The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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I do not know the words to use to express my appreciation to you for the love you have shared with Joanna and I since the passing of her father last Friday, September 11th. The calls, texts, e-mails, notes, cards, and food have warmed our heart and made the pain much easier to bear. We are truly blessed to serve such a wonderful congregation. We intended to be on a cruise to the Bahamas this

week on vacation. Obviously, this did not happen; nonetheless, we will be out of town the rest of this week. We will be back in Knoxville sometime this coming Saturday evening and we will be at church on Sunday morning; we hope to see you there as we begin our third year of ministry at First Cumberland.

I want to once again remind you that September is **Outreach Emphasis Month** here at First Cumberland. During this month, I want to encourage everyone to invite at least one person and/or family per week to attend church with you. To aid you in this effort, our *Mission and Outreach Committee* has prepared trifold brochures for you to give to family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, clerks at the store, servers at the restaurant—the list of who we can invite is endless. These brochures will be included in the bulletins every Sunday during the month of September. Please participate in **Outreach Emphasis Month** because God is doing great things here at First Cumberland and we want everyone possible to be a part of it.

I also want to remind you of the **Open House** Joanna and I will be hosting on Sunday afternoon, October 11th, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Our address is 1504 Clear Brook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922. Our subdivision is named Brentmoor, and it is located on the corner of Nubbin Ridge Drive and Ebenezer Road. We want everyone to drop by for the **Open House** so that you will know where we now live and so that you can drop by at anytime in the future. Throughout our ministry, Joanna and I have had an open door policy where church members visiting in our home have been a common occurrence. We want this policy to continue in our newest home; in other words, you are always welcome in our home.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Homecoming 2015

Homecoming 2015 will now be held on Sunday, October 4th. Please inform everyone you have asked to attend **Homecoming 2015** of this change in date. Since October 4th is *World-Wide Communion Sunday*, we will celebrate the *Lord's Supper* during our Worship Service. We will also have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., "pot luck dinner in the Gym"), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a time of fellowship and remembrance over coffee, juice, and homemade pastries. This time can also be used to look at the historical displays. There will be no Sunday School on this day. Our Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change). Look for additional details in *The Cumberlander* over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know. We are still collecting pictures and memorabilia to be used that day; please get these items to the Church Office as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to share *A Homecoming Moment* during an upcoming Worship Service, please let **Pastor Mike** know as soon as possible.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The number #1 Care Ministry group provided food this past week-end for the Wilkinson family. Thank you all who contributed. The number #2 group is up next – with Dianne Fielder and Lois Witmer as co-chairpersons. Thank you to all the people -10 ladies – who participated in the work day last Saturday.

Youth News

- * October 24th—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- * October 25th—Our **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.

Church's Website

The church's website, **www.first-cumberland.org**, now includes the recorded sermons of our worship services. Look for the link on the bottom left-hand corner of our homepage. We hope this is helpful to those who miss an occasional Sunday, are shut-in and unable to attend, or who live out of town but still want to be connected to First Cumberland in this manner.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, September 23rd (this is the fourth Wednesday of the month instead of the normal third Wednesday), at 11:00 a.m., at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** (324 North Peters Road). 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 near the Church Office; signing-up is not a requirement, but it does help in making reservations.

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 16th-22nd

16th - Courtney McCurry 17th - Maxine McGuire 18th - Christina Collins 18th - Leah Witmer 22nd - Lois Witmer



Stewardship Report September 13, 2015

Sunday School	57
Worship	82
Offering	\$2,636.25
Chapel Carpet Fund	
Memorial Fund	

Activities for September 16–22, 2015

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



Mildred Acuff is still at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center (formerly Brakebill Nursing Home) for rehab as she recovers from a light stroke; she is in room 114... After spending a few days in the hospital, Cooky Dyer is now at Shannondale Nursing Home for rehab . . . Edna Fleenor is now under hospice care . . . Ada Ladd is in Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation Northhaven for rehab; she is in room 227 . . . Marlene Ritchey remains under hospice care . . . Julie and Justin Rech spent a week cruising. Glad you got back safely. . . Tom and Lois Witmer traveled to Atlanta on Saturday to attend their granddaughter, Hannah Davis's first gymnastics completion. . . While driving to Atlanta for Hannah Davis's meet, Allison Davis's rear right wheel had the tread separate and the tire deflated and the vehicle did a circle and slide across I75 backwards across all three lanes and was not hit nor flipped. All are OK. Praise the Lord for watching over them. . .

THANK YOU

Friends,

The Curtis family thanks you so much for the prayers and thoughts during our time of grief. It has meant so much ro our family to know that we have such good friends.

The Curtis Family

Getting ready for Homecoming 2015. Thanks to the 5 men and 4 boys who worked outside and cleaned up our grounds. Talk to Tom Witmer or Jim Curtis if you want to you can help at another time. There is still plenty to do.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

To our knowledge, no one connected to First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Sarah Ames (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); 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); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); 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); Family of CARL KISSIAH (father of Joanna Wilkinson); 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); 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); J.D. and Sarah Price (friends of Alice Montgomery); 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); Tara Shelley and baby (due in November); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Lois Witmer

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

Chapel Carpet Fund

Classical Conversations has started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. Though the money has not yet been fully raised, the carpet has been ordered and should be installed before **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,427.01 has been given; the cost has been lowered to approximately \$5,900.00, so nearly \$3,500.00 is still needed. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.