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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 28, 2020



Alan Meinser, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister in Arkansas, posted some thought-provoking comments about sin on Facebook a few days ago. I hope these thoughts cause you to ponder as they did me. The context for Alan's post is the third chapter of the Book of **Genesis**, which records the fall of Adam and Eve into sin as they ate of the forbidden fruit.

God never said the fruit from that one tree was poisoned.

God never said the fruit didn't taste good.

God never said the fruit wasn't satisfying.

God never said that Adam and Eve weren't made to eat fruit.

God just simply asked them to listen, to trust Him, and obey.

Sometimes the harm in doing something is not apparent in the fruit.

Sometimes the harm comes simply from the fact that God's request was not obeyed.

Alan's post makes me think about my closing remarks from last Sunday's message: "Every sermon I have ever preached basically comes down to a two-word question: 'Will we?' Will we surrender our lives to the One who gave His life for us on the Cross of Calvary? Will we repent of our sins and seek to faithfully follow Jesus? Will we trust the Word of God and obey His will for our lives? Will we share the Good News of the Gospel with others? Will we invest our time, talent, and treasure in the kingdom of God? Will we go and make disciples? Will we? There are only two possible answers to this question: 'Yes, I will.' or 'No, I will not.' The choice is ours and ours alone, but before we decide, we need to know that both 'maybe' and 'not now' mean 'no'." As Alan wrote, "Sometimes the harm comes simply from the fact that God's request was not obeyed."

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Special Guests

It was great having **Kenn** and **Johnna Davin**, friends of Harry Sherrod; **Curt Hammill**, son of Betty Hammill; and **Carly Rucker**, friend of Brittany Foust; all worshiping with us last Sunday.

Entrance Protocol

For the foreseeable future, **the only door that will be propped open at the church for everyone's entrance on Sunday mornings will be a single door under the portico.** Hopefully, this will help keep the temperature in our Sanctuary more pleasing during these hot Summer months. You may leave the building through any door you choose. Remember, an ample supply of hand sanitizer is available at all entrances to our Sanctuary.

Collection of School Supplies

We will be **collecting school supplies** again this Summer for the children of Appalachia to be distributed through the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministry (CAM)**. The school supplies will be needed whether the students are in school or at home. A box will be in the Narthex for these supplies. Thank you so much for your participation in this important ministry.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women

The **Lois Witmer Circle** of our ladies' ministry is collecting money to make a donation to the American Red Cross in memory of Betty Hammill's brother, John Snoderly, and in honor of Betty. For those who do not know, Betty and John's father was a longtime employee of the Red Cross. If you would like to contribute to the cause, simply make your check out to the church and note on the memo line "Red Cross". Around the middle of August, the church will then send a check to the American Red Cross. You do not have to be a member of the circle or even a lady to make a contribution.

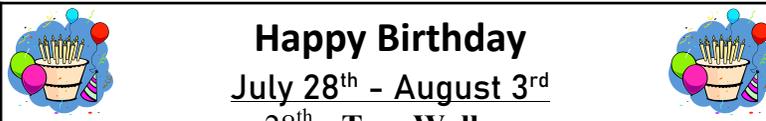
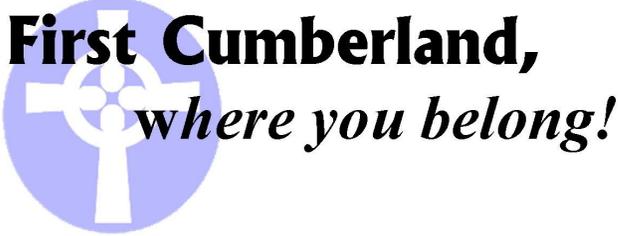
Change of E-mail Address

Effective immediately, **Betty Hammill** has a new e-mail address; it is Betham57@outlook.com.

A Thought to Ponder

It is not the joy that makes us grateful, it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

*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

July 28th - August 3rd

- 28th – **Tom Walker**
- 30th – **Margaret Migas**
- 1st – **Conner Davis**
- 2nd – **Hannah Davis**

Our Faithfulness for July 26th

Sunday School.....	0
Worship Service.....	48
Offering.....	\$3,190.40
Building Reimbursement.....	\$500.00
Music Fund.....	\$100.00
Youth Fund.....	\$300.00
Memorial.....	\$25.00
American Red Cross.....	\$70.00
Bible Project Book.....	\$15.00

Activities for July 28th - August 3rd

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
All other church activities for the week have been canceled until further notice.

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

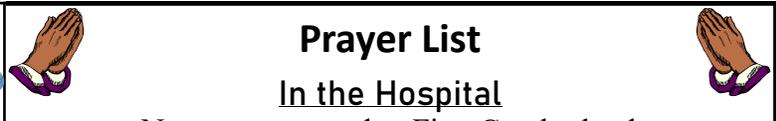
John Givens, father of Crissy Collins, is undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma (cancer in the bone marrow). ~ Congratulations to **Kristi** and **Cody Hawn**; they are expecting their first child in January 2021! ~ **Jewell Kerr** was released from the hospital last Monday; her diagnosis was dehydration and not a stroke as feared. ~ **Steve McCurry** continues to recover from his stroke. ~ **Kari Summers** has tested positive for COVID-19. ~ **Andrew Vogel**, fiancé of Kari Summers, has tested positive for COVID-19. ~ After more than two weeks of testing, the doctor's at MB Anderson Cancer Center were unable to diagnose the medical issue tormenting **Andrea Wilson**, daughter of Harry Sherrod; however, they did determine that she does not have cancer.

Knox County COVID-19 Update

According to WATE 6, as of Sunday, July 26th, Knox County has had 3,085 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 189 of which have required hospitalization at some point during their illness. Throughout the county, 44 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and the total number of deaths has now increased to 23. Of the 3,085 confirmed cases, 1,295 of the patients have fully recovered (72 hours symptom-free). This means that there are currently 1,767 active cases in Knox County, up from 1,221 last week. As always, this information is given to help you best determine whether it is best for you to venture out to

Worship Service Videos

By Wednesday evening of each week, a video of our previous Sunday's Worship Service will be posted on both our website (www.first-cumberland.org) and on YouTube (Open the YouTube app on your device and search for Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.).



Prayer List

In the Hospital

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

Prayer Concerns List

MariKate Abuhelweh and unborn baby girl (daughter and granddaughter of Tom and Donna Walker); Kathy Aceti (daughter of Betty Hammill); Mildred Acuff; Ashley Atkins and unborn baby boy (daughter-in-law and grandson of Susan Edwards); Pam Bogle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Dick Booher; Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Richard Bridges and Family (cousin of Phil Bridges); Shelley Bridges and her sister Brenda (friends of Elaine Winter); Cooper Browning (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); **Corey Burnette** (friend of Amanda Roberts); Fred and Joan Cline; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Pat Cureton (cousin of Jin Gaston); Maxine Curtis; Rue Dougherty; Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); Grace Flory (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Brittany Foust; Judy Gammon; Jin Gaston; Laura Gaston (daughter-in-law of Jin Gaston); John Givens (father of Crissy Collins); Hannah Haddox and unborn baby girl; **Kristi Hawn and unborn baby**; Alexa Hodge (mother of Gabriella Hodge); Rodney Holloman (friend of Pastor Mike); Jane Hubbard (friend of Pastor Mike); mother of Peyton Hubbard (friend of Amanda Roberts); Van Kemp (relative of Dianne Fielder); Jewell Kerr; 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); Shelly Minton (wife of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); Alice Montgomery; Mary Montgomery (cousin of Alice Montgomery); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Pam and Bob Ogden (friends of Fred and Joan Cline); **Sarah Paul**, (friend of Rose Wilkinson); persecuted Christians around the world; Plan of Union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; **Jim Place** (friend of Jewel Stallions); **Pete Preston** (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Homer and Betty Prince (friends of Rose Wilkinson); David Rech (father of Justin Rech); Christopher Reed (great-nephew of Jin Gaston); Bryce Rhodenbaugh (grandson of a friend of Diane Fielder); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Paula Rogers (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Carol Seeman; John Smith (coworker of Scott Roberts); Terrie Smith (friend of Debbie Neal); 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); **Kari Summers**; Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); those affected by coronavirus; the racial strife in our nation and the need for justice; Unspoken Requests; **Andrew Vogel** (fiancé of Kari Summers); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker 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.