

The Cumberland

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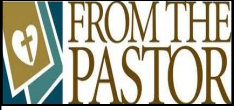
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 21, 2016



In my opinion, Charles Schulz, the creator of the *Peanuts* comic strip was a fantastic theologian. One reoccurring theme in his comic strips was Lucy and Charlie Brown practicing football. Countless times Lucy would hold the ball for Charlie's placekicking and then Charlie would attempt to kick the ball, but every time, at the precise moment of the point of no return, Lucy would pick up the ball and he would kick and his momentum unchecked by the ball would cause him to fall flat on his back. In one strip, Charlie was unwilling to attempt to kick the ball until Lucy broke down in tears and admitted, "Charlie Brown I have been so terrible to you over the years, picking up the football like I have. I have played so many cruel tricks on you, but I've seen the error of my ways! I've seen the hurt look in your eyes when I've deceived you. I've been wrong, so wrong. Won't you give a poor penitent girl another chance?" Moved by her display of grief, Charlie responded, "Of course, I'll give you another chance." He then stepped back as she held the ball, and he ran; at the last moment, Lucy once again picked up the ball and Charlie Brown fell flat on his back. Lucy's last words were, "Recognizing your faults and actually changing your ways are two different things, Charlie Brown!"

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, September 21st, at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

Sunday School Notes

Beginning this coming Sunday, **Chrissy Collins** will be teaching our *Second through Fifth Grade Sunday School Class*. Parents and or grandparents, if you have a child in this age group, please bring him/her to Sunday School this week; there are three adult Sunday School classes for you to choose from to attend.

Wedding Shower

All the ladies of the church are invited to a **Wedding Shower** for **Lindsay Bridges** and **Taylor Rakes** this coming Sunday afternoon, September 25th, at 3:00 p.m., in the Keene Room. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Belk; and Target. Make plans to attend this happy event. Ladies, please bring a favorite recipe of yours to the shower for Lindsay—please write it on a 3" by 5" card and sign your name to it.

Kids Hope USA

We are now in the process of officially affiliating with **Kids Hope USA**. We could use at least one more volunteer mentor to help with our newest ministry—an **in-school mentoring program for at-risk students** at the Rocky Hill Elementary School. We currently have six volunteer mentors and seven prayer partners; if you have any desire to participate in this **Outside-Action Project** please let Pastor Mike know as soon as possible. All mentors undergo online training and must pass a Knox Schools' background check to be allowed on school property during school hours. **Bonnie Bridges** will serve as the Director of this new ministry and Pastor Mike will serve as the Co-director.

Fall Outside Work Days

Our **Building and Grounds Committee** has planed two **Fall Outside Work Days**. One is Thursday, September 29th, 5:30 p.m. until dark and the second is Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please make you plans to attend one or both of these **work days** to help beatify our church grounds.

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 Thursday, October 6th, at **Puleos Grille** (260 N. Peters Road), at 6:00 p.m. 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.



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

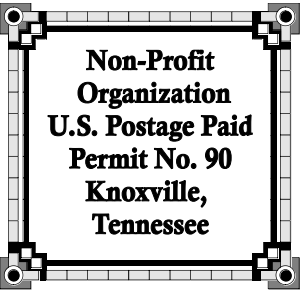
Two thousand sixteen

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.*



First Cumberland,
where you belong!





Happy Birthday

September 21st-27th

22nd - Lois Witmer

25th - Brack Emory






Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!



Faithfulness Record for September 18, 2016

Sunday School.....	45
Worship Service.....	68
Offering.....	\$2,279.37
Kroger Rewards.....	\$131.14
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$125.00

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); Morgan and Wakely Burton (friend of Hannah Haddox and her friend's baby); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Bill Halbert; Betty Hammill; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones and her mother (friend of Amanda Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Kim McCurry; **FAMILY OF MAXINE MCGUIRE**; 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); **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); Becky Rader; 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); Charlie Spalding (friend of Joy Taylor); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); **FAMILY OF PERRY VANERGRIFF** (colleague and friend of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer

Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

Activities for September 21-27, 2016

Wednesday:	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.	Wedding Shower
	6:00 p.m.	Session

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Mildred Acuff continues to recover from her broken arm and surgery ~ Bill Halbert has an upcoming appointment with an eye specialist ~ Betty Hammill continues to recover from her broken wrist ~ It was great having Jeanie Hughes worshipping with us again last Sunday ~ Kim McCurry continues to recover from her surgery ~ Alice Montgomery has been diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer; she will have surgery Wednesday, September 28th ~ Lois Witmer continues to recover from a stroke

- 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.

Session Meeting

Our Session will meet this coming Sunday evening, September 25th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Maxine McGuire**, who passed way Wednesday, September 14th.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is also extended to the **Family of Perry Vandergriff**, colleague and friend of Tom and Emily DeLozier, who passed away last Saturday, September 17th.

Please include these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Church's Website

The church's website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.