

# The Cumberland

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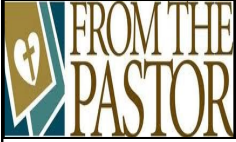
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

October 19, 2016



I want to share with you the words of the September 23, 2016 devotional from the *Our Daily Bread* publication: *"A few days after his father died, 30-year-old C. S. Lewis received a letter from a woman who had cared for his mother during her illness and death more than two decades earlier. The woman offered her sympathy for his loss and wondered if he remembered her. 'My dear Nurse Davison,' Lewis replied. 'Remember you? I should think I do.' Lewis recalled how much her presence in their home had meant to him as well as to his brother and father during a difficult time. He thanked her for her words of sympathy and said, 'It is really comforting to be taken back to those old days. The time during which you were with my mother seemed very long to a child and you became part of home.' When we struggle in the circumstances of life, an encouraging word from others can lift our spirits and our eyes to the Lord. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah wrote, 'The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary' (50:4). And when we look to the Lord, He offers words of hope and light in the darkness."* I am sure that most, if not all, of us can testify about the effect the power of kindness has had on our lives; therefore, **". . . be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."** [Ephesians 4:32, NRSV] I am truly thankful for the many acts of kindness that the congregation constantly bestows upon Joanna and I.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,  
*Pastor Mike*

### Youth News

After our Worship Service this coming Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, both our **Middle School** and **High School Youth** will gather in our Gym for a **taco bar lunch** and a **movie**. There is no cost to attend this event.

### Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (Note: This is the fourth Wednesday of the month, not the usual third Wednesday.), at **Sagebush Steakhouse** (201 Heritage Boulevard, Newport, TN 37821), at 11:00 a.m. Those who desire to do so can meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and carpool together. The restaurant is located in route to **Carver's Apple Orchard** (Cosby, TN), where the **Friendship Club** will stop to shop and then proceed to **Mary Ann Haney's** cabin in Gatlinburg (TN) for dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

### Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be Sunday evening, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Then at 6:00 p.m., **Trunk or Treat** will begin in the back parking lot of the church. We need your help with the following things: 1) **Invite** friends, coworkers, and family to attend; 2) Donate cakes/baked items for the **Cake Walk**; and 3) Donate themed baskets for the **Silent Auction**. 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 on October 30<sup>th</sup> to help get things ready; a **light lunch** will be provided. The **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

This year, our ladies' ministry will be helping the **Volunteer Ministry Center** stock their **Holiday Store** by contributing items for this store. Recipients of **VMC** services must earn points by doing service projects in order to "buy" these items. Please keep new bought items in their original packaging and do not wrap any item. A list of suggested items are on bulletin boards in both hallways. We will be collecting these items through the month of November. **VMC** has delivered a box to put these items in, which will be in the front hallway. We thank you, one and all, for your generous assistance in this important ministry.

In conjunction with our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, we want to make you aware of the upcoming holiday opportunities in which you can participate. We will have the mitten trees—collecting hats and scarves, as well as mittens for the children in Appalachia through **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM)**. We will also provide Christmas presents for residents in **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. As usual, we will sponsor a **Bake/Craft Sale** in our Library the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20<sup>th</sup>). More details about these opportunities to follow. Thank you for participating in these ministries which will help to make a brighter Christmas for many in our community.

### From Our Mailbox


To First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,  
Praising and giving thanks for all the love, care, and prayers this church has given to Maxine! You sustained her with your gifts of fellowship and service. Maxine loved her Lord and her church!

God bless and many thanks,  
**The Pharaoh Family**  
[Family of Maxine McGuire]

*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

**October 19th~25th**  
19th - Brooklyn Shelley  
25th - Mike Wilkinson



Faithfulness Record for October 16, 2016	
Sunday School.....	47
Worship Service.....	73
Offering.....	\$3,841.63
Memorials.....	\$250.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$944.90


### Activities for October 19-25, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Youth Lunch and Movie  
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

**Among Our People**  
Larry and Dianne Fielder attended a fiftieth high school reunion last weekend. ~ Amy Cliett (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman) has miraculously recovered from the kidney issue that caused her recent hospitalization. ~ Judy Gammon is now in Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center recovering from her recent surgery. ~ Jack Gaston fell on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>; thankfully, no bones were broken, but he is bruised up and extremely sore. ~ Kim Halbert had outpatient surgery to remove her gall bladder on October 11<sup>th</sup>; she is doing well. ~ It was great having Christina, Waylon, Ethan, and Amelia Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson’s daughter and family) worshiping with us last Sunday. It was great having Chase Lundari (friend of Jeanne Hughes) worshiping with us last Sunday. ~ Alice Montgomery reports that she is cured. ~ Laura Paschke is still battling the shingles, but is steadily improving. ~ It was great having Louie Way (friend of Susan Edwards) worshiping with us last Sunday. ~ It was great having Rebecca Wilkinson (Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson’s daughter) worshiping with us last Sunday.


**Women of Faith**  
Calling all ladies: Joanna Wilkinson is inviting you to a Women of Joy Conference that will be in Pigeon Forge (TN) the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The cost of the tickets is \$109.00. Once Joanna knows how many of our ladies are interested in attending, she will work on booking hotel reservations and inform you of this cost; please contact Joanna ASAP to express your interest (205-533-2002 or 3girlsmom@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net).

**Friendship Club, P.M. Edition**  
The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the Friendship Club, P.M. Edition will be Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que (208 Advantage Drive; near the intersection of North Peters and Cedar Bluff Roads), at 6:00 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.



### 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); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Amy Cliett (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; **JACK GASTON**; Bill Gregory (friend of Greg Beeler); Bill Halbert; Kim Halbert; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Kim McCurry; 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); Laura Paschke; **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); 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); 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](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four [Worship Services](#).

**Renaissance Concert**  
Bethel University’s Renaissance Choir, Southern Gospel Quartet, and Bluegrass Band will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Farragut) Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

