

The Cumberland

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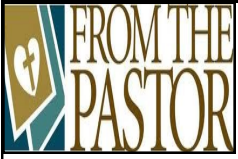
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 9, 2016



By the time you read this article the election will be over and we will most probably know who will be the next President of the United States. Regardless of who we voted for, or even who we wanted to win, as people who believe in the power of prayer, we have what I consider to be an obligation to pray for our new President. Actually, I believe we should constantly lift up in prayer all our political leaders (national, state, and local) on a regular basis. I sometimes joke that I will never be a better pastor/preacher than you pray me to be. Perhaps that is true of our political leaders, as well—they will never be better at their task than we pray them to be. As I write this article on Monday morning, I do not know who will win the presidential election, but I do know who will still be the King of kings and Lord of lords—Jesus Christ, and it is in Him that I find both my security and hope, not in any political candidate or party. The same is true for all who have placed their faith in the risen Jesus. My simple challenge to each of us is that we pause each day and pray that our political leaders have the wisdom and strength to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord.

Veterans Day is this coming Friday, November 11th, so I want to personally thank all the veterans associated with First Cumberland for their service to our country. Men and women like you have enabled us to maintain the freedoms that we enjoy in this nation and we are forever in your debt. May God bless you, not only on this coming Friday, but on everyday of your lives.

In closing, I want to thank **James Paschke** for giving our *Stewardship Moment* last Sunday. He did an outstanding job of reminding us that we are to return a portion of all that God has given us—our time, our talent, our treasure, our very lives. This coming Sunday, November 13th, marks the end of this year's *Stewardship Campaign—The Key to Financial Peace: Give, Save, and Live*. My hope is that over this last week each of us will make **giving** first, **saving** second, and **living** on the remainder a matter of prayer and then join with Joanna and I as we dedicate our 2017 **giving** to the Lord through First Cumberland as part of this coming Sunday's Worship Service. For those who cannot be with us this Sunday, an **Estimated Giving Card** is included in this mailing; you can either drop it off at the church or send it by mail. Remember, our *Stewardship and Finance Committee* cannot propose, nor can our *Session* approve a responsible budge for 2017 unless each of us turns in an **Estimate Giving Card**.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Our *Ladies' Ministry* is helping the **Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC)** stock their **Holiday Store** by contributing items for this store. Recipients of **VMC** services must earn points by doing service projects in order to "buy" these items. Please keep new bought items in their original packaging; do not wrap any item. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin boards in both hallways. We will be collecting these items through the month of November. **VMC** has delivered a box to put these items in; this box is in the Narthex. We thank you, one and all, for your generous assistance in this important ministry.

Our *Ladies' Ministry's* annual **Bake/Craft Sale** will be held on Sunday, November 20th, in the Library. The **Sale** will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude around 12:30 p.m., following our Worship Service. Ladies are asked to help by providing baked goods and craft items for the **Sale**. Thank you for your assistance.

In conjunction with our *Mission and Outreach Committee*, our *Ladies' Ministry* will have two Christmas trees in the Narthex, which will be our "**Mitten Trees**". We will be collecting gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for children in Appalachia through the **Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM)**, located in Townsend, TN. We will be collecting the whole month of December for this ministry. We will have an "**Angel Tree**" in the Library for residents in **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. Details for this ministry will be upcoming in several weeks. Thank you for participating in these ministries which will help to make a brighter Christmas for many in our community.

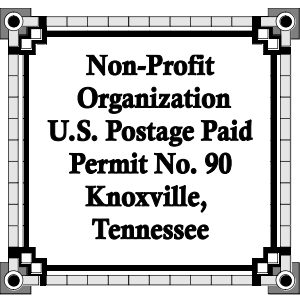
Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, November 16th, at **RJ's Courtyard** (3749 Airport Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701), at 11:00 a.m. 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.


Paid Nursery Worker Needed

We have an immediate opening for a paid **Nursery Worker**. The position is for every Sunday, from 9:15 a.m. until approximately 12:15 p.m. following our Worship Service. The pay is \$40.00 per Sunday. If you or someone you know would like to apply for this position contact **Amanda Roberts** (865-382-5344). All applicants must be at least eighteen-years-of-age and pass a background check.

*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

November 9th-15th

9th - Kim McCurry
12th - Tom Chesney
14th - Cliff Parrott



Faithfulness Record for November 6, 2016	
Sunday School.....	47
Worship Service.....	81
Offering.....	\$6,547.25
Music Fund.....	\$100.00
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Fall Festival.....	\$60.00

Activities for November 9-15, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

It was great having **Mildred Acuff** back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Judy Gammon** remains in Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center recovering from her recent surgery, though she should return home sometime this week. ~ **Jack Gaston** continues to recover from his recent fall. ~ It was great having **John and June Givens** (parents of Chrissy Collins) worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Kim Halbert** is doing well following her outpatient procedure last week. ~ It was great having **Lesa Medly** (daughter of Mary Helen Daniel) worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Sarah Pipkin** had surgery to remove her gall bladder last Thursday, November 3rd; she is doing well. ~ It was great having **Danni, Erick, and Lien Robinson** (granddaughter and family of Jimmy and Maxine Curtis) worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Elaine Stapleton** received a good report from her outpatient test last week. ~ **Pastor Mike** received a good report from his outpatient test last week. ~ **Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson** made quick trip (Friday and Sunday) to Fort Worth, Texas, last week to visit family and celebrate their grandson's birthday. ~ It was great having **Walt and Colleen Witmer** (brother and sister-in-law of Tom Witmer) visiting with us last Sunday.

Women of Joy Conference

Joanna Wilkinson invites all the ladies of the church to attend a **Women of Joy Conference** with her. The conference will be held in Pigeon Forge the weekend of April 28th-30th, 2017. Cost is \$109.00 per person, plus lodging and meals. Once she knows how many of our ladies and their friends are interested in attending, **Joanna** will work on booking hotel reservations and inform you of the cost for lodging; please contact **Joanna** ASAP to express your interest 3girlsmom@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net) or 205-533-2001. So far, nine ladies have expressed interest in attending the conference.



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; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Amy Cliett (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**, Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Bill Gregory (friend of Greg Beeler); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); 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; **CARL W. MONTGOMERY** (nephew of 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); **SARAH PIPKIN**; David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); 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); 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); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer; Theola York (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards)

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](#).

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be this coming Thursday, December 1st, at **Red Lobster Seafood Restaurant** (8040 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

