

The Cumberland

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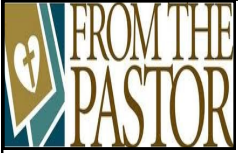
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 18, 2017



This past weekend, **Scott and Amanda Roberts** took seven of our Youth (**Chrissy Curtis, Patrick Curtis, Gracie Hayes, Rachel Owen, Sarah Grace Paschke, Josh Rech, and Jonathon Spencer**) to Gatlinburg for this year's **Winter Youth Convocation**. Annually, this event is the largest gathering of Cumberland Presbyterian young people throughout our denomination. A great and inspiring time was had by all; a huge "thank you" from our Youth to everyone who made this year's trip possible through your consistent support of our Youth Ministry and their various fundraisers throughout the year. Joanna and I were privileged to have been able to join them in Gatlinburg for part of the day Saturday, and I can truthfully say that we have a good group of teenagers.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Congregational Meeting

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** to elect, ordain, and/or install the *Elder Class of 2019* will be at the close of our **Worship Service** this coming Sunday, January 22nd; at that time, our *Session* will nominate **Phil Bridges, Chrissy Collins, and Dianne Pipkin** to serve as the next *Elder Class*; additional nominations can be made from the floor providing the nominee meets the biblical and constitutional qualifications to serve as an Elder and is present at our **Congregational Meeting** to accept the nomination.

Denomination Day Celebration

First Cumberland will host the *Presbytery of East Tennessee's 2017 Denomination Day Celebration* Sunday afternoon, January 29th, at 3:30 p.m. This special musical Worship Service will feature a Presbyterial Choir, as well as various church choirs, and soloists. For those interested in singing in the Presbyterial Choir, be at the church at 2:30 p.m., Sunday afternoon, January 29th. As part of our hosting responsibilities for the **Denomination Day Celebration**, we have been asked to provide the evening meal that will follow the Worship Service. We need volunteers to provide vegetables, salads, and desserts; the church will provide the meat. We are expecting 150-200 people, so we will need lots and lots of your good, home-cooked food! You may bring your dishes either Sunday morning or by 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Thanks in advance for all your help! If you have any questions, contact **Dianne Pipkin**. We are also in need of volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs for the meal; we will do this on Saturday morning, January 28th, at 11:00 p.m.; let **Pastor Mike** know if you can help.

Water Angel Ministry

First Cumberland has begun a new ministry – that of providing bottled water, and both men's and women's winter coats to the homeless. We will be working with **Water Angel Ministry**, a local organization who distributes these things to the homeless and needy. We will be collecting these items on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year. Our first collection date is Sunday, January 29th. **Aaron Mynatt**, the volunteer who heads up **Water Angel Ministry**, will pick up our donations monthly. Please bring your cases of water and coats to the hallway off the side entrance of the church. The cases of water are rather heavy, so assistance will be provided to help carry them into the church, if needed. Thank you, congregation, for helping the "least of these" in our community.

Playground Fundraiser

Thursday Connection—one of the homeschool cooperatives that meets here at First Cumberland—is holding a fundraiser to help refurbish our church playground. They have asked each of their students to sell **Butter Braid Frozen Pastry Dough** in much the same way public school groups ask students to sell fruit or candy or gift wrap. The cost is \$14.00 per braided pastry with icing or marinara include. Each braided pastry will feed eleven people. Their goal is to sell at least 500 pastries (\$6.00 from each item sold will go towards refurbishing our playground). As a congregation, we are not asked to sell anything, but if you would like to purchase some of the braided pastries (available in seven flavors—Four Cheese and Herb, Apple, Blueberry and Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Double Chocolate, Raspberry, and Strawberry and Cream Cheese) order forms will be available on the table in our Narthex this coming Sunday, January 22nd. The deadline to order is Thursday, January 26th, and the delivery date is Thursday, February January 9th.

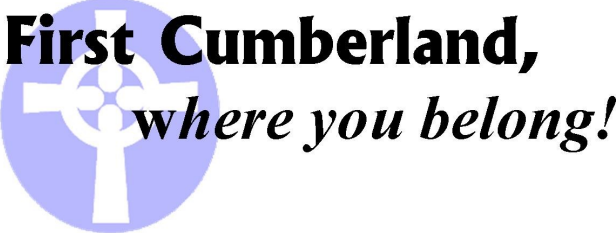
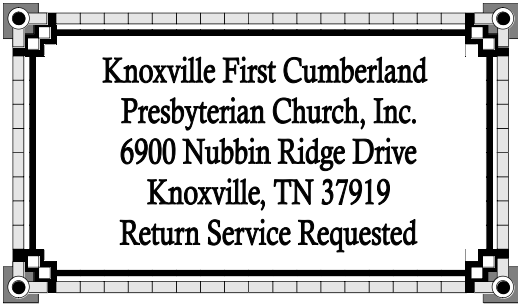
From Our Mailbox


Thanks to my church family for providing many delicious meals to my family while I was in the hospital and rehab. It was wonderful to know that I didn't have to worry about who was going to cook. You took a great burden from me.

Thanks again to your generosity and love,

Maxine & Curtis family

*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 18th-24th

We have no known birthdays this week.



Our Faithfulness Record for January 15 th	
Youth Convocation.....	9
Sunday School.....	50
Worship Service.....	76
Offering.....	\$5,399.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1,440.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Playground Fund.....	\$300.00

Activities January 18 th -24 th	
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	12:05 p.m. Congregational Meeting
	6:00 a.m. Session Meeting
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

Maxine Curtis is now at home; it was great having her back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Hannah Davis**, granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer, finished first on vault, first on beam, fourth on floor, eleventh on bars, and fourth in the all-around at her gymnastics meet last weekend. ~ **Kim Halbert** had the stent that was implanted during her recent surgery removed on Tuesday, January 17th; she is doing well. ~ **Jewell Kerr** continues to have a heart-rhythm issue. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, is still at Morningview Village (Room 128), in Maryville, for rehab following her recent fall and surgery.

Special Guests


It was great having **Curt Hammill**, son of Betty Hammill; **Amelia** and **Ethan Hinkle**, grandchildren of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson; **Gina Jenkins**; and **Rebecca Wilkinson**, daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson worshipping with us last Sunday.

File Cabinets Needed

Our *Worship Committee* is in need of three four-drawer letter-sized vertical file cabinets for our Choir Room for music storage. If you have a file cabinet that you would like to donate, please contact the Church Office.

Session Meeting


Our *Session* will hold its regular monthly meeting this coming Sunday evening, January 22nd, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.



Prayer List

In the Hospital

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



Health and Prayer Concerns

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Charlotte Byrd; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries*; Maxine Curtis; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Kim Halbert; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Jewell Kerr; *our Kids Hope USA ministry*; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; *persecuted Christians around the world*; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Amanda Roberts; 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); Shane Thompson (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codee Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Bob Witmer (uncle of Ton Witmer); Lois Witmer

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

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, January 18th, at **The Lunch House** (3816 Holston Drive), 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.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, February 2nd, at **Calhoun's Restaurant, Bearden Hill** (6515 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.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 us on these outings.

Church's Website

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