The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 26, 2015

Welcome new members! At the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, Tom and Emily DeLozier officially united with our church family. The DeLozier's have been visiting for several months and are fully convinced that First Cumberland is where God wants them to be, and I could not agree more. They join by transfer of letter from New Providence Presbyterian Church (USA), in

Maryville. The **DeLozier**'s live at 9418 Tedford Road, Knoxville, TN 37922, and their telephone number is 769-3781. Emily teaches at Roane State Community College, in Oak Ridge, and Tom is the band director at Carpenters Middle School, in Maryville. God is working amongst us; can you feel it?

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Sunday School News

Rally Sunday will be this coming Sunday, August 30th. Children will be promoted, and teachers installed during the Worship Service on this day. We will also have a **Continental Breakfast** in our Gym, at 9:00 a.m.

Homecoming 2015

CHANGE OF DATE: Due to several church families having unavoidable conflicts on September 27th, our Session has moved Homecoming 2015 a week; it 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 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. The Church Office will be sending out special invitations to Homecoming 2015 the first week of September, if you have someone you would like us to send an invitation to, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible. Also, we are 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.

Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event

Grace Baptist Church (7171 Oak Ridge Highway) is hosting a Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event featuring Kirk Cameron and Warren Barfield on Sunday evening, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$22.50 per person; \$45.00 per couple; please pay Amanda Roberts this coming Sunday, August 30th, if you plan to attend.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- The last session of the Ladies' Bible Study will be this coming Saturday, August 29th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read the chapter 9, "Putting It All Together".
- The West Circle of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, September 1st, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be furnished. All the ladies of the church are invited.
- Save the date: On Saturday, September 26th, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is sponsoring an English Tea, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Information about the mission work of the Thistle Farm, in Nashville, will be shared. See **Betty Hammill** to make reservations by Sunday, September 13th. Let us have a large group to participate.
- Thank you for all your contributions for Coalition for Appalachian Ministries. These items were delivered last Saturday, August 25th, and were very much appreciated.

Youth News

- August 30th—Middle School Smokies' Game; meet at church at 4:00 p.m. Bring \$7.50 for tickets and additional money for food. Estimated time back at church is 9:00 p.m.
- September 11th—**High School Group** will go to **Market Square Movie Night**; more details to come. September 13th—**Middle School Group** will go to **Laser Quest**; more details to come.
- October 24th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. October 25th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.

Church-Wide Work Day

In preparation for Homecoming 2015, we will have another Work Day on Saturday, September 12th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be working both inside and out. We need everyone's help!

> 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



August 26th-September 1st

28th - Sadie Huether 28th - Jessica Walker



Stewardship Report August 23, 2015

Sunday School	49
Worship	83
Offering	\$2,206.00
Building Reimbursement	\$1,080.00
Chapel Carpet Fund	\$100.00

Activities for August 19–25, 2015

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Middle School Outing

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



Mildred Acuff is back in Parkwest Medical Center after falling last Saturday, August 22^{nd} . . . Congratulations to Cliff Parrott on the birth of his fifteenth great-grandchild, Hankon Alexander Fredette . . . Marlene Ritchey remains under hospice care . . . It was great to having Cameron Szenfeld and Harley Wooliver worshiping with us last Sunday . . .

Friendship Club

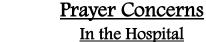
The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, September 23rd, at 11:00 a.m., at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** (324 North Peters Road). Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are even encouraged to invite friends from outside the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

During August, Kroger will be e-mailing each of our church's **Community Rewards** participants a link to reenroll. If you do not have access to a computer, you can reenroll by calling 1-800-576-4377. Please re-enroll and encourage your friends and family to enroll; have them select our church as the organization of choice. If you need any help, please contact **Kim Halbert** @ 660-5821.

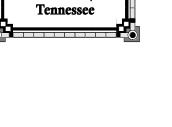
FROM THE PASTOR

Limited space on the front page resulted in me sharing this good news on the back page: Joanna and I are once again homeowners in Knoxville. Last Friday, August 21st, we closed on the house that belonged to Marlene Ricthey. We now own three homes (one here and two in Alabama that are currently be rented out); if I remember the rules of Monopoly correctly, one more and we get a hotel. :) We are busy painting and installing new flooring in most of the house, but we plan to have a Open House one Sunday afternoon soon, probably October 11th. — *Pastor Mike*



Mildred Acuff @ Parkwest Medical Senter





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); 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); 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; 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; Kevin and Nancy Wood

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. We hope to have this completed by **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,327.01 (need approximately \$7,500.00) has been given. 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**.

"Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you."

Psalm 89:8, NIV