

The Cumberland

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 13, 2021



Last Sunday's **All Music Sunday** was a special day; not only did our Choir and Band do a fabulous job of presenting several older gospel songs during our Worship Service; many of you did an outstanding job of inviting others to join us. God has certainly blessed First Cumberland with an abundance of musical talent and gifts. God has also blessed us with extraordinary musical leadership. Thank you **Sam and Karen Ware** for all you do, especially for putting this special Sunday together.

Last week, I received an email suggesting that I share some information regarding our now one-year-old video ministry. As most of you know, we record our Worship Service each Sunday. After Jeannine inserts the words to the music (hymns, anthem, offertory), creeds and prayers, and a few sermon bullet points, she posts the videos on the church's website (www.first-cumberland.org), on the church's Facebook page, and on YouTube (search for Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church). In addition, Jeannine emails a link to YouTube for each video to our membership. Actually, both our website and Facebook page are linked to YouTube. The typical "views" in any given week are between 25 and 40, with a high of more than 400. YouTube tells us that a "view" typically involves 2.5 people watching the screen. I know that before they returned to worshipping in person, Maxine Curtis and the boys viewed the service every week, so in that instance, one view equaled four viewers. On the other side of the coin, I view it every week and in that case, one view equals one viewer. On occasion, we get comments either via email or Facebook and often they tell us where they live. One such comment is from a Cumberland Presbyterian lady in Japan who we hosted in our home when General Assembly met in Birmingham several years ago. She and the three other ladies, whom we also hosted at the Rocky Ridge Church speak English, get together to watch the videos. The pandemic forced us to cease in person worship for nearly three months, which necessitated us starting a video ministry. Since we resumed in person worship a little more than a year ago, the videos allow some of our shut-ins to view our Worship Service; the videos also allow anyone who was absent on a particular Sunday to view that Worship Service; in addition, they allow someone who was present to go back and review something in the Worship Service that was significant for them; and finally, the videos are an outreach to the world at large. The "secret" to additional views is us sharing the link with our family and friends. The starting of our video ministry has created extra work around the Church Office, but I, for one, think it is well worth it.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Special Guests

John and June Givens, the parents of Crissy Collins, were inadvertently left off the list of our visitors last week; it is always great having them worship with us. It was great having **Laura, Willy, Katherine**, and **Jayla Del Carpio**, daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren of Fred and Joan Cline; **Betty Goins**, friend of Elaine Winter; **John Gorhis**, friend of Nick McGill; **Megan Oldenburger**, girlfriend of the grandson of David and Judy Aiken; **Abby Stutts**, granddaughter of Sam and Karen Ware; and **Katie Wimer**, friend of Sara Saxton; all worshipping with us last Sunday.

Women of Joy Conference

Emily DeLozier and Joanna Wilkinson invite all the women of the church and your female 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 this Wednesday, July 14th. After July 14th, the price will increase to \$119.00 per person or \$109.00 each for 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 are collecting school supplies for the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM)** through the end of August. There is 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/Appalachian states.

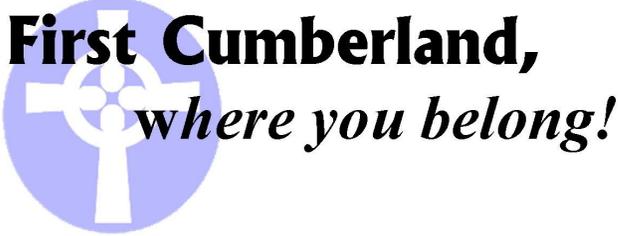
Change of Address

Effective July 23rd, **Ann Bachman**'s new address will be: 364 Seloy Drive; St. Augustine, FL 32084.

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.*



Happy Birthday

June 13th – July 19th

14th – **Carol Long**
19th – **Dick Booher**



Our Faithfulness for July 11th

Sunday School.....	33
Worship Service.....	84
Offering.....	\$3,100.00
Building Reimbursements.....	\$840.00

July 13th – 19th

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

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

It was great having **Sallie Cox** back singing in the Choir last Sunday after a several week absence. ~ **John Givens**, father of Crissy Collins, is still undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma; he is doing okay. ~ **Judy Gwilliams** is back in her home after being out of it for several weeks while insurance repairs were taking place. ~ Congratulations to **Kim Halbert**; last Friday, July 9th, she officially retired from work. ~ **Steve McCurry** continues to struggle with the lasting effects of a stroke. ~ **Alice Montgomery** remains in NHC Fort Sanders for physical therapy; she hopes to go back to the assisted living facility sometime this week. ~ It was great having **Sarah Grace Paschke** back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Pastor Mike** and **Joanna Wilkinson** will be in Kimberly, Alabama this coming Friday and Saturday, July 16th-17th, for two of the granddaughters' birthday celebration.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch Wednesday, July 21st, at **The Chop House** (9700 Kingston Pike, in Franklin Square), 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 Thursday, August 5th, at the **Black Horse Pub & Brewery**, in Alcoa (441 North Hall Road), 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.

Thank You Note

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. Thank you for your prayers and cards on the loss of Homer. We do appreciate it so much.

Betty Prince and Family



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; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jimmie Lynn DeLozier, mother of Tom DeLozier; Rue Dougherty; Ely Driver (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); Charles Farley (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Dianne Fielder; Grace Flory (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Judy Gammon; John Givens (father of Crissy Collins); Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); Rodney Holloman (pastor-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 (pastor-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); Anna Faye Presley (friend of Rose Wilkinson); 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; Harry Sherrod; 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; 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.

“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.”

Psalm 85:5-, NRSV]