

The Cumberland

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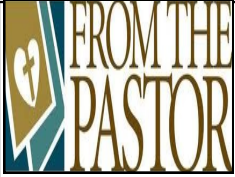
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 7, 2015



Wow! What a day to be gathered in the Lord's House, here at First Cumberland, as we celebrated **Homecoming 2015**! I think everyone here last Sunday was as excited and pleased by the day as I was because I kept hearing people say, "Today was a good day!" or "Today was a great day!" At least 177 people attended the Worship Service, and at least 160 people stayed to enjoy the "Pot Luck Dinner". I cannot thank you enough for being here and for inviting others to be here with you and for bringing so much delicious food. I cannot thank everyone by name who made this celebration so wonderful, but I do want to especially thank the Co-Chairs of our *Homecoming Committee*, **Sam Ware** and **Kim Halbert**, without whom this celebration would not have occurred.

As I pointed out during the Worship Service, homecoming is not merely a time to nostalgically look back at 130-years of ministry here at First Cumberland, as impressive as that may be, but rather, homecoming gives us an opportunity to look back at how God has ministered to and through this congregation over the years so that we are assured that God will continue to minister to and through us into the future. Two Sundays ago, following our Choir singing the anthem, I said I look forward to the time when the remainder of the Sanctuary was as full as the Choir Loft; last Sunday, we saw what that would look like. I do not think this was a one-time thing; instead, I believe last Sunday was a glimpse into our future—the future God has planned for us (**Jeremiah 29:11**). This will require much work on our part, as much work as preparing for homecoming, but I believe we are up for the task!

I also want to especially thank all the former members and inactive members who were present last Sunday. Not only do I want to thank you, I want to appeal to you to return home—to once again make First Cumberland your place of worship. We need you and, frankly, those of you who do not have regular church home, you need us.

In closing, if you would like a DVD of the **Homecoming 2015 Slide Show** that was played in both the Narthex and the Gym last Sunday, simply contact the Church Office; the cost is \$5.00 per DVD. Though I do not yet know the cost, prints of the water color of the church that **Margaret Migas** painted for **Homecoming 2015** will soon be available through the Church Office.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Fall Festival and "Trunk or Treat"

Our annual **Fall Festival and "Trunk or Treat"** will be Sunday afternoon, October 25th. The **Fall Festival** will be from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with **"Trunk or Treat"** beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be games, prizes, face painting, an inflatable bouncy house, a cotton candy machine, hay rides, costume contest, a haunted hallway, and door prizes! BBQ chicken plates will be for sale for \$6.00 per plate. There will be a Cake Walk; \$1.00 per person per round. There will also be a Silent Auction. All money raised by the **Fall Festival** will go to our Youth Group to help with funding for Winter Convocation (January 2016). We need donations of the following items: gift baskets to be used in the Silent Auction and cakes for the Cake Walk. It would also be helpful to preorder the BBQ chicken plates by contacting either **Scott** or **Amanda Roberts**.

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 finish setting up for our **Fall Festival**, after our Worship Service; the Fall Festival will begin at 3:30 p.m.

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.

Open House


Pastor Mike and **Joanna** are hosting an **Open House** this coming Sunday afternoon, October 11th, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. They simply want everyone to drop by their new home (formerly Marlene Ritchey's home) so that you will know where they now live and so that you can drop by at anytime in the future. Throughout their ministry, the **Wilkinsons** have had an open door policy where church members visiting in their home has been a common occurrence. They want this policy to continue in their newest home; in other words, you are always welcome in their home. Their address is 1504 Clear Brook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922; their subdivision is named Brentmoor, and it is located on the corner of Nubbin Ridge Drive and Ebenezer Road.

Session Meeting

Our **Session** will meet this coming Sunday evening, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at Pastor Mike's home following the **Open House**.

*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.*






Happy Birthday

October 7th–October 13th

9th - Sarah Paschke
10th - Bonnie Bridges
10th - Lindsay Hammill
10th - Donna Walker
13th - Dianne Fielder



Stewardship Report October 4, 2015	
Worship.....	177
Offering.....	\$5,386.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$450.00
Carpet Fund.....	\$500.00

Activities for October 7–October 13, 2015		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.	Wilkinson Open House
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

There were simply too many visitors and/or former members present last Sunday to attempt to list them all; however, it is of special note that **Mildred Acuff** was back worshipping with us last Sunday for the first time since her fall more than two months ago . . . It is also of special note that **Mary Cregger** was back worshipping last Sunday; **Mary** is a shut-in and last Sunday was only the second time in the last fifteen years she has been able to attend . . . It is also of special note that former Interim Pastor **Rev. W. Jean Richardson** worshiped with us last Sunday and prayed the Prayer of Invocation . . . **Mildred Acuff** is still at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center (formerly Brakebill Nursing Home) for rehab recovering from a light stroke; she is in room 114 . . . **David** and **Christina Collins** celebrated their nineteenth anniversary on Monday, October 5th . . . **Cooky Dyer** is now back home . . . **Edna Fleenor** remains under hospice care . . . **Ada Ladd** is now back home . . . **Cliff Parrott** is home recovering from a fall that occurred last week . . . **Catherine Pipkin** (mother of Paul Pipkin) is now back home . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, October 28th (the fourth Wednesday instead of the typical third Wednesday), at 11:00 a.m., at **Carver Applehouse Restaurant**, in Cosby, TN. Following lunch and shopping, we will then travel to Mary Ann Haney’s house, in Gatlinburg, for dessert. 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.

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time, no one associated with First Cumberland is in the hospital. 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); **FRANCES BROOM** (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); 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); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Larry Hickens (friend of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Bob Leach; 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; Catherine Pipkin (mother of Paul Pipkin); 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; Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); **ANGEL TINDELL** (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); 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 installed and looks great. To date, \$2,927.01 has been given; the cost has been lowered to approximately \$5,900.00, so nearly \$3,100.00 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**.