

The Cumberland

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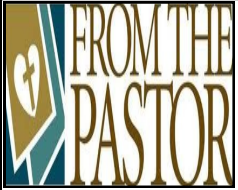
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 22, 2015



In last Sunday's sermon, I mentioned that the most important choice we face as a congregation is: "Do we make a wholehearted commitment to minister to the community around us by meeting needs and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who are lost, or are we satisfied with where we are?" Our *Confession of Faith* says: "The church, being nurtured and sustained by worship, by proclamation and study of the word, and by celebration of the sacraments, is commissioned to witness to all persons who have not received Christ as Lord and Savior." [5.28] This leads me to one question, and one question only: **Are we, the members and attenders of First Cumberland, ready to accept the commission God has given us as followers of Christ?** If so, it is time to get busy praying for and witnessing to the lost people we know. If not, it is time to start praying that God will change our hearts.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** got off to a great start last weekend. The sale will conclude this coming Friday and Saturday, July 24th-25th; the sale begins at 8:00 a.m. each day. Volunteers to work the sale are needed both days, but especially on Friday; contact **Maxine Curtis** if you can volunteer. The proceeds from the **Garage Sale** will help fund the redecorating/updating of the Keene Room. In conjunction with the **Garage Sale**, our **Youth Group** will be holding a **BBQ Fundraiser**. **Scott Roberts** will be smoking Boston butts. Pulled pork barbeque is \$12.00 per pound, including an eight-pack of buns and sauce; individual BBQ sandwiches will also be available for \$3.00.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- ⇒ The next meeting of our **Ladies' Bible Study** will be Saturday morning, August 1st, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 6 (Self-examination) in "*Soul Feast*". The final three dates are as follows: Saturday, August 15th; Saturday, August 29th; and Saturday, September 12th. All ladies of the church are welcome and invited to attend.
- ⇒ This Summer we will again collect various things for the **Coalition for Appalachian Ministry**. They need school supplies, socks and underwear for kids, plus yarn and craft things (we will donate what is left from the **Garage Sale**.) There will be a box in the Narthex to deposit what you bring. Thank you for helping in this very important ministry.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

This September, we plan to divide our current **Youth Sunday School Class** (6th-12th grades) into two classes: a **Middle School Class** taught by **Bonnie Bridges** (6th-8th grades) and a **High School Class** (9th-12th grades) taught by **Phil Bridges**. This means that we need a teacher for **Bonnie's** current class, **Juniors**, (3rd-5th grades); if you would like to volunteer to teach this class starting in September, see **Pastor Mike** or **Amanda Roberts** (the Chair of our *Christian Education Committee*).

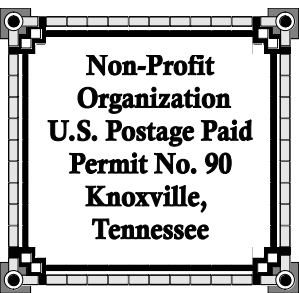
Homecoming 2015


Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church was established in 1885, and moved to our current location in 1975. With this in mind, our Session has set Sunday, September 27th, as **Homecoming 2015**. This is going to be an exciting event, so mark your calendar and make your plans to be here and invite all the former members you know, as well as all your family and friends. We will have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., pot luck in the Gym), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. Look for additional details in *The Cumberlander* over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know. The Church Office will be sending out invitations to **Homecoming 2015**, if you have someone you would like us to send an invitation to, please let **Tom Witmer** know as soon as possible.

Church-wide Work Day

We will have **church-wide** (men, women, teenagers, boys, and girls) **Work Day** Saturday, August 8th, at 9:00 a.m. The intent of this **Work Day** is to thoroughly clean our Sanctuary and spruce up our grounds/lawn in preparation for **Homecoming 2015**. It is important to have as many people as possible participate in the **Work Day**.

*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

July 19th-28th

25th – Amy Pipkin Huether
28th – Tom Walker



Stewardship Report July 19, 2015	
Sunday School.....	33
Worship.....	74
Offering.....	\$2,528.26
Chapel Carpet.....	\$1,200.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$25.00

Activities for July 22-28, 2015		
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	Garage Sale
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	Garage Sale
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People


It was great having **Mary Helen Daniel** back worshipping with us last Sunday; Mary Helen was accompanied by two of her grandsons, **Daniel** and **Zackary Medley** . . . **Mark Hester** received good news from his consult with the surgeon in Virginia last week; they will treat his brain tumor with medication; no surgery required at this time . . . It was good having **Mindy Landry** (a.k.a., Professor Nutty and Jewell Kerr’s daughter) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . It was good having **Terrie McVey** back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care . . . The extended **Family of Steve Summers** spent last week at the beach . . . It was good having **Leonette Ware, Rebecca Ware, Abbie Stutts** (Sam and Karen Ware’s granddaughter from Clayton, North Carolina) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . Former pastor, **Kevin Wood** is hospitalized because of blood clots . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, August 19th, at 11:00 a.m., at **The Chop House** (7417 Chapman Highway). 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 outside the Church Office.

Keene Room


Thanks to a generous donation and the proceeds from this year’s Garage Sale, the renovation of the Keene Room is underway. Our Session’s hope is to have this completed before **Homecoming 2015**, which will be held Sunday, September 27th.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Sarah Armes (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); Chris Atkins (son of Susan Edwards); 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); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); 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); 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); Alice Montgomery; 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; David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); 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); Carol Seeman; Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Lois Witmer; **KEVIN WOOD**

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

Chapel Carpet Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church on Tuesdays during the school year) started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. Our Session’s hope is to have this completed before **Homecoming 2015**, which will be held Sunday, September 27th. To date, \$2,127.01 has been contributed to this fund. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds for this project; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.