

The Cumberland

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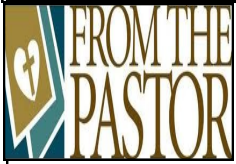
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 27, 2016



I want to commend those who “braved” the cold weather and the icy road conditions last Sunday and made it to the church. We had a much bigger crowd that I anticipated. I fully understand that the weather and road conditions kept some of you from attending, and I fully endorse your decision to stay at home. When Winter weather makes attending church services a hazard, please stay home guilt free. If the roads are passible at all, I will be here to worship with all that come, but no one should feel compelled to join me if the conditions are unsafe. For your information, the church has a substantial supply of deicer to treat our driveway, parking lot, sidewalks, and steps to improved their condition when snow and ice are present; some 275 pounds of this deicer was applied last weekend, so the conditions were reasonably safe last Sunday. A special thanks to **Jimmy Curtis** and **Joanna Wilkinson** for helping me apply the deicer. While not being at church last Sunday is perfectly understandable, the church’s expenses continued right on as if each of us were present; please keep that in mind when you are here next Sunday, weather permitting.

As I said at the close of last Sunday’s sermon: “I want to join David in saying, ‘O taste and see that the LORD is good; . . .’ [Psalm 34:8, NRSV]—His love tastes good—His mercy tastes good—His grace tastes good—His salvation tastes good—[for the believer] even His judgment tastes good—the Holy Spirit in my life tastes good—His provision for my life and my soul tastes good—His forgiveness of my sin tastes good—His grace for all my shortcomings tastes good—His Word that teaches me to follow Him tastes good—His many great and precious promises taste good—His blessings that have been poured out upon me taste good. ‘O taste and see that the LORD is good; . . .’ [Psalm 34:8, NRSV]” I want to encourage you to “taste and see” by regularly reading God’s Word—by spending substantial time praying to the Lord—by faithfully gathering together to worship Christ—by constantly being obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit—by trusting the Triune God with every aspect of your life. If we do these things—if we “taste and see”—we will find that “the LORD is good”!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Church Pictorial Directory

We are creating a new **Church Pictorial Directory**. Please make sure the Church Office has your updated contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address) so the new directory will be as accurate as possible. We will be doing this directory in-house and it will include family pictures. **Jimmy Curtis** will be taking these pictures this coming Sunday, January 31st, and the next Sunday, February 7th. Both picture-taking events will take place following the Worship Service, unless you make arrangements with Jimmy to do otherwise. Our desire is for everyone to be included in the new directory, so please make every effort to participate. Because we are doing this in-house, you will not be asked to buy any pictures, nor will you receive a free picture for having your picture taken.

2016 Denomination Day Celebration

The Presbytery of East Tennessee’s **2016 Denomination Day Celebration** will be this coming Sunday, January 31st, at 3:30 p.m., at the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The celebration will be a song service featuring Southern Gospel Music. There will be a Presbyterial Choir made up of people from many churches, including First Cumberland, along with several other choirs and soloists. If you would like to sing in the Presbyterial Choir, please be at the Talbot Church at 2:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon for Choir Practice.

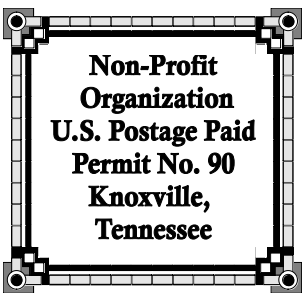
Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry


The West Circle of our ladies’ ministry will meet Tuesday, February 2nd, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Janie Beeler**, who passed away on January 16th. Janie and her husband, Greg, were good friends of Rev, Kevin Wood and visited First Cumberland frequently while he was pastor here. Please keep the Beeler Family in your prayers.

*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

January 27th-February 2nd

30th ~ Kim Halbert



Stewardship Report January 24, 2016	
Sunday School.....	37
Worship Service.....	68
Offering.....	\$2,690.72
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
Memorial.....	\$215.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for January 27-February 2, 2015

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

3:30 p.m. Denomination Day Celebration

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Dick Booher had surgery on his shoulder Tuesday, January 26th . . . **Peggy Bradshaw**, mother of Dianne Fielder, is now out of the hospital and in Holston Health and Rehabilitation Center . . . **Sarah DeLozier**, daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier, has started an eleven-month training term in Sacramento, California, as a team leader for FEMA through AmeriCorps . . . **Ada Ladd** remains under hospice care at home . . . **Catherine Pipkin**, mother of Paul Pipkin, is now out of the hospital and at home under hospice care . . . **Becky Rader** had surgery on her toes Thursday, January 26th . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Tom Witmer** had a stent placed in his heart with the aid of an Impella Ventricular Assist Device Wednesday, January 20th; he is now home and doing well . . .


Scout Sunday

We will celebrate **Scout Sunday** on February 14th this year. First Cumberland sponsors and hosts a Cub Scout pack, a Boy Scout troop, and a Girl Scout troop. We are also generally blessed by an Eagle Scout project most every year.

Compare and Contrast

God	Satan
still	rushes
reassures	frightens
leads	pushes
enlightens	confuses
forgives	condemns
calms	stresses
encourages	discourages
comforts	worries

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; . . .” - Psalm 34:8, NRSV




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; **FAMILY OF JANIE BEELER** (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Pat Beeler (friend 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 (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLosier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries*, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); 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); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); 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); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); *persecuted Christians around the world*; Catherine Pipkin (mother of Paul Pipkin); 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); Marlene Ritchey; Mary Safewright (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Tom 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.

2015 Contribution Statements

If have not received your **2015 Contribution Statement** by email or U.S. Mail, it will be available this coming Sunday, January 31st, in the Narthex.