

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 26, 2022



Joanna and I will be celebrating our fortieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 7th. In honor of this milestone, we will be taking a cruise to Alaska. We will leave for the airport immediately after our Worship Service this coming Sunday, July 31st, and return home around midnight on Tuesday, August 9th. Obviously, we will not be at church on Sunday, August 7th; in my absence, **Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw** will be preaching. We are blessed, as a congregation, to have a gifted preacher readily available to fill the pulpit when needed. Because I will not be in the office on two consecutive Mondays (August 1st and 8th), there will be no newsletters for the next two weeks. If anything significant comes up, Miranda will send out an email blast.

My Fall travel schedule, as the Moderator of the 191st General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is beginning to fall into place. As it stands now, I will travel out of town five times during the months of September and October. None of these trips will require me to miss a Sunday here at First Cumberland. However, I will miss a second Sunday in August as I go to the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Farragut on Sunday, August 28th. I consider Union to be my home church and they will be honoring **Rev. Leonard Turner** as he is completing his fiftieth year as their pastor. Fifty years serving one congregation is a historic accomplishment that very few pastors have done, and I am indeed honored to be asked to preach that morning. Again, **Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw** will be preaching in my absence.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Special Guests

It was great having **John** and **Aldris Kerr**, son and daughter-in-law of Jewell Kerr; and **Mikey Rose** (friend of Christina Curtis) worshiping with us last Sunday.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **Lois Witmer Circle** of our women's ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring your lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies in the church are invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School

The dates our **Vacation Bible School** are Wednesday, August 3rd, through Saturday, August 6th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Note the time change: VBS will now end at 8:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m.) **Zoomerang: Returning to the Values of Life** is the curriculum. This is a family event meaning everyone in the family can attend! To register, please send an email to Kayla.Jeffery@johnsonu.edu with your name, contact information, and the names and ages of all family members that will be attending. It is not necessary to register in advance, but it makes planning a whole lot easier. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help or donate snacks, please contact Kayla no later than this coming Sunday, July 31st. Pastor Mike will be out of town during VBS, so please do everything you can to help our new Children's Ministry Director make our Vacation Bible school a huge success.

Collection of School Supplies

We will be collecting **school supplies** again for the children in Appalachia through the month of August. There will be a box in the Narthex for these supplies. The supplies will be distributed though the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministry** (CAM). Thank you for assisting in this ministry.

Choir Notes

There will be no **Choir Practice** on Wednesday nights from now until after Labor Day. All choir members please note that this makes our Sunday morning **Choir Rehearsal**, at 10:30 a.m., all the more important. In addition, at a date yet to be determined, there will be a **Choir Minicamp** where several anthems will be rehearsed.

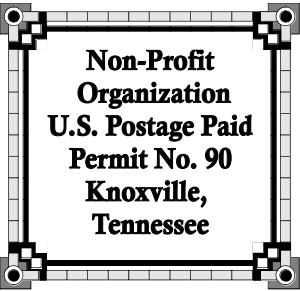
Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship

The next meeting of our **Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship** will be Sunday, August 21st, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of Doug and Mary Wegman, 9016 Candlewood Drive. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP to Mary at 865-363-6815.

Church Website

Our church website (www.first-cumberland.org) includes a secure "Donate" tab. Donations can now be designated to one of four options: 1) Contribution (general church expenses); 2) Music; 3) Youth; or 4) Memorial. There is a small transaction fee (2.9% plus \$0.30) for all online donations; the giver has the option of covering that fee when making a gift to the church.

*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland
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

July 26th – August 15th

- 28th – Tom Walker
- 1st – Connor Davis
- 2nd – Hannah Davis
- 6th – James Paschke
- 7th – Noah McDonnell
- 7th – Lien Robinson
- 9th – Maxine Curtis
- 11th – Bill Halbert
- 11th – Cody Hawn
- 11th – Rebecca Wilkinson
- 14th – Rue Dougherty

Our Faithfulness for July 24th

Sunday School	20
Worship Service	56
Offering	\$1,525.25
Coke Machine	\$82.00

Calendar for July 26th – August 1st

- Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Maxine Curtis will meet with a surgeon on August 11th to schedule having a pacemaker implanted. ~ Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Grace Flory**, the mother-in-law of Tom Witmer, who passed away last week. ~ **John Givens**, father of Crissy Collins, is still undergoing treatments for cancer; he is in the hospital in Johnson City and not doing very well. ~ **Bill and Kim Halbert** will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on August 7th. ~ **Jewel Stallions** has an injured leg. ~ **Rebecca Wilkinson** continues to undergo the lingering effects of a concussion sustained in a recent auto accident. ~ Last Sunday's Altar Flowers were in honor of **Sam and Karen Ware**'s fiftieth wedding anniversary, which was July 22nd. ~ **Tom Witmer** is now in physical rehab (Transitory Care) at Fort Sanders following his recent surgery; he is still awaiting the report from the biopsy.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will gather for a Dutch-treat dinner Thursday, August 11th, at **Longhorn Steakhouse** (7740 Kingston Pike, next to West Town Mall), at 6:30 p.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch this Wednesday, August 17th, at **Red Lobster** (8440 Kingston Pike), at 11:00 a.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.



Prayer List

In the Hospital

John Givens @ VA Medical Center

Prayer Concerns List

William Barron (father of Lee Barron); Dick Booher; Jeff and Angela Bowen (son and daughter-in-law of Elaine Winter); Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Faye Bridges (mother of Phil Bridges); Cooper Browning (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Lorianne Byford (friend of Rebecca Wilkinson); **Hilda Conway** (sister-in-law of Rose Wilkinson); Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Maxine Curtis; Sarah Dameron (friend of Amanda Roberts); Jimmie Lynn DeLozier (mother of Tom DeLozier); Rue Dougherty; Scott Elick (husband of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); Mike Fannin (brother of Judy Gwilliams); Doris Farley (mother of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); **Family of Grace Flory** (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Judy Gammon; John and June Givens (parents of Crissy Collins); Steve Graham (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); Rodney Holloman (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Kimberly Jones (friend of Amanda Roberts); Janet Kee (friend of Dianne Fielder); Bob Lawson (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Judy Powell (mother of Jeanine Rickards); Maggie Rickards (daughter of Jeannine Rickards); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Mike Paul (son of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Patricia Rickert (friend of Dianne Fielder); Sarah Saxton and unborn baby; Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Pamella Smiddy; Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Donna Stallions (sister-in-law of Jewel Stallions); **Jewel Stallions**; Millard and Janet Summers (parents of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); Geri Vurganov (cousin of Rose Wilkinson); **Christine Wade** (daughter of a friend of Dianne Fielder); Lee Wells (mother of a co-worker of Susan Edwards); Rebecca Wilkinson; Rose Wilkinson; Andrea Wilson (daughter of Harry Sherrod); Tom Witmer; Mildred Zimmerman (friend of Judy Gwilliams); persecuted Christians around the world; our local, state, and national political leaders; the people of Ukraine; Unspoken Requests

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

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness."
[Psalm 143:1, NRSV]

Church Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

