

# The Cumberland

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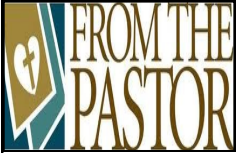
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 20, 2016



During our Worship Service last Sunday, **Cliff Parrott** renewed his baptismal vows. During our Worship Service the week before, Cliff came forward and rededicated his life to Christ. The renewal of his baptismal vows was a witness of that rededication. Cliff received the *Sacrament of Baptism* as an infant. Christian baptism is the sign and seal of a believer being cleansed from sin and grafted into Christ. Much like a couple renewing their marriage vows, reaffirming one's baptismal vows is a testimony of one's desire to faithfully remain in the already established covenant of grace and to continue serving the Lord with all one's heart, mind, soul, and strength. Renewing the promises that we made, or that our parents made on our behalf, at our baptism celebrates the freedom and redemption that the risen Jesus brings into our lives. Congratulations Cliff on the renewal of your commitment to Christ, you are an inspiration to us all.

Once again, I want to close on a personal note: **Wow, and thank you!** The grace and generosity you bestowed upon me was abundant. For those of you who were not present, on behalf of the entire congregation, at the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, Betty Hammill and Phil Bridges presented me with two gift cards; one from Kohl's and the other from J.C. Penny (each for \$300.00 for a total of \$600.00). The purpose of the gift cards is for me to replenish my wardrobe; an act necessitated by my recent and fairly rapid weight loss. I have not written about my weight loss before, but over the last five-and-a-half months, I have lost 93 pounds, and yes, it was intentional; I am not sick. In fact, I am the healthiest I have been in several years. I have not had a shot of insulin in more than three months and my doctor has taken me off of two other medications and reduced one pill to every-other-day. For the ladies who keep telling me that I have lost enough weight, my doctor agrees and I am no longer trying to lose weight, but instead, have begun the difficult process of maintaining my current weight. Back to the gift cards; Joanna and I made a trip to two different Kohl's stores last Sunday and made a few purchases. Over the next few weeks, we will use up the balance on both gift cards. Again, your generosity overwhelms me, but the fact that someone (Betty and Phil I suppose) was able to collect the money without me knowing anything about it makes me nervous. ☺ As I wrote in last week's newsletter, Joanna and I are truly blessed by God to be serving Him here at First Cumberland.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** has reset the date of our the church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**; it will now be held Sunday afternoon, August July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. It is hoped that everyone who signed-up to participate in the **Talent Show** on the original date will still be able to join in the fun. Please bring ice cream (homemade or store-bought) and/or a dessert that compliments ice cream (cookies, brownies, cake, etc.) and join in this great time of fellowship. There will be a panel that will judge the homemade ice cream that is brought.

### Annual Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** is this coming 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 still collecting donated items; simply call the Church Office (865-588-8581) to schedule a time to drop them off this week. If you can help with either preparation for or during the sale, please contact **Maxine Curtis** (865-357-0441, home or 865-235-5839, cell).

### 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.
- ⇒ Our **Youth Group** will have a **Cookout and Hot Tub Party** at Pastor Mike and Joanna's home Sunday afternoon, August 21<sup>st</sup>, following our Worship Service.

### Just a Note

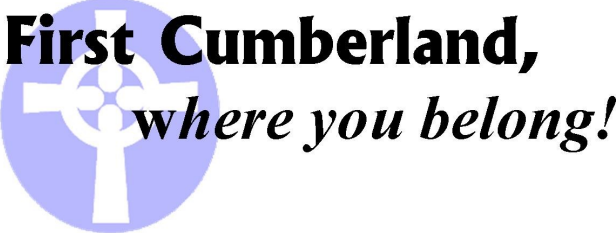
*Dear Church Family,*


*It's wonderful to have such a caring church behind you when you are going through so much. Thanks for your prayers, visits, cards, food, phone calls, etc. I will be going through PT (physical therapy) for a few weeks, but continue to improve. Thank you for your continued prayers.*

*Love,*

*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.*






# Happy Birthday

July 20th-26th

25th ~ Amy Pipkin Huether



| Faithfulness Record July 17, 2016 |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School.....                | 37         |
| Worship Service.....              | 67         |
| Offering.....                     | \$3,670.50 |

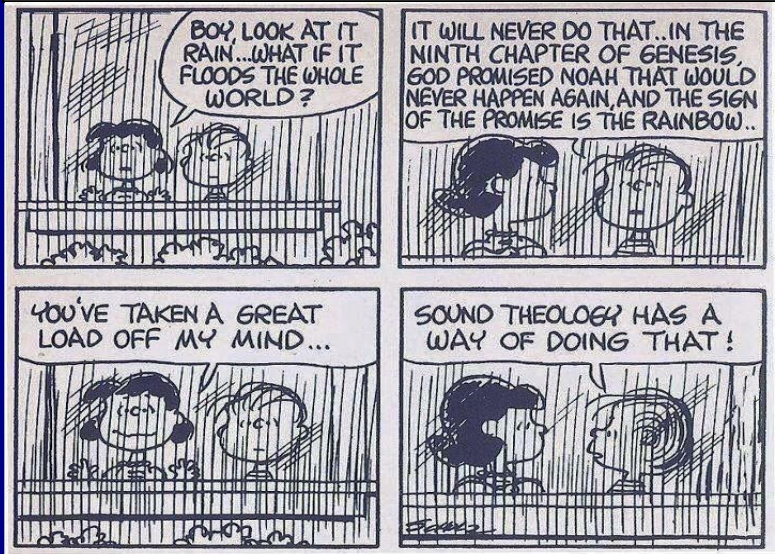
| Activities for July 20-26, 2016                   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.                             | Friendship Club to Chili's |
| Friday: 8:00 a.m.                                 | Garage Sale                |
| Saturday: 8:00 a.m.                               | Garage Sale                |
| Sunday: 9:30 a.m.                                 | Sunday School              |
| 10:45 a.m.  | Worship Service            |
| (See our web site for complete calendar listings) |                            |


*Among Our People*

It was good having **Criss Evans, John and June Givens,** and **Greyson Price,** family of David and Crissy Collins, worshipping with us last Sunday . . . It was also good having **Eddie Gaston,** son of Jack and Jin Gaston, worshipping with us last Sunday . . . Maxine **McGuire** has fallen twice in the last couple of weeks; fortunately, nothing was broken either time . . . **Cliff Parrott** is still having acute pain in his hip and is not feeling very well overall . . . . . **Rose Wilkinson,** mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, has been diagnosed with diffuse lymphadenopathy; she will have a needle biopsy this coming Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, to determine if it is lymphoma . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from her recent stroke . . .

**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

At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital. PTL!



**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); 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); 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); 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); **FAMILY OF CAROL WATERS** (friend of Kim Halbert); 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.*

**Christian Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Carol Waters** (friend and former co-worker of Kim Halbert) who passed way last week. Please keep this family in your prayers. **“Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.” [Matthew 5:4, NKJV]**

**Church's Website**

The church's website, **www.first-cumberland.org**, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.