

The Cumberland

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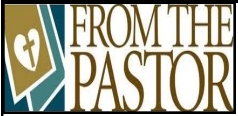
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 14, 2016



Wednesday, September 14th, marks the final day of my third year as Pastor of Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. As I look back over our time together, I think it has been a positive time in the life of this congregation, and I know it has been an extremely positive time in the lives of Joanna and myself. We are ever grateful to God for calling us back home to Knoxville in general, and to First Cumberland in particular. We were and continue to be graciously received. As a congregation, we have reached a point of stability, both numerically and financially, that had been missing for awhile. I suppose no pastor is ever fully satisfied with the progress of his/her congregation, and I must confess that I am one who tends to believe that no matter how good we are doing, we can always do a little better. With that in mind, my prayer for First Cumberland during this upcoming year is that our stability becomes the foundation for our growth, both spiritually and numerically. I fully understand that Christ is our ultimate foundation, but I believe that He is the source of our current state of stability and will, therefore, remain our sure foundation as we grow. I know of but one time-proven method of growing a congregation and that is for the staff and members to be actively involved in inviting other people to attend church services/activities with them. My pledge to you, as I embark on the fourth year of my journey with you, is that I will personally invite more people to worship with us over the next year than I have ever invited in a single year. My challenge to you is for you to make the same pledge to invite more people to worship with you than you ever have before. With God's help, together we can do this! As always, I look forward to worshipping the risen Jesus with you.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Education Committee

This past Sunday, the following slate of Christian Education leaders were installed for the new Christian Education Year: Superintendent of Sunday School, **Bill Halbert**; Pre-K through First Grade, **Hannah Haddox**; Middle School, **Donna Walker**; High School, **James and Laura Paschke**; College and Career, **Gene McCammon**; Berean Class, **Steve Summers**; Friendship Class, **Betty Hammill**; Substitute Teachers, **Bonnie and Phil Bridges**, **Bill Halbert**, and **Joanna Wilkinson**; Children's Church, **Julie Rech**; and Youth Program, **Amanda and Scott Roberts**. **Bonnie Bridges** was presented the *2016 Miss Frances Wilkerson Christian Service Award*.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, September 21st, at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, 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 near the Church Office.

Wedding Shower

All the ladies of the church are invited to a **Wedding Shower** for **Lindsay Bridges** and **Taylor Rakes** Sunday afternoon, September 25th, at 3:00 p.m., in the Keene Room. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Belk; and Target. Make plans to attend this happy event.

Kids Hope USA

We are now in the process of officially affiliating with **Kids Hope USA**. We could use one more volunteer mentor to help with our newest ministry—an **in-school mentoring program for at-risk students** at the Rocky Hill Elementary School. We currently have six volunteer mentors and seven prayer partners; if you have any desire to participate in this **Outside-Action Project** please let Pastor Mike know as soon as possible. All mentors undergo online training and must pass a Knox Schools' background check to be allowed on school property during school hours.

Fall Outside Work Days

Our **Building and Grounds Committee** is planning two **Fall Outside Work Days**. One is Thursday, September 29th, 5:30 p.m. until dark and the second is Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please make you plans to attend one or both of these **work days** to help beatify our church grounds.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bridges
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage ceremony of their daughter

Lindsay Nicole

to

David Taylor Rakes

son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rakes
on Saturday, the eighth of October

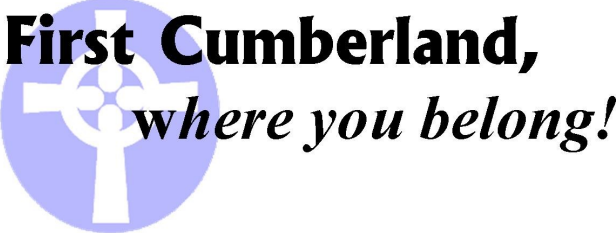
Two thousand sixteen


at half past five o'clock in the afternoon
at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive




*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
September 14th-20th
14th ~ Gene McCammon
17th ~ Maxine McGuire
18th ~ Crissy Collins
18th ~ Leah Witmer



Faithfulness Record for September 11, 2016	
Sunday School.....	41
Worship Service.....	73
Offering.....	\$4,726.74
Building Reimbursement.....	\$2,444.90
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for September 14-20, 2016	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

Mildred Acuff continues to recover from her broken arm and surgery ~ **Bill Halbert** has an upcoming appointment with an eye specialist ~ **Betty Hammill** continues to recover from her broken wrist ~ It was great having **Jeanie Hughes**, a first-time visitor, worshipping with us last Sunday ~ **Kim McCurry** continues to recover from her surgery ~ **Maxine McGuire** is now receiving comfort care at Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center ~ It was great having **Alice Montgomery** back worshipping with us last Sunday; she has been diagnosed with breast cancer; her course of treatment has not yet been determined ~ **Cliff Parrott** received good news from his recent outpatient test ~ **Pastor Mike** will have to undergo a second outpatient test in the near future since the one last was unsuccessful ~ **Lois Witmer** continues to recover from a stroke

- Youth News**

 - 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 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 first outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** was a success, with 15 people in attendance. Their next Dutch-treat outing will be Thursday, October 6th, at **Puleos Grille** (260 N. Peters Road), 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

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

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); Morgan and Wakely Burton (friend of Hannah Haddox and her friend’s baby); **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; Bill Halbert; Betty Hammill; Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); **FAMILY OF KELLEY ALLISON BERNEY ILAGAN** (friend of the Witmers); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones and her mother (friend of Amanda 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; Kim McCurry; Maxine McGuire; 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); **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); Gary Smith (grandson of Jewell Kerr); 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 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.



Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Kelley Allison Berney Ilagan**, friend of the Witmers, who passed way Wednesday, September 7th. Please include this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Church’s Website

The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be Sunday evening, October 6th, 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.