

The Cumberland

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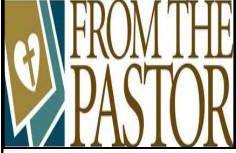
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 27, 2016



Several years ago, Hank Williams, Jr. penned the words to a song used in the opening of ABC's *Monday Night Football* telecast. In this song, he asked the question: "Are you ready for some football?" Though this song is no longer used to introduce the weekly football games, I want to paraphrase Williams and ask: "Are you ready for some good news?" I do not mean Good News in the sense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but good news nonetheless. Let's begin here: thanks to the willingness of **Josh Rech** (and I suspect his mother, **Julie**, as well) to go outside, we had two families visiting with us last week. Josh is in the high school marching band with some of the teenagers in these families. He has repeatedly asked his bandmates to worship with us and last week, both families accepted his invitation. Actually, one of the families visited about three weeks ago for the first time, also at Josh's invitation, and returned last Sunday with the other family. I said, in last week's newsletter, that Cliff Parrot was an inspiration to us all; I can also say that about Josh! Here is a second bit of good news: through the first half of the year (January through June), our income has exceeded our expenses by \$6,388.75. I understand that it has been several years since this last occurred. I want to give God the glory as the Supplier (*Jehovah-jireh*, God will provide) of all our needs, but I also want to thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Furthermore, I want to encourage you to keep it up—to continue the work you have so well begun. This leads me to the third bit of good news: for the first time in several years, the proceeds from our annual Garage Sale are not needed to meet some internal/inside need such as going toward a major repair or even to supplement budgeted expenses. So, in keeping with our call to *follow Jesus outside, where the action is*, our Session has decided to use the money raised through the sale to buy backpacks and school supplies for children in our community whose parents/guardians need assistance in this area. I will contact Rocky Hill, Bearden, Blue Grass, and West Hills Elementary Schools this week to enlist their assistance in identifying the families who need this type of help. Also, if you or anyone you know who needs help with school supplies, let me know and we will see to it that the need is met; all such requests will remain confidential. As I write this article, the final numbers are not in, but we should have at least \$1,300.00 that we can use for this going-outside adventure. This ties in to the fourth bit of good news: we had several volunteers turn out to work the Garage Sale last week (both the sale days and the four-days of preparation for the sale) and I want to thank each and everyone of them. For fear of leaving someone off the list, I will not attempt to name each volunteer, but nonetheless, as usual, a special thank you is extended to **Maxine Curtis and her family** for all the work they put into the sale, not just this year, but every year for more years than she cares to count. It is generally fun and always rewarding to work side-by-side with our brothers and sisters in Christ, whether that work be at a Garage Sale or cleaning a kitchen or cleaning up the church's yard or *going outside where Jesus is, where the action is* to give away school supplies. There is something about a shared accomplishment that unifies us as family, and personally, I am both glad and excited about being apart of the Family here at First Cumberland, and who wouldn't be with all the good news here?

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Youth News

- ⇒ Our **Youth Group** is going on a **Camping Trip**. They will be going to Cove Lake State Park, in Caryville, Tennessee, this coming weekend, July 29th-31st. This is a Friday evening through Sunday morning; they will pack up and be back in time to attend our Worship Service. All those attending are asked to meet in the Ingles Market parking lot (430 East Emory Road). There will be no cost to attend; however, all attendees will need to bring pillows, sleeping bags, camp chairs, and their bike. Please let **Amanda** and/or **Scott Roberts** know ASAP if you plan to attend.
- ⇒ Our **Youth Group** will have a **Cookout and Hot Tub Party** at Pastor Mike and Joanna's home Sunday afternoon, August 21st, following our Worship Service.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.


Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** has reset the date of our the church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**; it will now be held Sunday afternoon, August 14th, at 4:00 p.m. It is hoped that everyone who signed-up to participate in the **Talent Show** on the original date will still be able to join in the fun. Please bring ice cream (homemade or store-bought) and/or a dessert that compliments ice cream (cookies, brownies, cake, etc.) and join in this great time of fellowship. There will be a panel that will judge the homemade ice cream that is brought.

*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

July 27th - August 2nd
28th ~ Tom Walker
30th ~ Margaret Migas
1st ~ Connor Davis
2nd ~ Hannah Davis



Faithfulness Record July 24, 2016	
Sunday School.....	49
Worship Service.....	80
Offering.....	\$2,148.25
Memorial.....	\$50.00

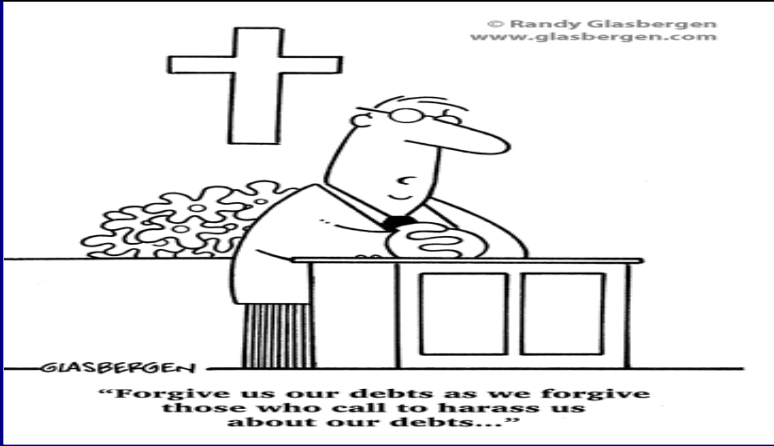
Activities for July 27-August 2, 2016		
Friday:	5:30 p.m.	Youth Camping Trip Begins
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Return from Camping
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		


Among Our People

Alejandra Vargas Araiza, mother of Alfonzo Marquez, has been diagnosed with cancer and is now under hospice care in El Paso, Texas. . . **Wakely Burton** (four-week-old child of **Morgan Burton**, friend of Hannah Haddox) is facing some serious health issues . . . It was great having both the **Doyal** and **Owens Families** (friends of Josh Rech) worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Cliff Parrott** is still having acute hip pain, but is doing some better . . . **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, will learn the result of her biopsy on Wednesday, July 27th; the biopsy is to determine if she has lymphoma . . . **Lois Witmer** is receiving outpatient physical therapy as she continues to recover from her recent stroke . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, August 17th, at **Famous Dave’s Bar-B-Que** (located at 208 Advantage Drive, near the intersection of Cedar Bluff Road and Parkside Drive), at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.






Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital. PTL!



Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; **ALEJANDRA VARGAS ARAIZA** (mother of Alfonzo Marquez); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; 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); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); *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; 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 (friend of Amanda and Scott 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; 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); **FAMILY OF ANNE REDDING** (mother of Andrea Gollither); 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); 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.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Anne Redding** (mother of Andrea Gollither) who passed way Tuesday, July 19th. Please keep this family in your prayers. *“Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.”* [Matthew 5:4, NKJV]

Church’s Website

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