

The Cumberland

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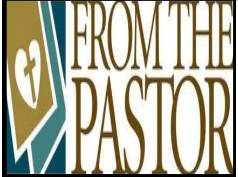
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 14, 2015



Joanna and I want to thank everyone who attended our **Open House** last Sunday afternoon. We failed to set out a register so we do not have an exact record of those who attended, nonetheless, we were exceedingly well pleased with the turnout. We were also completely shocked—pleasantly shocked, I should say—that so many of you turned this event into an old-fashioned “pounding”. We thank you for all the food items, household supplies, the flowers, the trip, and the print of the church. I would be amiss if I did not thank the ladies who voluntarily prepared delicious food items to share with our guests. Joanna and I are truly blessed to serve such a loving congregation! Even though the **Open House** is now in the past, our home remains open to our church family, so drop by and visit us anytime.

Last Sunday morning, I said that if we had a 125 people present for the Worship Service on October 25th (the day of our **Fall Festival and “Trunk or Treat”**), the person who brought the most guests with them could shave Joanna’s head. To my utter amazement and disappointment, Joanna has decided that this is not a workable plan. In consultation with **Amanda Roberts**, we have devised an alternate plan. For every two guests you bring to either the Worship Service the morning of twenty-fifth or to the Fall Festival that afternoon, you can throw a “pie” (an aluminum pie pan full of whipped cream) in my face. In addition, as part of raising money for our Youth, opportunities to throw a “pie” in my face can be purchased for \$2.00. I am not sure how much money this event will raise, but I am hopeful it will help raise enough money to send our Youth to Winter Convocation in January and who knows, maybe enough money to pay off our remaining church debt.

In closing, I want to remind you of how blessed you are to have the following elders serve on your Session: **Ann Bachman, Jimmy Curtis, Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, Betty Hammill, Jewell Kerr, James O’Neal, Amanda Roberts**, and **Tom Witmer** and **Diane Pipkin** (Clerk of Session). These folks have a demonstrable love for this congregation, and I am pleased to serve alongside them. With this in mind, as the end of the year is approaching, please give prayerful consideration to who the three people are that we will elect as the *Elder Class of 2018*, as the *Elder Class of 2015* (**Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, and Jewell Kerr**) rotates of our Session at the end of the year.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Fall Festival and “Trunk or Treat”

Our annual **Fall Festival and “Trunk or Treat”** will be Sunday afternoon, October 25th. The **Fall Festival** will be from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with **“Trunk or Treat”** beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be games, prizes, face painting, an inflatable bouncy house, a cotton candy machine, hay rides, costume contest, a haunted hallway, and door prizes! BBQ chicken plates will be for sale for \$6.00 per plate. There will be a Cake Walk; \$1.00 per person per round. There will also be a Silent Auction. In addition, there will be an opportunity to throw a pie in Pastor Mike’s face for a small fee (\$2.00). All money raised by the **Fall Festival** will go to our **Youth** to help with funding for Winter Convocation (January 2016) in Gatlinburg; \$180.00 per attendee is needed. To meet this goal, we need donations of the following items: gift baskets and/or items to be used in the Silent Auction and cakes for the Cake Walk. It would also be helpful to preorder the BBQ chicken plates by contacting either **Scott** or **Amanda Roberts**.

Youth News

On Saturday, October 24th, our **Youth** will meet, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, to begin setting set up for our **Fall Festival**. Then on Sunday, October 25th, following our Worship Service, our **Youth** will finish setting up for our **Fall Festival**. Any adults who wish to help are welcome to participate on these dates.

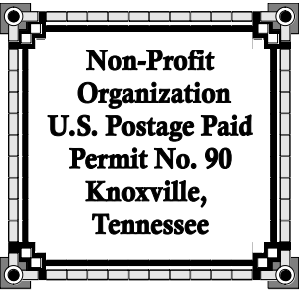
Church’s Website

The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, now includes the recorded sermons of our worship services. Look for the link on the bottom left-hand corner of our homepage. We hope this is helpful to those who miss an occasional Sunday, are shut-in and unable to attend, or who live out of town but still want to be connected to First Cumberland in this manner. Also, when you see an article that mentions our church on Facebook be sure to “share” it with all your friends.

Homecoming Tidbits

If you would like a DVD of the **Homecoming 2015 Slide Show** that was played in both the Narthex and the Gym on Homecoming Sunday, simply contact the Church Office; the cost is \$5.00 per DVD. Free CDs of the entire Worship Service are available through the Church Office as are various size prints of the water color of the church that **Margaret Migas** painted for **Homecoming 2015**; we do not yet know the cost of the prints, but the cost will not be prohibitive. We should know the exact cost and the various available sizes in time to publish in next week’s newsletter.

*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

October 14th–October 20th
19th - Brooklyn Shelley



Stewardship Report October 4, 2015	
Sunday School.....	45
Worship.....	72
Offering.....	\$4,477.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
Music Fund.....	\$75.00

Activities for October 14–October 20, 2015	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People


Mildred Acuff is scheduled to move to Elmcroft (Senior Living) of West Knoxville this coming Friday, October 16th; Elmcroft is located at 8024 Gleason Drive . . . It was great having **Jana Caywood** worshipping with us last Sunday; **Jana** teaches at Thursday Connection (one of the homeschool groups that meet at our church) . . . **Shelia Emory** was in North Carolina last week; **Shelia** was with the YaYas (a group of ladies that have been taking trips together for the last 35 years . . . It was great having **Sarah DeLozier** (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier) worshipping with us last Sunday; **Sarah** lives in Memphis while attending school . . . **Edna Fleenor** remains under hospice care . . . **Ada Ladd** did not return home last week as scheduled; she remains at Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation—Northhaven . . . **Barbara Mullenax** is in Tennova Medical Center, St. Mary’s . . . **Cliff Parrott** has been released from the hospital and is now home . . . The **Justin Rech Family** was in North Carolina last weekend visiting family . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . The **Steve Summers Family** was in Florida last week . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, October 28th (the fourth Wednesday instead of the typical third Wednesday), at 11:00 a.m., at **Carver Applehouse Restaurant**, in Cosby, TN. Following lunch and shopping, we will then travel to Mary Ann Haney’s house, in Gatlinburg, for dessert. Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are even encouraged to invite friends from outside the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Save the Date

The second annual **Rocky Hill Christmas Parade** will be Saturday, December 5th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We plan to enter a float in the parade again this year.




Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Barbara Mullenax @ Tennova Medical Center, St. Mary’s

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Sarah Ames (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin 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); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Larry Hickens (friend of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); 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); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Bob Leach; Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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); **BARBARA MULLENAX**; Bob Neal (son-in-law of Mildred Acuff); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); persecuted Christians around the world; Catherine Pipkin (mother of Paul Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); J.D. and Sarah Price (friends of Alice Montgomery); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Tara Shelley and baby (due in November); Gladys Stone; Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); **ANGEL TINDELL** (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Lois Witmer

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

Chapel Carpet Fund

The **Chapel Carpet Fund** has meet its goal; the new carpet in our Chapel is not only installed, it is now completely paid for. “Praise God from who all blessing flow.”

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.