

# The Cumberland

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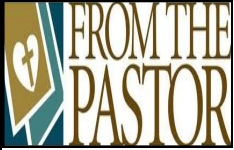
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 23, 2015



As Joanna and I enter our third year of ministry here at First Cumberland, we could not be more convinced that God called us to this place. As I attempted to say last Sunday morning, we are so thankful that God called us here and we are ever grateful that both the Search Committee and the Session of this church recognized this call and asked us to serve here. It is hard for a pastor to leave a congregation he loves and move to a new ministry; it is even harder on a pastor's wife, but God had/has a plan for our future together and I could not be more excited about that future. I hope that you share my excitement. We serve a great God and I am convinced that he has great things in store for us if we will obediently follow His plan. With that in mind, I want to once again remind you that September is **Outreach Emphasis Month** here at First Cumberland. During this month, I want to encourage everyone to invite at least one person and/or family per week to attend church with you. To aid you in this effort, our *Mission and Outreach Committee* has prepared trifold brochures for you to give to family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, clerks at the store, servers at the restaurant—the list of who we can invite is endless. These brochures will be included in the bulletins every Sunday during the month of September. As I said last Sunday, due to the death of Joanna's father and our trip to Gatlinburg, I failed to invite anyone to church with me last week, so I will have to double up and ask at least two people/families to come with me this Sunday. Perhaps some of you need to double up as well. Please participate in **Outreach Emphasis Month** because God is doing great things here at First Cumberland and we want everyone possible to be a part of it.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Homecoming 2015

**Homecoming 2015** is less than two weeks away; Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Since this date is also *World-Wide Communion Sunday*, we will celebrate the *Lord's Supper* as part of our **Homecoming 2015** Worship Service. We will also have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., "pot luck dinner in the Gym"), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a time of fellowship and remembrance over coffee, juice, and homemade pastries. This time can also be used to look at the historical displays. There will be no Sunday School on this day. Our Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change). Since we are expecting many guests for **Homecoming 2015**, each of us needs to bring extra food for the "pot luck dinner". In addition to special music during the Worship Service, there will be special music in the Gym following the meal. **Homecoming 2015** promises to be a special day in the life of First Cumberland that you will not want to miss.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

This coming Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is sponsoring an **English Tea**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Information about the mission work of the Thistle Farm, in Nashville, will be shared.

### Youth News

- \* September 27<sup>th</sup>—This coming Sunday, our **High School Group** will have lunch together, hosted by **Scott and Amanda Roberts**, following our Worship Service, and then spend the day doing fun activities. Bring a friend or two with you; please RSVP to **Amanda** so she will know how much food is needed for lunch.
- \* October 24<sup>th</sup>—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- \* October 25<sup>th</sup>—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.

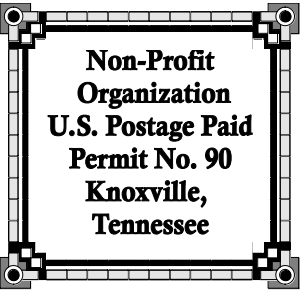
### Church's Website


The church's website, [www.first-cumberland.org](http://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.

### Open House

**Pastor Mike** and **Joanna** are hosting an **Open House** Sunday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. They simply want everyone to drop by their new home (formerly Marlene Ritchey's home) so that you will know where they now live and so that you can drop by at anytime in the future. Throughout their ministry, the **Wilkinsons** have had an open door policy where church members visiting in their home has been a common occurrence. They want this policy to continue in their newest home; in other words, you are always welcome in their home. Their address is 1504 Clear Brook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922; their subdivision is named Brentmoor, and it is located on the corner of Nubbin Ridge Drive and Ebenezer Road.

*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

September 23rd-29th

25th - Brack Emory



Stewardship Report September 20, 2015	
Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	67
Offering.....	\$4,040.10
Building Reimbursement.....	\$5,536.59
Music Fund.....	\$75.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$75.00

Activities for September 23-29, 2015	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.	Presbyterial English Tea
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	High School Youth Outing
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

*Among Our People*


**Mildred Acuff** is still at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center (formerly Brakebill Nursing Home) for rehab recovering from a light stroke; she is in room 114 . . . **Cooky Dyer** is still at Shannondale Nursing Home for rehab following a recent hospital stay; she is in room 405 . . . **Edna Fleenor** is now under hospice care . . . **Ada Ladd** is in Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation Northhaven for rehab; she is in room 227 . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Tom and Lois Witmer** are in Pennsylvania visiting family . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday (today), September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** (324 North Peters Road). 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.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

First Cumberland will soon be receiving a check from the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** for \$204.51 for this quarter. We currently have twenty-one families participating in this program that basically gives the church “free money” for our members and friends shopping at Kroger; thank you so much. If you have not yet signed up for this program, won't you do so soon? Simply go to the following website: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and list the church as the organization to receive your contribution. Please contact **Kim Halbert** if you need any help with this process.




## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

To our knowledge, no one connected to First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time. PTL!

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); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); 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); 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); Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Bettye Hudson (friend of Pastor Mike's mother); 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); 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); 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; 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; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); 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**

Classical Conversations has started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. Though the money has not yet been fully raised, the carpet has been ordered and should be installed before **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,427.01 has been given; the cost has been lowered to approximately \$5,900.00, so nearly \$3,600.00 is still needed. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.