

# The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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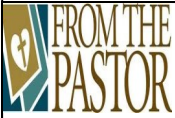
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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 27, 2022



This coming Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is *Worldwide Communion Sunday* on the Church calendar. In recognition of this special day, we will be observing the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* during our Worship Service. As Cumberland Presbyterians, we believe that this sacrament is a sign and testimony to God's covenant of grace, so it is quite appropriate that this special day falls in the midst of our ongoing sermon series on grace. The next sermon will be entitled "Guilt and Grace" and will be based on **James 2:10**.

I will be out of town next Monday and Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, so we will not have a newsletter next week. I have been asked to be teach a class on our *Confession of Faith* at Memphis Theological Seminary Monday afternoon, and then to preach during the seminary's chapel service on Tuesday morning. It is an honor to be asked to teach/preach at one's alma mater.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

## Special Guests

It was great having **Jeff, Andrea, and Taylor Galliher** and **Harry Sherrod** back worshipping with us last Sunday.

## Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **Lois Witmer Circle** of our women's ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring your lunch; drinks and desert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship

The next meeting of our **Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship** will be Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of **Ray and Lauren McDonnell**, 6318 Cate Road; Knoxville TN 37849. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP to Lauren McDonnell at 865-223-3511.

## Fall Outside Work Day

Our *Building and Grounds Committee* is planning a much needed church-wide **Fall Outside Work Day** for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The work will focus on trimming the hedges in the front and side of the church; cutting back the tree limbs overhanging the front parking lot; weeding the plant beds in the front and side of the church; and refreshing the mulch in those beds. The more volunteers show up to help the easier and more fun this day will be, so bring your work gloves and yard tools and join in the effort to beautify our church grounds.

## Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Our *Missions and Outreach Committee* is planning to hold our annual **Fall Festival** and **Trunk or Treat** on Sunday afternoon, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The **Fall Festival** will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m., with **Trunk or Treat** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. We will have pizza for snacking, a Cake Walk (smaller individually wrapped items instead of whole cakes), Bible trivia, hay ride, and other activities. It is suggested that Sunday School classes have Bible-themed decorations for **Trunk or Treat**, with a prize for the best decoration.

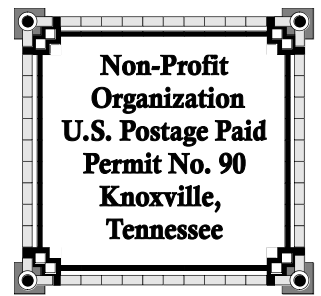
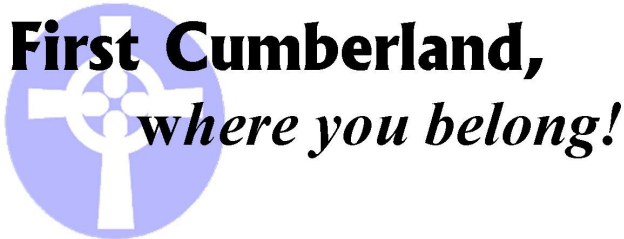
## Missions and Outreach Committee Service Event

Our *Missions and Outreach Committee* is planning a **Community Service Event** for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. This service event is for any church members or any of our extended family or neighbors who need some help around the house, particularly yard work. A signup form will be in the bulletin the next few weeks and accessible on our website [[www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org)]. To volunteer to help with this service project or for more information, contact Emily DeLozier (865-256-5403 or [eadelo@bellsouthnet](mailto:eadelo@bellsouthnet)).

## Church Website

Our church website ([www.first-cumberland.org](http://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.*



*“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” [Ephesians 2:8-9, New Living Translation]*

