

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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As a child, when I was really anticipating and hoping for an upcoming event, I remember being told that I should not wish my life away, and that is good advice; nonetheless I am extremely thankful that last week is behind me. As I write this article, our belonging are on two moving trucks in Montgomery, Alabama. They will be delivered to and unloaded in a storage unit here in Knoxville sometime this week. Joanna and I could not have made it through last week without the help of **Phil and Bonnie Bridges** and several people from our former church in Millbrook. We are truly blessed with great friends.

I recently read on Facebook about "Three Simple Rules in Life". The third rule is: "If you do not step forward, you'll always be the same." This rule makes sense to me, so once again I am challenging us as a congregation to step forward—step forward in your attendance—step forward in your giving—step forward in your asking others to join you here at First Cumberland. If we do not step forward we will never become the congregation God is calling us to be.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### **The Grace of Sharing**

As defined by Wikipedia, **SHARING** is the joint use of a resource or space. In its narrow sense, it refers to joint or alternating use of an inherently finite good, such as a common pasture or a shared residence, or in the case of Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, our facility—our beautiful and spacious building that we have been blessed with by God through the generosity of our predecessors.

In only ways and methods that God can do, He has provided for us faithfully through the years. One of the ways God has blessed us is by sending Christian home school groups and Jazzercise to share our facility, for which they reimburse us. It has greatly benefited all parties involved.

Is this not the same as sharing our house with those in need of shelter? Is this not the same as sharing our money with the needy? I would suggest it is. In addition, the monies that we have received from these groups have blessed us greatly over the years and have been much needed to supplement our own giving. Without God sending these groups to us we would not be able to cover all of our expenses. God's generosity to us inspires our generosity to Him and His Church. Paul writes to Timothy, "Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, . . ." [First Timothy 6:18]

We as a congregation, and as individuals, have been blessed by God in more ways than we can count. Therefore, I want to encourage you to join me in practicing the **Grace of Sharing!**

-Tom Witmer

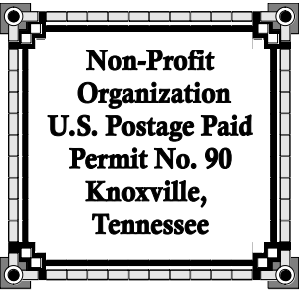
### **All Worship Service**

Sunday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we have an **All Music Worship Service** here at First Cumberland. Our **Choir** will sing a few anthems and several of our musically gifted members will be singing as well. Who knows, there could be solos, duets, maybe a quartet or an ensemble—possibly even a liturgical dance. Make you plans now to attend, and invite someone who does not currently attend First Cumberland to join you. Asking someone to join us is not as difficult as we sometimes make it out to be; just say, "Would you like to hear some great music? If so, come with me to First Cumberland."


### **Bethel University's Renaissance Choir**

Saturday evening, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., Bethel University's **Renaissance Choir** (125 members) will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Farragut.


*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**  
19-Brooklyn Shelley  
24-Jeff Gollither  
25-Pastor Mike

Activities for October 19-25, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Session
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report October 12, 2014	
Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	60
Offering .....	\$4413.25
Building Reimbursement.....	\$100.00

## Among Our People


Dianne and Paul Pipkin celebrated their 40th anniversary last Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> . . . Becky Rader is still at the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center (Fort Sanders Hospital) . . . B.F. Daniel continues to receive outpatient therapy . . . Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter) remains under hospice care; Mildred remains in the Atlanta-area with her and her family . . . Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson’s father) will not have to have his aortic aneurism graph replaced . . . Dick Booher will have knee replacement surgery on November 5<sup>th</sup> . . .

### First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Fall Festival


Our Youth are sponsoring a **Fall Festival** (for all ages) on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The **Festival** will include BBQ chicken dinner plates (\$6.00 each), games, live music, hayrides, face painting, an inflatable slide and bouncy house, cake walks (\$2.00 per walk), a silent auction, and Trunk or Treat at dusk. This event is a fundraiser to help our Youth attend Winter Convocation in Gatlinburg this coming January.

### Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Carver’s Apple house Restaurant**, in Cosby, TN, at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, for a Dutch-treat lunch. A car-pool will leave the church at 9:30 a.m., if you would like to join the caravan. They will also go to Mary Ann Haney’s cabin in Gatlinburg for dessert. Every one reading this announcement is invited to join the **Friendship Club** by merely showing up to eat. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the Church Office.



### Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital  
Becky Rader - Patricia Neal Rehab Center

Health and Prayer Concerns  
the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Ada Ladd; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Maxine McGuire; Charlotte Bird; Carol Seeman; Jack Walker; Mildred Acuff; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg’s wife); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Debbie Holloway; Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff’s son); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Lois Witmer; Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Ruth West (Greg Beeler’s aunt); Becky Rader; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Lisa Seiv (daughter of a friend of Pastor Mike); Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike)

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*

### First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.** — our Youth arrive to help set up for the Fall Festival. — Bring a friend!

### disABILITY Resource Center

The **disABILITY Resource Center** is a long-standing program in Knoxville, dedicated to helping folks with disabilities lead independent lives. Core services include information and referral, independent living skill training, advocacy services, peer support activities and employment placement. Services are available to all age groups, children through seniors. If you or someone you know might benefit from a referral to the **disABILITY Resource Center**, please call **Susan Watson**, dRC Community Coordinator, a member of First Cumberland, at 865-637-3666.

### How to Contact Mildred Acuff

You can write **Mildred Acuff** by sending the letter in C/O Joe Wingards; 6153 Graceland Circle; Morrow, GA 30260, or you can call in the evenings at 865-805-8297.