

The Cumberland

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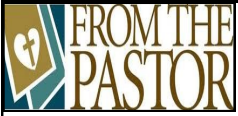
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"*Loving God, Loving People*"

October 26, 2016



I want to begin by thanking **Rev. Carlton Harper** for preaching in my absence last Sunday. I was in Memphis attending the Fall meeting of our denominational Ministry Council to which I was elected at the last meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly. I also want to thank **Amanda Roberts** for leading our Worship Service in my absence and **Scott Roberts** for giving our *Stewardship Moment* last Sunday. I have been told that each of these folks did a great job.

As you know, our annual stewardship campaign has begun. The focus of this year's campaign is different than previous ones in that it focuses not so much on raising money to meet our congregational budgetary needs, though those needs persist, but on the financial peace that we can each receive when we are faithful to **give** first, **save** second, and **live** on the remainder. When we get these three things out of order, it inevitably produces stress in our lives. One of the toughest things for a pastor to witness is the burden of emotional/mental/spiritual strain weighing heavily on a member of the flock. Many things can cause such worry and anguish, but one of those things does not have to be our finances. I am convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that when a follower of the risen Jesus **gives** first, **saves** second, and **lives** on the remainder that God will, miraculously if necessary, meet the needs—not necessarily the wants—of His child(ren). Joanna and I know firsthand how difficult it is to sometimes **give** first, especially when money is tight, but **giving** first shows that we actually trust God to meet our needs. As you have heard me say before, "Tithing is not a financial matter; it is a trust issue." **Saving** second is the primary way for us to plan for our financial future, and it almost always eliminates the sense of emergency and impending doom that an unplanned expense generally produces. And **living** on the remainder requires us to effectively budget our resources to take care of our reoccurring expenses. My hope is that over the next few weeks each of us will make **giving** first, **saving** second, and **living** on the remainder a matter of prayer and then join with Joanna and I as we dedicate our 2017 **giving** to the Lord through First Cumberland on Sunday, November 13th.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, October 26th, at **Sagebush Steakhouse** (201 Heritage Boulevard, Newport, TN 37821), at 11:00 a.m. Those who desire to do so can meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and carpool together. 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 (TN) 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 this coming Sunday afternoon and 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. We need your help with the following things: 1) **Invite** friends, coworkers, and family to attend; 2) Donate cakes/baked items for the **Cake Walk**; and 3) Donate themed baskets for the **Silent Auction**. 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 on October 30th to help get things ready; a **light lunch will be provided**. The **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.

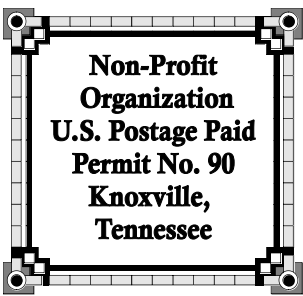
Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 1st, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

This year, our ladies' ministry will be helping the **Volunteer Ministry Center** stock their **Holiday Store** by contributing items for this store. Recipients of **VMC** services must earn points by doing service projects in order to "buy" these items. Please keep new bought items in their original packaging and do not wrap any item. A list of suggested items is on bulletin boards in both hallways. We will be collecting these items through the month of November. **VMC** has delivered a box to put these items in, which will be in the front hallway. We thank you, one and all, for your generous assistance in this important ministry.

In conjunction with our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, we want to make you aware of the upcoming holiday opportunities in which you can participate. We will have the mitten trees—collecting hats and scarves, as well as mittens for the children in Appalachia through **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM)**. We will also provide Christmas presents for residents in **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. As usual, we will sponsor a **Bake/Craft Sale** in our Library the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20th). More details about these opportunities to follow. Thank you for participating in these ministries which will help to make a brighter Christmas for many in our community.

*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 26th–November 1st

26th - Stephanie Bridges
27th - Peggy O'Neal
28th - Mary Ann Haney
30th - Dawn Curtis



Faithfulness Record for October 23, 2016	
Sunday School.....	43
Worship Service.....	77
Offering.....	\$3,044.48
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for October 16-November 1, 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 12:15 p.m. Youth - Lunch 1:00 p.m. Youth - Fall Festival Setup 4:00 p.m. Fall Festival 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

Congratulations to newlyweds **Eric** and **Jamie Bachman**; they were married last weekend. ~ **Judy Gammon** remains in Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center recovering from her recent surgery. ~ It was great having **Jack** and **Jin Gaston** back worshipping with us last Sunday; **Jack** continues to recover from his recent fall. ~ It was great having **Harry Sherrod** (cousin of Becky Rader) worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ It was great having **Jan Wilhite** (daughter of Mary Helen Daniel) worshipping with us last Sunday.

Women of Faith

Joanna Wilkinson is inviting all the ladies of the church to a **Women of Joy Conference** that will be held in Pigeon Forge the weekend of April 28th-30th, 2017. The cost of the tickets is \$109.00 per person. Once **Joanna** knows how many of our ladies are interested in attending, she will work on booking hotel reservations and inform you of the cost for lodging; everyone will be responsible for their own meals; please contact **Joanna** ASAP to express your interest 3girlsmom@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net or 205-533-2001.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, November 3rd, at **Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que** (208 Advantage Drive; near the intersection of North Peters and Cedar Bluff Roads), at 6:00 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

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

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Amy Cliett (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman); **Cumber-land 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; Jack Gaston; Bill Gregory (friend of Greg Beeler); Bill Halbert; Kim 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); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer; **THEOLA YORK** (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards)

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



Church's Website

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

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.

Thoughts to Ponder

“Simply believing in the existence of God is not exactly what I would call a commitment. After all, even the devil believes that God exists. Believing has to change the way we live.”—anonymous

“Most of us know about God, but that is quite different from knowing God.”—**Billy Graham**