afternoon, July 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A **Talent Show sign-up sheet** is on the bulletin board beside the Church Office; several people have signed up, but there is room for more, so make plans to participate with singing (solos, duets, quartets, etc.), playing musical instruments, magic tricks, dancing, twirling, stand-up comedy, or any other talents from our adults and children. Please bring ice cream, toppings, cookies, fruit, etc. to share. There will be a panel of judges for those bringing homemade ice cream! Invite your family and friends and come join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

### Annual Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We are now collecting donated items; simply bring the items you would like to donate with you to church on Sunday or call the Church Office (865-588-8581) to schedule a time to drop them off.


### Youth News

Our **Youth Group** is going on a **Camping Trip**. They will be going to Cove Lake State Park, in Carryville, Tennessee, July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. This is a Friday evening through Sunday morning; they will pack up and be back in time to attend our Worship Service. There will be no cost to attend; however, all attendees will need to bring pillows, sleeping bags, camp chairs, and their bike. Please let **Amanda** and/or **Scott Roberts** know ASAP if you plan to attend.

*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

July 6th-12th

10th - Elijah Gwilliams  
12th - Jimmy Curtis  
12th - Jack Gaston



Stewardship Report July 3, 2016	
Sunday School.....	36
Worship Service.....	60
Offering.....	\$7,538.75

### Activities for July 5-12, 2016

Sunday:            9:30 a.m.    Sunday School  
                         10:45 a.m.    Worship Service  
                         4:00 p.m.    Ice Cream Social / Talent Show

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)


*Among Our People*

**Mildred Acuff** received a fair report from the scope procedure she underwent last week . . . It was great having **Jackie Ault**, friend of both Susan Edwards and Elaine Stapleton, worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Peggy Bradshaw**, mother of Dianne Fielder, spent several days in the hospital last week; she is now back at West Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center . . . It was great having **Gene** and **Barbara McCammon** back worshiping with us last Sunday after spending the previous three weeks at Music Camp . . . It was great having **John** and **June Givens**, Logan Collins’ grandparents, worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Terrie Parrott**, granddaughter-in-law of Cliff Parrott, gave birth by emergency C-Section last week; after severe complications for the mother, both mother and baby are doing well . . . **Julie, Jennifer**, and **Josephine Rech** have returned home from their trip to Fort Walton . . . **Lois Witmer** has been in Parkwest Medical Center since Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, apparently having had a light stoke; she went home last Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and is undergoing outpatient therapy to regain her balance and strength . . .

### Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at **Chili’s Bar and Grill** (located on Kingston Pike just east of West Town Mall)), at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.






### Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Lois Witmer ~ Parkwest Medical Center

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**, Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina and Baby Girl Hinkle (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); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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; **TERRIE PARROTT** (granddaughter-in-law of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**, 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); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (friend of Joy Taylor); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (grand-daughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Lois 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.

### Thought of the Week

“God can only guide a moving vessel. In other words, get going, and you will be able to fall into God’s will. If you stay put, you may never get anywhere.”

—anonymous quote from Facebook