

The Cumberland

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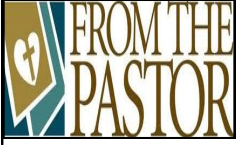
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 12, 2016



With the recent marriage of one of our church members and another one upcoming in December, I thought that I would share a few brief thoughts on the subject. First, marriage is both a joyous and sacred union in the lives of Christians. It can also be a complex and challenging venture. The truth is, building a Christian marriage and keeping it strong requires work. Yet, the rewards of that effort are priceless and immeasurable. Here are four tips to help make marriage rewarding: Tip #1—Make it a daily priority to pray with your spouse; let them hear you lift up their name before the Lord; Tip #2—Set time aside on at least a weekly basis to read and study the Bible with your spouse; Tip #3—Never make an important decision without first consulting your spouse; and Tip #4—Continue to date your spouse; that is, make time for each other. Are these tips guaranteed to work 100% of the time? No, but they will aid every married couple in their walk through life together.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, October 26th (Note: This is the fourth Wednesday of the month, not the usual third Wednesday.), at **Sagebush Steakhouse** (201 Heritage Boulevard, Newport, TN 37821), at 11:00 a.m. Those who desire to do so can meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and carpool together. The restaurant is located in route to **Carver's Apple Orchard** (Cosby, TN), where the **Friendship Club** will stop to shop and then proceed to **Mary Ann Haney's** cabin in Gatlinburg for dessert. 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.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be Sunday evening, October 30th, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Then at 6:00 p.m., **Trunk or Treat** will begin in the back parking lot of the church.

Letter from Amanda Roberts

Dear Congregation,

Our **Youth Group** is once again, along with the help of our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, planning our third annual **Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat** event. We need your help, if you please, with the following things.

1. Invite friends, coworkers, and family to attend;
2. Donate cakes/baked items for the Cake Walk;
3. Donate themed baskets for the silent auction.

I pray that this event will not only help to fund the **Youth Group's Winter Convocation** trip, but will reach out to our community and neighbors seeking a church home.

If you have any questions, please contact **Amanda Roberts** (865-382-5344) or **Kim Halbert** (865-660-5821).

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

This year, our ladies' ministry will be helping the **Volunteer Ministry Center** stock their **Holiday Store** by contributing items for this store. Recipients of **VMC** services must earn points by doing service projects in order to "buy" these items. Please keep new bought items in their original packaging and do not wrap any item. A list of suggested items are on bulletin boards in both hallways. We will be collecting these items through the month of November. **VMC** has delivered a box to put these items in, which will be in the front hallway. We thank you, one and all, for your generous assistance in this important ministry.

In conjunction with our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, we want to make you aware of the upcoming holiday opportunities in which you can participate. We will have the mitten trees—collecting hats and scarves, as well as mittens for the children in Appalachia through **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM)**. We will also provide Christmas presents for residents in **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. As usual, we will sponsor a **Bake/Craft Sale** in our Library the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20th). More details about these opportunities to follow. Thank you for participating in these ministries which will help to make a brighter Christmas for many in our community.

Thank You Notes

We want to express our heart filled and sincere thanks to the ladies of **FCPC** for the wonderful wedding shower you gave us. Your kindness and generosity was so much appreciated. You each are a true blessing to us and to our church.

With much love and thanks,

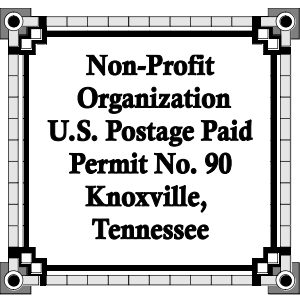
Lindsay and Taylor

Blessings to friends at First Cumberland,


The goodness of God shows when people show love and concern to one another. I want to thank you for your calls, cards and notes, visits and prayers. Hope to be back at church soon!

Alice Montgomery

*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

October 12th ~ 18th

13th ~ Dianne Fielder



Faithfulness Record for October 9, 2016	
Sunday School.....	37
Worship Service.....	57
Offering.....	\$2,727.54

Activities for October 12-18, 2016	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	1:00 p.m. High School Youth
	Movie Matinee at Amanda and Scott Roberts' home
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People


It was great having **Pete Clark** (friend of Becky Rader) worshipping with us last Sunday ~ **Amy Cliett** (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman) spent a few days in the hospital in Orange Park, Florida, last week in serious condition; she is now home and doing much better ~ **Judy Gammon** is still in Tennova Medical Center, North; she is doing much better and should be transferred to go to a physical rehab facility sometime this week ~ **Kim Halbert** had a procedure to remove a gall stone from her bile duct last Friday, October 7th; she is doing well and was at church last Sunday for both Sunday School and our Worship Service; she then had surgery to remove her gall bladder on Tuesday, October 11th ~ It was great having **Alice Montgomery** back worshipping with us last Sunday; she continues to battle breast cancer ~ **Laura Paschke** is still battling the shingles ~ Congratulations to **Lindsay (Bridges)** and **Taylor Rakes** on getting married last Saturday, October 8th

- ### Youth News

 - This coming Sunday, October 16th—Following our Worship Service, our **High School Youth** will go to the home of **Scott and Amanda Roberts** for lunch and a movie matinee; Youth need to be picked up from the Roberts' home (8101 Greenwell Road) at 5:00 p.m.
 - October 30th—Both our **High School** and **Middle School Youth** will be setting up for our annual **Fall Festival**; if possible, all Youth need to stay after our Worship Service to help get things ready; **a light lunch will be provided**; the **Fall Festival** begins at 4:00 p.m.; the **Fall Festival** is the primary fundraiser for the **Winter Youth Convocation** event, in January.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, November 3rd, at **Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que** (208 Advantage Drive; near the intersection of North Peters and Cedar Bluff Roads), at 6:00 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.




Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Judy Gammon @ Tennova Medical Center, North

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **AMY CLIETT** (daughter of Mike and Ann Bachman); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Bill Gregory (friend of Greg Beeler); Bill Halbert; **KIM HALBERT**; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Kim McCurry; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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); Laura Paschke; **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); 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); 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 Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); 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](#).

Amazon Smile

Internet retailer Amazon.com has started a rewards program that donates money (a portion of participants' purchases at no additional cost to buyers) to charitable organizations; the name of this program is **Amazon Smile**. If you are an Amazon.com shopper, when you shop in the future, first go to www.smile.amazon.com and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN) as your charity of choice. If you have any difficulty in signing up for **Amazon Smile**, contact **Tom Witmer** (865-588-8581) for assistance.

Renaissance Concert

Bethel University's **Renaissance Choir**, **Southern Gospel Quartet**, and **Bluegrass Band** will be in concert at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Farragut) Saturday, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m.