

The Cumberland

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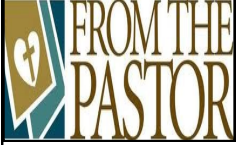
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 31, 2016



I want to back up to my sermon from two weeks ago and make a clarification. When I was talking about establishing guardrails between us and our friends that have a different set of values than us, I was not saying that we have to be careful about who we invite to church with us, as if some of our friends might not be "suitable church material"—whatever that means. After the publication of last week's newsletter, I learned that one individual thought that this might have been what I was saying, and if one person asked me about it, others probably thought it as well. So, let me make my position clear: As the Pastor of this congregation, I welcome any and all people who enter our doors—[Whoever will may come!]. What I attempted to say in the sermon was that we need to establish guardrails between us and our friends so that we can influence them positively rather than they influence us negatively. Establishing such guardrails will help us be able to lift them up rather than they being able to pull us down. This principle applies to all areas of our lives—spiritual, relational, financial, emotional, et cetera. I hope this explanation clears up any misunderstanding.

Our **Session** has now approved our potential involvement with *Kids Hope USA*, an in-school **Mentoring Program for Students** at Rocky Hill Elementary School. Though we do not yet have all full number of necessary volunteers to begin, I can now officially pursue enrolling First Cumberland in this program to help at-risk kids. Currently, we have four people interested in being mentors and seven people interested in being prayer partners; we need a minimum of six mentors and prayer partner teams to begin the program. If you have any desire to participate in this **Outside-Action Project** let me know as soon as possible. All mentors undergo online training and must pass a Knox Schools' background check to be allowed on school property during school hours.

Our **Friendship Club** is a well-attended (18-22 people) monthly Dutch-treat lunch outing that typically gathers on the third Wednesday of the month, at 11:00 a.m., at an area restaurant. Unfortunately, gathering for lunch means that many of you are unable to attend this wonderful time of fellowship and food, which causes me to wonder if anyone is interested in starting an additional group (**Friendship Club, P.M. Edition**). This new group would gather at a local restaurant for a Dutch-treat diner/supper on a monthly basis; perhaps, on the first Thursday evening of the month, at 6:00 p.m. If enough people (6 or more) are interested, we could have the first gathering of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** on Thursday evening, September 8th, at 6:00 p.m., at Rafferty's Restaurant (8906 Kingston Pike)—the University of Tennessee's first football game of the season is on September 1st, hence the need to move the initial meeting to the second Thursday of the month. Let me know ASAP if you are interested so that, if necessary, I can make reservations for us. You are be more than welcome to participate in both groups.

The sermon series "Guardrails" continues; this coming Sunday, September 4th, my message will be based on **Matthew 6:24-33**. Please read and meditate on these words of Jesus in advance; doing so will help us understand the importance of both seeking and trusting God and not things. The title of the message will be "The Consumption Assumption".

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- ◆ Our ladies' ministry will be hosting a city-wide meeting of **Christian Women United** this coming Friday, September 2nd. Light refreshments will be served in our Gym, at 10:00 a.m. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m., and will be held in our Sanctuary. Thank you for your assistance in welcoming the ladies of **Church Women United**.
- ◆ The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, September 6th, at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided. The program this month will be getting all the archives of the church organized and put away. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

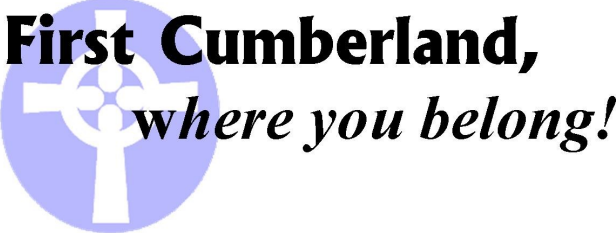
Sunday School Notes

- ◇ Sunday, September 11th, will be our **Sunday School Rally Day**. The day will begin with a **Continental Breakfast** in our Gym, at 9:30 a.m. followed by an abbreviated meeting of all our Sunday School classes, at 10:00 a.m. During our Worship Service, all our Christian Education volunteers will officially be installed for the upcoming year.
- ◇ The **Berean Adult Sunday School Class**, taught by **Steve Summers**, is beginning a new study on "**The Holiness of God**"—What does it mean when we say that God is all powerful; all knowing, all merciful? Anyone not currently attending Sunday School is invited to join this class as they explore our God as revealed in Scripture. The **Berean Class** meets in Room 26.

Pictorial Directory

After a Summer of inactivity, work on our new **Pictorial Directory** is resuming. For at least the next two Sundays, September 4th and 11th, handouts with each individual family's name, contact information, and birth dates will be handed out to each family present. Please either confirm or correct (spelling and accuracy) this information and turn the form back in before you leave the building. Thanks in advance for both your patience and cooperation.

*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.*





Happy Birthday

August 31st–September 6th
5th ~ Hannah Haddox
5th ~ Julie Rech



Faithfulness Record August 28, 2016	
Sunday School.....	52
Worship Service.....	90
Offering.....	\$3,814.46
Building Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$25.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for August 31–September 6, 2016		
Friday:	8:30 a.m.	Table and Chair Setup
	10:00 am.	Light Refreshments
	10:30 a.m.	Church Women United
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

Mildred Acuff continues to recover from her broken arm and subsequent surgery . . . **Alejandra Vargas Araiza**, mother of Alfonzo Marquez, is under hospice care, in Texas . . . **Michael Garrett**, cousin of Kim McCurry, is now out of the hospital . . . **Bill Halbert** has an upcoming appointment with another eye specialist . . . **Betty Hammill** continues to recover from her broken wrist . . . It was great having **Cindy Holiday** (first-time visitor) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Kim McCurry** had outpatient surgery on her knee last Wednesday, August 24th; she is doing well . . . **Alice Montgomery** has been diagnosed with breast cancer . . . **Gary Smith**, grandson of Jewell Kerr, had surgery last Monday, August 22nd; he is now out of the hospital and staying with Jewell . . . **Rose Wilkinson** will most likely not begin chemotherapy treatments for several moths . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from a stroke . . .

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 - Sunday, September 11th—Following our Worship Service, both our **High School and Middle School Youth** will go **hiking** at the Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area. If you plan to attend, **bring a bag lunch**. Youth need to be picked up at the management area (3140 McClure Lane) at 3:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, October 16th—Our **High School Youth** will go to the home of **Scott and Amanda Roberts** for lunch and a matinee. Youth need to be picked up from the Roberts’ home (8101 Greenwell Road) at 5:00 p.m.
 - October 30th—Both our **High School and Middle School Youth** will be setting up for our annual **Fall Festival**. If possible, all Youth need to stay after our Worship Service to help get things ready; a **light lunch will be provided**. The **Fall Festival** begins at 4:00 p.m. The **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.



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; Alejandra Vargas Araiza (mother of Alfonzo Marquez); 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); Morgan and Wakely Burton (friend of Hannah Haddox and her friend’s baby); **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; Michael Garrett (cousin of Kin McCurry); Bill Halbert; Betty Hammill; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones and her mother (friend of Amanda 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; Kim McCurry; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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**, 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); Gary Smith (grandson of Jewell Kerr); 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 (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); 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.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, September 21st, at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, 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 near the Church Office.

Outside Work Days

Thursday, September 29th, 5:30 p.m. until dark and Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; more information to follow.