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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 8, 2021



Just a reminder: Last Sunday's Worship Service will be aired on Joy 620 AM (WRJZ) this coming Sunday afternoon, June 13th, at three o'clock. Notice the time change; in last week's newsletter I mistakenly said it would air at 1:00 p.m. In addition, I will be the special guest on WRJZ's *The Bob Bell Show* this coming Wednesday, June 9th, from 7-8:00 a.m.

Last week I mentioned that I was recently ask to write a short series of devotions for our denominational Ministry Council's website (cpcmc.org>evotions). I would like to share one of these eVotions with you now; it is based on **First Samuel 20:1-25**. It will not be on the website until June 25th.

Most of us have many acquaintances, whether they be neighbors, co-workers, other church members, and the like, but do we have anyone that we can call our best friend? What does it mean to be best friends? What moves us from the category of acquaintances to friends to best friends? There is certainly a chemistry that develops between two people that helps them grow as friends, but the heart of friendship is commitment. Best friends make certain commitments to each other and without these, often unspoken commitments, there really is not much of a friendship. David was blessed to have a best friend in Jonathan. Both men loved God and were committed to one another. God knit their hearts together, and a relationship that could have been competitive was transformed into a covenant of mutual support and encouragement, even in the worst of times. In the midst of the turmoil between David and Jonathan's father, King Saul, these two men chose to honor one another and their God. Friendships that are forged in faith grow stronger when facing the trials of life. When we are going through a difficult time, it is important to stay connected to our friends. We gain strength from one another, and this fuels our resolve to keep moving forward in faith.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Special Guests

It was great having **John Adams**, General Manager of local Christian radio station WRJZ Joy 620. worshiping with us last Sunday.

Church Office

Our Office Manager, Jeannine Rickards, will be on vacation Thursday, June 17th, through Monday, June 21st.

Women of Joy Conference

Emily DeLozier and Joanna Wilkinson would like to invite all the women of the church and your friends to the **Women of Joy Conference**, October 8th-10th, in Pigeon Forge. Cost for the conference is \$109.00 per person, or \$99.00 each for groups of 10 or more **IF** reserved before July 14th. After July 14th, the price will increase to \$119.00 per person or \$109.00 groups of 10 or more. Cost of lodging will vary depending on preference of two or four roommates. If interested or for more information contact Emily (865-256-5403) or Joanna (205-533-2002).

School Supplies Collection

We will be collecting school supplies for the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries** (CAM) this Summer, through the month of August. There will be a box in the Narthex to put the supplies in. Thanks for your support in helping the children get ready for school. CAM distributes these supplies in several southeastern states.

Congregational Care Groups

The updated **Congregational Care Groups** have begun to be distributed by the Co-Chairs of each group. Each lady in the church should be getting their copy within the next few weeks. They are also posted on the CPWM bulletin board. We hope to be up and running very soon. Report any telephone number changes to your Co-Chair.

Mask Policy

In keeping with the current CDC recommendations, if you are an adult and have been fully vaccinated—had the necessary shot(s) more than two weeks ago—you are free to not wear a mask while at the church. Children are also free not to wear a mask. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask while at church, you are free to do so.

Church Website

Our 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 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

June 8th – 14th

- 8th – Kristi Hawn
- 10th – Phil Bridges
- 10th – Greg Curtis
- 12th – Harry Sherrod



Our Faithfulness for June 6th

Sunday School	35
Worship Service	55
Offering	\$5,816.00
Music Fund	\$150.00
Building Reimbursements	\$175.00

June

8th –

14th

- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:05 p.m. Christian Education Committee

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

While recovering from recent knee surgery, **Sallie Cox** is in Murfreesboro for several days visiting with her daughter; she is able to continue receiving outpatient physical therapy while out of town. ~ **John Givens**, father of Crissy Collins, is still undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma and is doing okay. ~ **Steve McCurry** continues to struggle with the lasting effects of a stroke. ~ **Alice Montgomery** does not currently have telephone service at her new residence, but it should be activated by Friday, June 11th; her number will continue to be 865-633-6051. ~ The MRI confirmed that **Tom Walker** has a fractured fibulae, as well as a torn meniscus and torn ligaments; he will meet with a surgeon soon to set up corrective surgery.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will resume its monthly Dutch-treat lunch gatherings on Wednesday, June 16th, at **O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar** (8077 Kingston Pike, across from Downtown West), 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.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will gather for a Dutch-treat dinner on Thursday, July 1st, at the **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant** (7206 Kingston Pike), 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.

Christian Education Committee

Our **Christian Education Committee** will have a brief meeting this coming Sunday, June 13th, immediately after



Prayer List

In the Hospital

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

Prayer Concerns List

Pam Bogle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Becky Bonds (friend of Dianne Fielder); Dick Booher; Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Joan Broughton (aunt of Kim Halbert); Cooper Browning (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Corey Burnette (friend of Amanda Roberts); Fred and Joan Cline; Sallie Cox; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Rue Dougherty; Ely Driver (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); Charles Farley (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Grace Flory (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Judy Gammon; John Givens (father of Crissy Collins); Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); Rodney Holloman (friend of Pastor Mike); Whitley Johnson (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kimberly Jones (friend of Amanda Roberts); Joe and Van Kemp (relatives of Dianne Fielder); Andrea Knight (friend of Dianne Fielder); Ashleigh Lane (co-worker Susan Edwards); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Vickie Miller (friend of Emily DeLozier); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); persecuted Christians around the world; Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Plan of Union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; Anna Faye Presley (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Homer Prince (husband of Betty Prince); David Rakes (father of Taylor Rakes); Justin Rech; Christopher Reed (great-nephew of Jin Gaston); Maggie Rickards (daughter of Jeannine Rickards); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Carol Seeman; 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); Millard and Janet Summers (parents of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); the racial strife in our nation and the need for justice; those affected by coronavirus; Unspoken Requests; Tom Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Lee Wells (mother of a co-worker of Susan Edwards); Andrea Wilson (daughter of Harry Sherrod); Tom Witmer

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

"I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice." [Psalm 141:1-2, NRSV]

