

# The Cumberland

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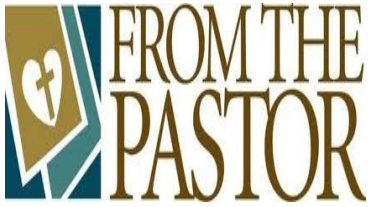
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 12 2014



Last Saturday I learned that the Rocky Hill Business District is going to hold their first ever **Christmas Parade**, on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The parade will begin at Rocky Hill Elementary School and proceed down Morrell Road to Northshore Drive where it will turn left and finish up at Rocky Hill Baptist Church. I would like for First Cumberland to enter a float in this parade. Hopefully, someone reading this newsletter will either have or have access to a 16-foot trailer that we can transform into a Christmas parade float. To do so would require 6-8 people to gather midmorning Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, to decorate our float. I would then like to have 12-20 people to either ride the float during the parade or walk along beside the float waving at those gathered to watch the parade. Another option would be if someone had an antique car or truck that they would drive in the parade. This option would only require three volunteers to hold signs with our church's name on it. Obviously, more people could walk along beside the vehicle, as well. If you have either a trailer or an antique vehicle we can use for the parade please let me know by this coming Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, so I can secure the materials and solicit the volunteers we need to make this community outreach opportunity a reality.

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, was **Veteran's Day**, so I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the veterans reading this newsletter. Mere words cannot express the appreciation I have for your service to and sacrifice for our country. May God bless our veterans!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### **Bake / Craft Sale**

Our **Ladies' Ministry** will hold their annual **Bake/Craft Sale** before and after church services on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>—the Sunday before **Thanksgiving**. The sale will be held in the Library. All the ladies of the church are asked to start planning for this event. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Youth to help fund their trip to Winter Convocation in Gatlinburg this January. Thank you for your participation—either baking, crafting, or buying.

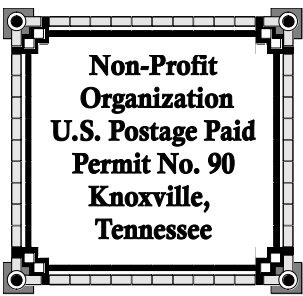
### **Friendship Club**

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **Bush Brothers' Café and Museum**, in Dandridge, Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., for a Dutch-treat lunch. You can meet us there or meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and form a carpool. Remember, everyone reading this announcement is invited to go on this outing.


### **Upcoming Events**

- ⇒ Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, our ladies ministry will be holding their annual **Bake/Craft Sale**.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Morning Worship Service, we will hold our annual **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., our Choir will be presenting the **Christmas cantata**, "Darkness into Light: A Christmas Musical Journey", by Mary McDonald.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:15 p.m., we will have a church-wide **Christmas Party/Finger-food Reception**.
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., we will have our annual **Christmas Eve Communion Service**.
- ⇒ Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Morning Worship Service, we will a second **Congregational Meeting** to ordain and/or install the Elder Class of 2017

*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**  
20-James Dyer  
20-Hunter Witmer  
21-Patrick Curtis



**Activities for November 16-22, 2014**

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 9, 2014	
Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	72
Offering .....	\$1,941.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund .....	\$50.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$246.70

*Among Our People*

Mildred Acuff returned home last Saturday after spending two months in Morrow, Georgia, with her daughter and family; six of our church members (Betty Hammill; Cliff Parrott; Tom and Lois Witmer; and Pastor Mike and Joanna) made the trip to Georgia for the Memorial Service for Mildred’s daughter . . . Becky Rader is still at NHC Fort Sanders and continues to improve . . . B. F. Daniel continues to receive outpatient speech therapy . . . Dick Booher had knee replacement surgery last week and is doing well; he is now at Brakebill Nursing Home for rehab

**Thursday Connection Online Auction**

Thursday Connection (one of the two home school groups that meet at First Cumberland) is holding an **Online Auction** November 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. To view the items donated, go to [www.32auctions.com/TCAuction2014](http://www.32auctions.com/TCAuction2014). They accept Paypal and credit/debit cards payments on the auction site.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

If you shop at Kroger during the holidays, you can help First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Members and friends of FCPC can register online to take part in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** to benefit our church. To do so, simply register online by going to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church as the organization you wish to support. Next time you shop, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you see our church’s name there. Contact Kim Halbert at 660-5821 if you have any questions. Thank you!



## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital  
Becky Rader - NHC Fort Sanders  
Dick Booher ~ Brakebill

Health and Prayer Concerns  
the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Jack and Jin Gaston; Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Pat Hester (Dianne Hester’s aunt); Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Melanie Hester Kuhnhenh; Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); David Poorer (coworker of Phil Bridges); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); family of Ruth West (aunt of Greg Beeler); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lois Witmer

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*



**Lay Ministry Corner**

We are not to cling to comfort zones in life and service. God is to be our \*only\* source of comfort because He is the only One that doesn’t disappoint or change. He desires to transform us! Will we let His will be done in our lives or fight Him?

—Donna Walker

**Just a Thought or Two**

“God’s job is to unfold our future. Our job is to trust and glorify Him as He does.”

—Karen Ehman

“The message of the gospel speaks loudest when people can see Christ in us.”

—Jerry Kinard