

The Cumberland

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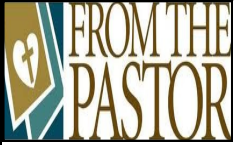
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 12, 2015



I really enjoyed last Sunday's Worship Service. Due to the many vacations and weekend getaways within the congregation, Summer is a hard time on most pastors; I am no exception, so when school starts back and our attendance begins to return to normal levels, it causes me to get excited. I pray that you are excited as well because God has great plans for us (**Jeremiah 29:11**). Our role in seeing God bring these plans to pass is to pray (seek God's face and ask Him what is it He would have us do), mediate on God's Word (read Scripture with such regularity that it marimates our minds and effects the way we live), follow the leading of God's Spirit (what He says we will do; where He leads we will go), and share the insights we gain from this process with one another (sharing helps generate excitement). Our role is not to make God's plans for us come to pass; rather, our role is to prepare ourselves so that we recognize God's plan and join in with what He is doing. Thank you for being on this exciting journey with me; it is such a privilege for me to be your pastor.

I want to thank everyone who helped with last Saturday's Church-wide Work Day. Much was accomplished, but more remains to be done before Homecoming 2015, so we will have at least one more Work Day, probably the second Saturday in September (September 12th); make your plans now to help. In closing, I want to again thank you for your generosity; our offerings the last two Sundays have gone a long way toward eliminating our financial crunch.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Homecoming 2015

On Sunday, September 27th, we will celebrate **Homecoming 2015**. If you have not already done so, mark your calendar now and make your plans to be here and invite all the former members you know, as well as all your family and friends. We will have "dinner on the ground" (a.k.a., "pot luck dinner in the Gym"), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a time of fellowship and remembrance over coffee, juice, and pastries. This time can also be used to look at the historical displays. There will be no Sunday School on this day. Our Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change). Look for additional details in *The Cumberland* over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know. The Church Office will soon be sending out invitations to **Homecoming 2015**, if you have someone you would like us to send an invitation to, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible. Also, we are collecting pictures and memorabilia to be used that day; please get these items to the Church office as soon as possible.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The next **Ladies' Bible Study** will be this coming Saturday morning, August 15th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Conference Room. Please read Chapter 7 (Spiritual Guidance) in "*Soul Feast*". The final two meetings will be Saturday, August 29th, and Saturday, September 12th. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

During the month of August, Kroger will be e-mailing each of our church's **Community Rewards** participants a link to re-enroll. If you do not have access to a computer, you can re-enroll by calling 1-800-576-4377. Kroger does this annually. Please re-enroll and encourage your friends and family to enroll; have them select our church as the organization of choice. If you need any help during this re-enrollment process, please contact **Kim Halbert @ 660-5821**. Let's make the next rewards check even bigger!

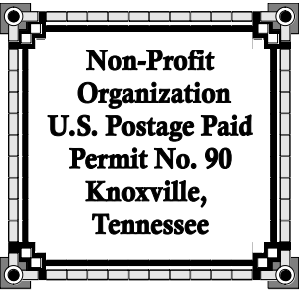
Youth News

- * Beginning August 22nd, we are restructuring our **Youth Group**; we will have high school outings and middle school outings. We will also have some mixers where everyone will come together as well.
- * August 22nd—**High School Hike**; meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bag-lunch and water. Be sure to wear appropriate hiking clothes and shoes. Estimated time back at church is 3:30 p.m.
- * August 30th—**Middle School Smokies' Game**; meet at church at 4:00 p.m. Bring \$7.50 for tickets and additional money for food. Estimated time back at church is 9:00 p.m.
- * September 11th—**High School Group** will go to **Market Square Movie Night**; more details to come.
- * September 13th—**Middle School Group** will go to **Laser Quest**; more details to come.
- * October 24th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help set up for our **Fall Festival** from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- * October 25th—The **Whole Youth Group** will help with our **Fall Festival**, starting after our Worship Service.


Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event

Grace Baptist Church (7171 Oak Ridge Highway) is hosting a **Love Worth Fighting for Marriage Event** featuring **Kirk Cameron** and **Warren Barfield** on Sunday evening, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$22.50 per person; less than ten people and the price is \$25.00 per person; contact **Amanda Roberts** if you are interested in attending.

*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

August 12th-18th

We have no known birthdays this week.



Stewardship Report August 9, 2015	
Sunday School.....	54
Worship.....	77
Offering.....	\$6,170.25
Memorial.....	\$25.00
Youth Fund (BBQ).....	\$36.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$20.00

Activities for August 12-18, 2015		
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

It was good having **Tom and Emily DeLozier** back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Bill and Kim Halbert** celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary last Friday, August 7th . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care . . . **Lein Nadia Robinson** (granddaughter of Jeff Curtis and great-granddaughter of Jim and Maxine Curtis) was born last Friday, August 7th . . . It was good having **Pat and Sherrie Shetterly** worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Larry Taylor** (husband of Joy Taylor) remains in the University of Tennessee Medical Center . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** recently earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alabama . . . **Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson** celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary last Friday, August 7th . . . **Kevin Wood** continues to improve . . . **Nancy Wood** is in rehab following surgery to repair an aneurism . . .

Friendship Club


The next Dutch-treat luncheon for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, August 19th, at 11:00 a.m., at **The Chop House** (7417 Chapman Highway). Everyone reading this announcement is welcome to attend this and all **Friendship Club** outings; you are even encouraged to invite friends from outside the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Sunday School News

Rally Sunday will be on August 30th. Children will be promoted and teachers installed on this day. We will also have a Continental Breakfast in our Gym, at 9:00 a.m.

Coalition for Appalachian Ministries

We are collecting school supplies, socks and underwear for kids, plus yarn and craft things for the **Coalition for Appalachian Ministries**.




Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Larry Taylor @ U.T. Medical Center

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Sarah Armes (mother of a coworker of Kathy Byers); Chris Atkins (son of Susan Edwards); Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Bettye Hudson (friend of Pastor Mike's mother) Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); 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); Bob Neal (son-in-law of Mildred Acuff); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); persecuted Christians around the world; David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); J.D. and Sarah Price (friends of Alice Montgomery); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges' son); Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Larry Taylor (husband of Joy Taylor); **ANGEL TINDELL** (niece of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Kevin and Nancy Wood

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

Chapel Carpet Fund

Classical Conversations has started a **Chapel Carpet Fund** to replace the carpet in our Chapel. We hope to have this completed by **Homecoming 2015**. To date, \$2,227.01 (need approximately \$7,500.00) has been given. Classical Conversations continues to raise funds; anyone who would like to help can donate to it, make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.

God is great and worthy to be praised!