

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

September 26, 2012

### ‘A PERIOD OR A COMMA’

This was the sermon title Sunday as we raised the question: is Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at a place in her 127 years of history of placing a period in the church history – or are we at the time of placing a comma. A period says we are finished; the comma says we are now moving forward into the future. The sermon strongly urged us to consider this a comma in our history, and we were urged to move forward into the future! Join us! - J. David Hester

### NOMINATING ELDERS

“The Session of a particular church consists of the minister in charge and elders elected by the congregation” (Confession of Faith, Constitution 4.1). “The Session is charged with pastoral oversight of the particular church and has the responsibility to ...” here follows a long list of these responsibilities (COF Constitution 4.5).

First church has nine elders, each elected for a 3-year term. The term of three of our current elders (Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, Dianne Fielder) will expire Dec. 31. On Dec. 9 the congregation will be asked to name three new elders.

The three retiring elders have been asked by the Session to form a nominating committee. You, the congregation, are now requested to suggest the names which you would like to see considered as an elder. Give your name(s) to any of the above three over the next few weeks (by Oct. 14).

### AMONG OUR PEOPLE

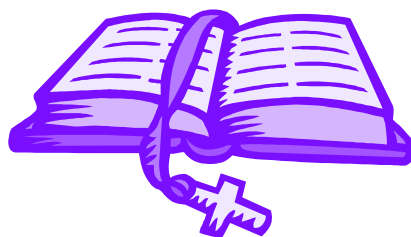
**Mildred Acuff** returned home from the hospital Sept. 13 and was blessed last week-end as her 3 children and several grand and great-grandchildren visited with her ... **Judy Gammon** on the mend and back in church after physical problems caused her to miss about 10 weeks ... **Tom Witmer** had heart cath Friday; all is well and he is back among us ... **Ladies of the church** met at **Betty Hammill’s** house Sunday night for fellowship, food and brainstorming. Next meeting is Oct. 21 ... The Session, at his request, granted a letter of transfer for David Watson to Galilee Baptist Church (south Knoxville) ... Great to see **Kristi Summers** on Sunday; came home from week-end from Pharmacy School in Memphis ...

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Regional meeting of CPWM will be held this Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Beaver Creek Church. The time will be 9:00 – 11:00 – a different format. Gwen Roddy, former moderator of General Assembly, will speak briefly on our theme for the year, “Meeting People Where they are”. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### “The Rest of Us”

That’s the title of this Sunday’s sermon, as we look at our moving forward into the future. We invite you to share with us as we look at the Scriptures for our guidance.



### Guest Minister

We look forward to Oct. 7 when our pulpit guest will be Dr. J. Earheart-Brown, President of Memphis Theological Seminary. You are urged to be present to hear this Pulpit-master as he presents the message.


### “You Have such a Generous Spirit ...”

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.” (Philippians 1:3-5) You folks sure know how to make us feel special! We will always be grateful for you, Knoxville First Church!!! In His Love, Kevin and Nancy.

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# Happy Birthday

September  
30-Gracie Hayes  
October  
1-Corey Booker  
2-Hailey Davis




Activities for September 30~ October 6, 2012

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report September 23, 2012

Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	65
Offering .....	\$3,283.00
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$30.00



## Address Changes


James, Peggy, Sydney, Emma and Elijah O’Neal  
8301 Landmark Dr, 37923

**Attention Ladies**

Our meeting Sunday night produced some good ideas and plans for our future. Some of the ladies are working on some of the ideas to be reported on at our next meeting. Twelve ladies and Pastor David enjoyed the fellowship and the meal. We will be meeting again on Sunday afternoon, October 21 at 5pm at Betty Hammill’s house. We hope that all of you will join us then.

**Rebecca Circle**

Rebecca Circle will resume their monthly outings on Saturday, October 20th at 10am with breakfast at Perkins (near Seven Oakes/Cedar Bluff). This is an open group and anyone who would like to enjoy a morning off, please join us for delicious coffee & muffins and a little downtime to laugh and rejoice in the Lord!



Where are you? Where are you in your walk with the Lord? Where? Where? Can this church unite in a mission? Can we put aside our personal preferences and work together? Can we stop pushing our personal agendas? Can we work for the LORD????



## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital  
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred SCP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon’s cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming’s mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry’s mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges’); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Ethel Bankert, (Tom Witmer’s mother); Judy Gammon.

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net).*

**God Lessons at Zumba?**

It hit me the other day how going through life is much like taking a dance class. There's the self-conscious individuals who stand in back. This group can't really see the instructor, but they try to mimic those ahead of them hoping they are getting close. They are half-hearted in their efforts. Then, there are those that stand up front looking at the mirror, so wrapped in how they look that they are usually doing their own thing and trying to make it look good, but just aren't in sync. Most of them don't care if they are out of step, as long as it looks good & dynamic to watch- drawing the attention of others. Then there's the main group trying to follow the leader's direction. They aren't always quick enough on the change up, but they are following as closely as they can get, waiting to see where the next downbeat goes. What kind of dancer are you to the music of life with the Holy Spirit as your leader?

Destiny! What is destiny? Why are we here at this moment in time? In this time of First Church? In this time in the world? What does God have in store for us? OPEN your hearts to the LORD and believe that he has placed each one of us here. Now you figure out what for?