

The Cumberland

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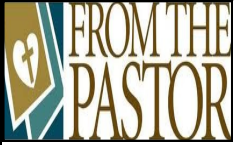
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 19, 2015



Is it just me, or can you too feel the excitement level growing here at First Cumberland? I can sense God's Spirit moving among us and I can hardly wait to see what great things He has in store for us as a congregation. New members, more and more visitors, financial stability, stronger fellowship—these are but a few of the things I am anticipating God doing in our life. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." With the excitement building and **Homecoming 2015** approaching, I want to take this opportunity to invite all the former members who receive this newsletter to prayerfully consider returning to First Cumberland and once again making it your church home. You will be welcomed back with open, loving, and gracious arms!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Homecoming 2015

CHANGE OF DATE: Due to several church families having unavoidable conflicts on September 27th, our Session has decided to move **Homecoming 2015** a week; it will now be held on Sunday, October 4th. Hopefully, this new date will not conflict with anyone's schedule. 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 soon be sending out special invitations to **Homecoming 2015**, 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.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **Ladies' Bible Study** has two more chapters till completion. The dates have been adjusted; the new dates are: Chapter 8 – "Hospitality", on Saturday, August 22nd, and Chapter 9 – "Putting It All Together", on Saturday, August 29th. Both studies will begin at 10:00 a.m. and take place in the beautiful new Keene Room.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

During the month of August, Kroger will be e-mailing each of our church's **Community Rewards** participants a link to re-enroll. If you do not have access to a computer, you can re-enroll by calling 1-800-576-4377. Kroger does this annually. 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 during this re-enrollment process, please contact **Kim Halbert** @ 660-5821. Let's make the next rewards check even bigger!

Youth News

- * Beginning August 22nd, we are restructuring our **Youth Group**; we will have high school outings and middle school outings. We will also have some mixers where everyone will come together as well.
- * August 22nd—**High School Hike**; meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bag-lunch and water. Be sure to wear appropriate hiking clothes and shoes. Estimated time back at church is 3:30 p.m.
- * 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.

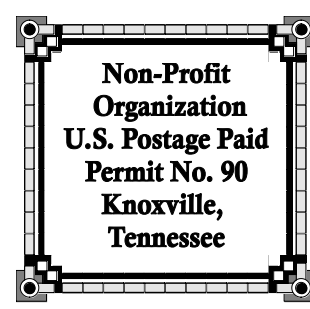
Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event

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 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$22.50 per person; less than ten people and the price is \$25.00 per person; contact **Amanda Roberts** if you are interested in attending.

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.*



Chapel Carpet Fund