

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 28, 2016



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. Summer is officially over and First Cumberland's income (tithes, offerings, building reimbursements, etc.) through August 2016 has exceeded our expenses for this period; this is true even though we had a maintenance expense in August where we spent approximately \$2,000.00 that was not anticipated and, therefore, not included in our *2016 Budget*. Although I have only been here three years, it is my understanding that this is the first time our finances have been this healthy in at least a decade. This a great news worthy to be celebrated, first by praising God for His faithfulness, and also by thanking you for your generosity; truly, you have lived up to our *Stewardship Campaign for 2016* by excelling in the grace of giving. All we lack now is finishing the task so well begun and, despite September's offerings being a little lower than needed, I trust that we will do just that. Remain faithful and continue to be generous as God is generous.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Fall Outside Work Days

Our **Building and Grounds Committee** has planned two **Fall Outside Work Days**. The first is this Thursday, September 29th, 5:30 p.m. until dark and the second is this Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please make plans to attend one or both of these **work days** to help beatify our church grounds.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 4th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided. After their regular meeting and lunch, those who can stay will continue to work on the archives. All the ladies of the church are both invited and encourage to attend.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The first outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** was a success, with 15 people in attendance. Their next Dutch-treat dinner outing will be Thursday, October 6th, at **Puleos Grille** (260 North Peters Road), at 6:00 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

Friendship Club

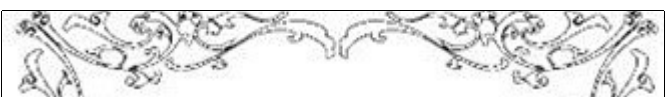
The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, October 26th (This is the fourth Wednesday of the month, not the usual third Wednesday.), at **Sagebush Steakhouse** (201 Heritage Boulevard, Newport, TN 37821), at 11:00 a.m. The restaurant is located on the route to **Carver's Apple Orchard** (Cosby, TN), where the **Friendship Club** will stop to shop and then proceed to **Mary Ann Haney's** cabin in Gatlinburg for dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be Sunday evening, October 30th, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Then at 6:00 p.m., **Trunk or Treat** will begin in the back parking lot of the church.

Kids Hope USA

We are now officially affiliated with **Kids Hope USA**. **Bonnie Bridges** and **Pastor Mike** will begin their online training as Director and Co-Director on October 17th. After they have completed their training, they will help our mentors with their online training. Realistically, it will be when school resumes in January before our mentors become actively involved with any of the at-risk students at the Rocky Hill Elementary School. A big thank you to those who have volunteered to be mentors (**Bonnie Bridges, Phil Bridges, Susan Edwards, Elaine Stapleton, Donna Walker, and Pastor Mike**) and to be prayer partners (**Ann Bachman, Maxine Curtis, Emily DeLozier, Dianne Fielder, Steve Summers, and Joanna Wilkinson**). It is not too late to join this new ministry team and participate in this **Outside-Action Project**; simply contact **Pastor Mike** to let him know of your interest. All mentors will undergo online training and must pass a Knox Schools' background check to be allowed on school property during school hours.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bridges
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage ceremony of their daughter

Lindsay Nicole
to

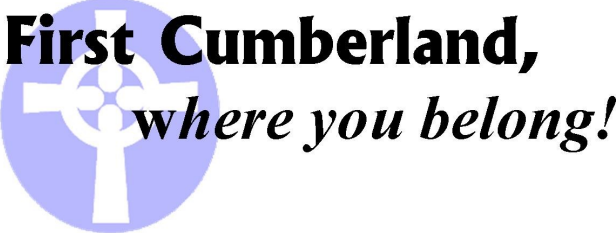
David Taylor Rakes


son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rakes
on Saturday, the eighth of October

Two thousand sixteen
at half past five o'clock in the afternoon
at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive



*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

September 28th - October 4th

30th - Gracie Hayes
4th - Hailey Davis



Faithfulness Record for September 25, 2016	
Sunday School.....	48
Worship Service.....	71
Offering.....	\$3,867.25
Music Fund.....	\$54.47
Memorial Fund.....	\$100.00

Activities for September 28 - October 4, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Outside Work Day
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Outside Work Day
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Communion
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. West Circle

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Mildred Acuff continues to recover from her broken arm and subsequent surgery ~ **Bill Halbert** has an upcoming appointment with an eye specialist ~ **Betty Hammill** continues to recover from her broken wrist ~ It was great having **Jeanne Hughes** worshipping with us yet again last Sunday ~ **Gene** and **Barbara McCammon** are attending the National Quartet Convention, in Pigeon Forge, TN ~ **Kim McCurry** continues to recover from her surgery ~ **Amanda Roberts** and **Pastor Mike** will be attending the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee this coming Saturday, October 1st ~ **Alice Montgomery** has been diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer; she will have surgery on Wednesday, September 28th ~ **Pastor Mike** will have minor surgery on Tuesday, October 4th ~ **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from a stroke

Youth News

- Sunday, October 16th—Following our Worship Service, our **High School Youth** will go to the home of **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** for lunch and a movie matinee; Youth need to be picked up from the Roberts’ home (8101 Greenwell Road) at 5:00 p.m.
- October 30th—Both our **High School** and **Middle School Youth** will be setting up for our annual **Fall Festival**; if possible, all Youth need to stay after our Worship Service to help get things ready; **a light lunch will be provided**; the **Fall Festival** begins at 4:00 p.m.; the **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.

Renaissance Concert

Bethel University’s **Renaissance Choir**, **Southern Gospel Quartet**, and **Bluegrass Band** will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Farragut) Saturday, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Morgan and Wakely Burton (friend of Hannah Haddox and her friend’s baby); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Bill Halbert; Betty Hammill; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones and her mother (friend of Amanda Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Kim McCurry; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (friend of Joy Taylor); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Mike Wilkinson; Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer

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

Church’s Website

The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four [Worship Services](#).

Amazon Smile

Internet retailer Amazon.com has started a rewards program that donates money (a portion of participants’ purchases at no additional cost to the buyers) to charitable organizations; the name of this program is **Amazon Smile**. If you are an Amazon.com shopper, when you shop in the future, first go to www.smile.amazon.com and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN) as your charity of choice. If you have any difficulty in signing up for **Amazon Smile**, contact **Tom Witmer** for assistance.