

The Cumberland

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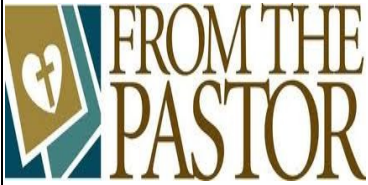
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 8, 2014



Joanna and I are in Millbrook, Alabama, this week. We will be back sometime this coming Saturday evening and at church Sunday morning. We both look forward to seeing you there. Challengingly, it will cost the church about \$6,500.00 to move our belongings to Knoxville. I say challengingly because that is a very large unbudgeted expense for this congregation to bear, especially following a Summer giving slump. Unfortunately, Summer giving slumps are the norm for most congregations, and this year we were not the exception; I am sure we will make up the slump by the end of the year; nonetheless, \$6,500.00 is a large expense for First Cumberland to bear at this time. Graciously, some of our Session members have risen to the occasion and given above and beyond their regular giving to help offset this expense. I do not know who has given or what they gave, but I understand that \$3,200.00 has been donated to help defray this expense. I share this with you for two reasons: 1) for you to both know and appreciate how seriously our Session members take their responsibility to this congregation; and 2) to make you aware of this need so that, if you are able, you too can help.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

The Grace of Sharing

The Stewardship of Serving:

We all think of giving our money when we think of stewardship. While money is necessary to keep up our facility and to pay our employees, our personal service to the church is equally important.

Reasons for serving:

Service is the work of the soul. When we serve we have a feeling of gratitude, our service serves us as well as others. That which uses us strengthens us. Service is renewing. When we serve, our work itself will sustain us.

Opportunities for serving at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

1. Taking leadership positions: Session member; committee member; Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry officer, circle officer, project chair.
2. Working at the church: teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, volunteering in the office, keeping up the church facility inside and out, being a member of a committee, working on special projects.
3. Participating in church activities: attending Sunday School, worship services, Bible School, and special events, both fun and spiritual AND *inviting* people to come with us.
4. Praying for the church: for the well-being of all members of the congregation, specifically for the pastor and his family, for the success of the church in reaching the unsaved and in meeting our financial needs.

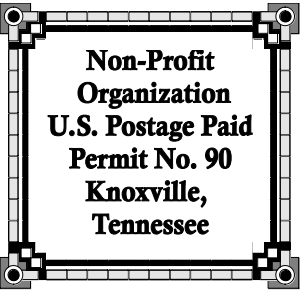
Summary: So you see, we can serve the church despite our age, our health, our time restraints, and our other commitments. We can only serve that to which we are profoundly connected. And we must work to maintain our connection to God and to our church body.

—composed by Dianne Fielder with inspiration from "In Service of Life" by Rachel Naomi Remen

Music, Music, Music, Music

Can you hear the music in the air? If not, you soon will. **Music:** This coming Saturday evening, October 11th, at 6:00 p.m., the gospel group **Crystal River** will be in concert at the Heartland Worship Center (the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lenoir City). **Music:** Sunday morning, October 26th, we have an **All Music Worship Service** here at First Cumberland. Our **Choir** will sing a few anthems and several of our musically gifted members will be singing as well. Who knows, there could be solos, duets, maybe a quartet or an ensemble—possibly even a liturgical dance. Make your plans now to attend, and invite someone who does not currently attend First Cumberland to join you. Asking someone to join us is not as difficult as we sometimes make it out to be; just say, "Would you like to hear some great music? If so, come with me to First Cumberland. **Music:** Saturday evening, November 1st, at 7:00 p.m., Bethel University's **Renaissance Choir** (125 members) will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Farragut. **Music:** Sunday evening, December 21st, our **Choir**, with the help of our **children and youth**, will be presenting the Christmas cantata, "Darkness into Light".

*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



October
13-Dianne Fielder
17-Devin Sprague



Activities for October 8, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report October 5, 2014

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	68
Offering	\$4461.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$8201.90

Among Our People

Becky Rader is at the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center (Fort Sanders Hospital) . . . Jack Walker (Kim McCurry’s father) is out of the hospital and doing better . . . B.F. Daniel continues to receive outpatient therapy; for his esophagus Tuesday, October 7th; he also went to Washington D.C. on one of the “Honor Flights” . . . Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter) remains under hospice care with terminal cancer; Mildred remains in the Atlanta-area with her and her family . . . Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson’s father) will have additional medical tests here in Knoxville to determine if the graft in his aortic aneurysm needs to be replaced . . . Dick Booher will have knee replacement surgery on November 5th . . .

First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Fall Festival

Our Youth are sponsoring a **Fall Festival** (for all ages) on Sunday, October 26th, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The **Festival** will include BBQ chicken dinner plates (\$6.00 each), games, live music, hayrides, face painting, an inflatable slide and bouncy house, cake walks (\$2.00 per walk), a silent auction, and Truck or Treat at dusk. This event is a fundraiser to help our Youth attend Winter Convocation in Gatlinburg this coming January.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. — Fall Festival — Youth need to be at the church no later than 2:00 p.m. to help set up for the festival. — Bring a friend!



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

Becky Rader - Patricia Neal Rehab Center



Health and Prayer Concerns

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Ada Ladd; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Maxine McGuire; Charlotte Bird; Carol Seeman; Jack Walker; Mildred Acuff; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Debbie Holloway; Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (Justin Rech’s mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Lois Witmer; Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Ruth West (Greg Beeler’s aunt); Becky Rader; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Lisa Seiv (daughter of a friend of Pastor Mike); Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son)

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net

Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Carver’s Apple house Restaurant**, in Cosby, TN, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22nd, for a Dutch-treat lunch. A carpool will leave the church at 9:30 a.m., if you would like to join the caravan. They will also go to Mary Ann Haney’s cabin in Gatlinburg for dessert. Every one reading this announcement is invited to join the **Friendship Club** by merely showing up to eat. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the Church Office.

Lay Ministry Corner

All too often we let our choices be made based on our likes, dislikes, circumstances, attitudes and fears. We go with what is easier, the path of least resistance, but is this what God calls us to do? He said the way is narrow. He calls us to do tough things and to follow Him and not deny him in our interactions with others. We have to challenge our point of view and ensure it is what God calls us to do. You can’t change your life, until you change the next choice you make! Ask yourself, is this what is right or just what I have always done? Choose God’s way each time, and you will never regret it.