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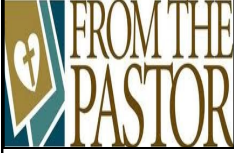
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 13, 2016



I want to begin this article with a point of personal privilege by welcoming **Amelia Claire Hinkle** to this world! It has become difficult for me not to call her Ethel after Joanna called her that for nearly nine moths; nonetheless, Amelia Claire it is. She came into this world last Friday, July 8th, at 8:07 a.m. She weighed eight-pounds-and-four-ounces and was twenty-inches long. Both baby and mother are doing well and went home from the hospital mid-morning last Sunday; hence our absence from the services last Sunday. Amelia is the second child of our oldest daughter, Christina Hinkle and her husband Waylon. She is the little sister of Ethan, whose favorite word is “Papaw” (sorry Nana). Amelia is our third grandchild, but our first granddaughter.

Next, I want to thank both **Rev. Gary Hartman** for preaching and singing and **Betty Hammill** for leading the Worship Service in my absence last Sunday. I was told that both did a great job, but only Betty’s picture made it to Facebook. I also want to thank those who attended the Worship Service last Sunday and helped us break out of the “Summer Slump”. I sure wish I could have been here to experience it, so let’s do it again next week and every Sunday thereafter; in fact, let’s have no more slumps of any kind, Summer or otherwise.

Since we were in Birmingham last Sunday, we took the opportunity to worship the risen Jesus at the Rocky Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where I served as pastor for nearly eleven years (1998-2009). It was great to see so many friends and enjoy their fellowship, but it was sad not to be here at First Cumberland with you. Sad, not merely because I missed the breaking of the “Summer Slump”, but sad because I was not worshiping with you here, where I belong. I do not know, maybe I am just getting sentimental in my old age, but belonging is important to me and I pray that it is important to you, as well. Attending another congregation’s Worship Service stirred a sense of appreciation in me for the people of First Cumberland. My next few comments are meant as no slight to the Rocky Ridge congregation—I still love the people there, but rather, my comments are intended to be praise for this congregation. While we served the Rocky Ridge Church, I felt that it was a very warm, loving, joyful, and hopeful congregation; regretfully, I did not sense that last Sunday. Perhaps it was because they are in the midst of the dreadful “Summer Slump”, but my intent is not to criticize or even analyze them, but rather, in spite of my repeated comments about us being a non-expressive congregation on Sunday mornings, I want to praise you for the warmth, love, joy, and hope you typically bring into our Worship Service. I may not always see or hear it, but the vast majority of the time I do feel it. Thank you. While we were serving the Rocky Ridge Church, it had an excellent music ministry led by gifted, talented, and accomplished people. If asked, I would have said that they set standard for what a congregation’s music ministry should be. Again, not to be critical, but that did not appear to be the case last Sunday. With that in mind, I want to thank **Sam and Karen Ware**, and **Gene McCammon**, and every active member (**Dawn Curtis, Tom DeLozier, Tammy Eblen, Shelia Emory, Hannah Haddox, James Paschke, Laura Paschke, Dianne Pipkin, Sarah Pipkin, Becky Rader, Julie Rech, Scott Roberts, Joy Spencer, Steven Spencer, and Joanna Wilkinson**) of our Choir for what they bring to our Worship Service each and every week. From my viewpoint from the pew last Sunday, I also offer this reminder to our Choir members: Smile and look like you are “glad to be in the house of the Lord”. Actually, that is a good reminder for all of us, myself included. Joanna and I are truly blessed by God to be serving Him here at First Cumberland.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Due to Pastor Mike and Joanna’s absence last weekend, our Session asked our **Outreach and Missions Committee** to reschedule the church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social** that was to be held last Sunday afternoon, July 10th. As soon as the Committee meets and selects a new date, it will be announced and published. It is hoped that everyone who signed up to participate in the **Talent Show** will still be able to join in the fun.

Annual Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, July 22nd and 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We are now collecting donated items; simply bring the items you would like to donate with you to church on Sunday or call the Church Office (865-588-8581) to schedule a time to drop them off.

Youth News

Our **Youth Group** is going on a **Camping Trip**. They will be going to Cove Lake State Park, in Carryville, Tennessee, July 29th-31st. This is a Friday evening through Sunday morning; they will pack up and be back in time to attend our Worship Service. There will be no cost to attend; however, all attendees will need to bring pillows, sleeping bags, camp chairs, and their bike. Please let **Amanda** and/or **Scott Roberts** know ASAP if you plan to attend.

*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.*

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Happy Birthday

July 13th-19th

14th ~ Carol Long

19th ~ Dick Booher

Faithfulness Record July 10, 2016

Sunday School.....	41
Worship Service.....	80
Offering.....	\$4,279.25
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Music Fund.....	\$100.00
Building Reimbursements.....	\$840.00

Activities for July 13-19, 2016

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

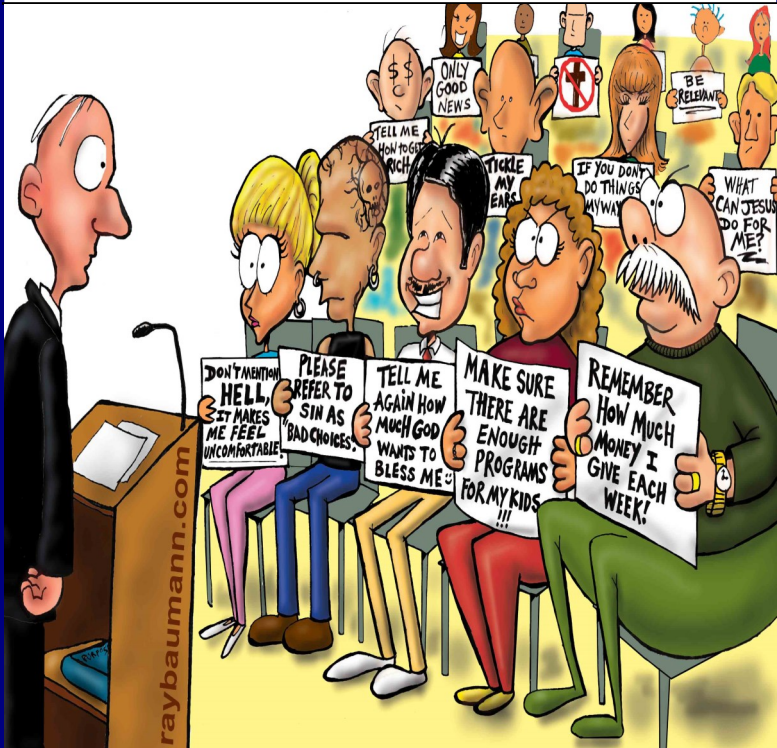
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Cliff Parrott is having acute pain in his hip and is not feeling very well overall; he has multiple doctors' appointments this week . . . It was great having **Toni Summers**, sister of David Collins, worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Lois Witmer** was visited by two of her sisters, Carol Craven and Lynne Garrison, from Pennsylvania last weekend . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, July 20th, at **Chili's Bar and Grill** (located on Kingston Pike just east of West Town Mall)), at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); **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; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); 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 (friend of Amanda and Scott 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; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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**, 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 Willhite (friend of Greg Beeler); 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.

A Thought to Ponder

With terrorism and the war against it still raging and with racial tensions escalating into hatred and violence against one another, as followers of the rise Jesus, perhaps we should ponder this thought: "While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who hasn't surrendered His authority."—A.W. Tozer