

The Cumberland

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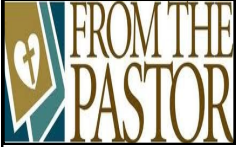
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 5, 2016



Welcome new member! At the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, **Elaine Stapleton** officially joined First Cumberland. **Elaine** comes by *Transfer of Membership Letter* from Grace Baptist Church, Knoxville. She has been regularly visiting with us for several months now and is actively involved in Sunday School and has volunteered to be one of our *Kids Hope USA* mentors. **Elaine** is a longtime friend of my sister, Susan Edwards, and has become a friend to Joanna and I over the last three years. She is one of the owner/operators of Salon Amie in West Knoxville. Please join me in welcoming **Elaine Stapleton** into our Church Family.

I want to thank everyone who turned out for either or both of our *Fall Outside Work Days* last week. Thursday evening, **Mike Bachman, Phil Bridges, Jimmy Curtis, Brack Emory, Max and Ryan Haddox, Jeanne Hughes, Emily and Tom DeLozier, Scott Roberts,** and **Joanna Wilkinson** and I gathered to work in the church's yard. Then Saturday morning, **Mike Bachman, Phil Bridges, Jimmy Curtis, Jeanne Hughes,** and **Joanna Wilkinson** regathered to continue working; they were joined by a Boy Scout named **Conner** (Unfortunately, I do not know **Conner's** last name.) Also, I special thanks to **Larry Fielder** who voluntarily mows most of our yard on a regular basis. Our grounds look great!

I want to close this article by asking you to ponder three questions over the next week: 1) *How important is it to you personally that First Cumberland continue to have positive impact for future generations?* 2) *What do you think our current congregation's responsibility is when it comes to paving the way for the next generation?* And 3) *What can you do personally to make sure that Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church becomes and remains a next generation church?* I believe our answers to these three questions are the key to us embracing the future God has planned for us. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" [Jeremiah 29:11, NIV]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The first outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** was a success, with 15 people in attendance. Their next Dutch-treat dinner outing will be this Thursday, October 6th, at **Puleos Grille** (260 North Peters Road), at 6:00 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, October 26th (This is the fourth Wednesday of the month, not the usual third Wednesday.), at **Sagebush Steakhouse** (201 Heritage Boulevard, Newport, TN 37821), at 11:00 a.m. The restaurant is located in route to **Carver's Apple Orchard** (Cosby, TN), where the **Friendship Club** will stop to shop and then proceed to **Mary Ann Haney's** cabin in Gatlinburg for dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be Sunday evening, October 30th, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Then at 6:00 p.m., **Trunk or Treat** will begin in the back parking lot of the church.

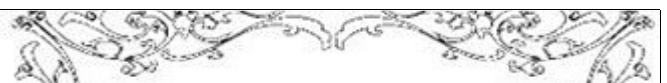
Letter from Amanda Roberts

Dear Congregation,
Our **Youth Group** is once again, along with the help of our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, planning our third annual **Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat** event. We need your help, if you please, with the following things.

1. Invite friends, coworkers, and family to attend;
2. Donate cakes/baked items for the Cake Walk;
3. Donate themed baskets for the silent auction.

I pray that this event will not only help to fund the **Youth Group's** Winter Convocation trip, but will reach out to our community and neighbors seeking a church home.

If you have any questions, please contact **Amanda Roberts** (865-382-5344) or **Kim Halbert** (865-660-5821).



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bridges
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage ceremony of their daughter

Lindsay Nicole
to

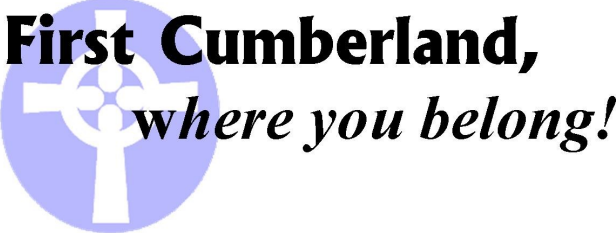
David Taylor Rakes


son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rakes
on Saturday, the eighth of October

Two thousand sixteen
at half past five o'clock in the afternoon
at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive




*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

October 5th-11th
9th - Sarah Grace Paschke
10th - Bonnie Bridges
10th - Donna Walker



Faithfulness Record for October 2, 2016	
Sunday School.....	46
Worship Service.....	64
Offering.....	\$4,416.71
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$1,050.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$5,308.00

Activities for October 5-11, 2016	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:00 p.m. Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
Saturday:	5:30 p.m. Bridges/Rakes Wedding
Sunday:	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People
Mildred Acuff had the cast removed from her arm on Tuesday, September 27th ~ **Judy Gammon** had emergency abdominal surgery early last Saturday morning, October 1st, she is in Tennova Hospital, North ~ **Bill Halbert** is now wearing special glasses to help clear up his vision ~ **Betty Hammill** had her cast removed from her arm on Monday, September 26th ~ **Kim McCurry** continues to recover from her surgery ~ **Alice Montgomery** had surgery on Wednesday, September 28th, to remove a cancerous tumor from her breast; she is home and is doing well ~ **Laura Paschke** has been diagnosed with the shingles ~ **Pastor Mike** had minor surgery on Tuesday, October 4th, and is doing well ~ **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from a stroke ~ **Tom Witmer** and **Pastor Mike** attended the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee on Saturday, October 1st

- Youth News**
- Sunday, October 16th—Following our Worship Service, our **High School Youth** will go to the home of **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** for lunch and a movie matinee; Youth need to be picked up from the Roberts’ home (8101 Greenwell Road) at 5:00 p.m.
 - October 30th—Both our **High School** and **Middle School Youth** will be setting up for our annual **Fall Festival**; if possible, all Youth need to stay after our Worship Service to help get things ready; **a light lunch will be provided**; the **Fall Festival** begins at 4:00 p.m.; the **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.

Renaissance Concert
Bethel University’s **Renaissance Choir**, **Southern Gospel Quartet**, and **Bluegrass Band** will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Farragut) Saturday, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital
Judy Gammon @ Tennova Hospital, North

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)
Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); **JUDY GAMMON**; **BILL GREGORY** (friend of Greg Beeler); Bill Halbert; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Kim McCurry; 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); **LAURA PASCHKE**; **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); 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); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); **MIKE WILKINSON**; Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); **FAMILY OF DALAH WITMER** (aunt of Tom Witmer); 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 Dalah Witmer** (aunt of Tom Witmer), who passed away last week in Pennsylvania. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Church’s Website
The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four [Worship Services](#).

Amazon Smile
Internet retailer Amazon.com has started a rewards program that donates money (a portion of participants’ purchases at no additional cost to buyers) to charitable organizations; the name of this program is **Amazon Smile**. If you are an Amazon.com shopper, when you shop in the future, first go to www.smile.amazon.com and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN) as your charity of choice. If you have any difficulty in signing up for **Amazon Smile**, contact **Tom Witmer** (865-588-8581) for assistance.