

The Cumberland

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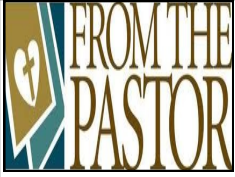
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 30, 2015



I hope you are as excited about **Homecoming 2015** as I am. I can hardly wait for us to gather for the glory of God and worship the risen Christ together. If you have not yet made plans to attend, please make your plans now, and if you have other plans on this day, please change them if at all possible because you will most probably regret not being here for **Homecoming 2015**. It is not too late to invite someone to attend with you. This someone does not have to be a former church member, though you want to be sure to invite every former or inactive member you know; invite your family members, your friends, your neighbors, your coworkers or classmates as the case may be—invite someone and come and experience one of the best Sundays in the history of this congregation. No, that is not ministerial hyperbole; it is what can happen if we all show up and bring someone with us.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Homecoming 2015

Homecoming 2015 is this coming Sunday, October 4th. On this day, a large water color painting of the church will be displayed for the first time. **Margaret Migas** was commissioned to create this painting. In the near future, prints of this one-of-a-kind can be purchased. Since October 4th 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 New

- * Four ladies, **Joanna Wilkinson**, **Dianne Fielder**, **Mary Ann Haney**, and **Betty Hammill**, attended the delicious **English Tea** at Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church this past Saturday, which included a very interesting presentation about the mission work of Thistle Farm, a residential community for women in Nashville, TN, who have been involved in drug abuse, prostitution, and the sex-slave trade. Two former residents told their story of being on the streets for over 20 years, and how different their lives are now. LOVE HEALS is their slogan. Thistle Farm has an 82% success recovery rate for alcohol and drug recovery. To finance the recovery program, Thistle Farms operates both a tea room café and a manufacturing plant where the women get job training and build resumes so they can become self-supporting. They currently have a waiting list of 150 women to enter their recovery program. For more information about the program and the products they manufacture and sale (soap, lotion, candles, and more), go to their website (www.thistlefarms.org).
- * The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, October 6th. **Chip** and **Aldris Kerr** (son and daughter-in-law of Jewell Kerr), have invited the **West Circle** to their house for this meeting. Please meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and go together to the **Kerr's** house off of Alcoa Highway. In addition to the regular meeting, the **Kerrs** will provide lunch for everyone. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Youth News

- * October 24th—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- * October 25th—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.

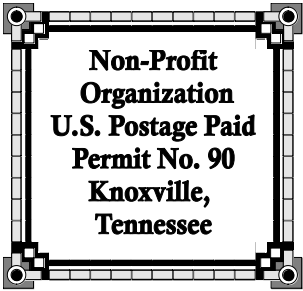
Church's Website

The church's website, www.first-cumberland.org, 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 11th, 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.*




First Cumberland,
where you belong!



Happy Birthday

September 30th–October 6th

1st - Corey Booker
2nd - Hailey Davis



Stewardship Report September 20, 2015	
Sunday School.....	25
Worship.....	67
Offering.....	\$3,538.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
Music Fund.....	\$75.00
Kroger Community Rewards.....	\$204.51

Activities for September 30–October 6, 2015		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship/Remembrance
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	“Pot Luck” Dinner
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m.	West Circle Meeting
(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 227A . . . **Catherine Pipkin** (mother of Paul Pipkin) is in Parkwest Medical Center . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . .


Excerpts from a Note from Bill Ritchey

“Mom (Marlene Ritchey) has had a rough go of it the last six months but has recently had somewhat of an “awakening.” She has been more aware recently and is even speaking on a limited basis. On a few rare occasions she has even been able to read some letters. From day to day things change...there are days of awareness and others not so much but she appears to be happy and is certainly well cared for. I ask for your continued prayer for both mom and our family here in Flagstaff as we continue to deal with heath issues.”

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.

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**.




Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

BOB LEACH @ Tennova Medical Center, St. Mary’s
CATHERINE PIPKIN @ Parkwest Medical Center

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); **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); 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); **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); 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); 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 is being installed as this newsletter is being written. 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**.