

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 20, 2020



The second week of painting the outside our church building has begun. Actually, Monday of this week marked only the third day of painting as the first three days of last week were spent pressure washing and replacing rotting and damaged wood in preparation for painting. Nonetheless, what has been painted so far is all looking great, especially the brilliant white steeple. Again, this extensive project was made possible by the generosity of the Mary Ann Haney estate. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

The painting of our Gym and four classrooms, courtesy Resurrection Presbyterian Church, was completed last Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get a chance to check it out last Sunday, take the time to walk over and look at it this Sunday; it looks great. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

The improvements to our sound system (new speakers, a new monitor, relocation of the choir mics, updated cordless mics, etc.) are scheduled to take place this week. The only visible changes you will notice in the Sanctuary is the Bose speakers mounted to the wall. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

As you know, our annual stewardship campaign, **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**, is underway. Last Sunday, five *Estimated Giving Cards for 2021*, totaling \$40,720.00 annually, were received. To date, we have received 11 *Estimated Giving Cards* totaling \$60,160.00. These cards will be in every bulletin between now and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we will dedicate our planning giving to the Lord. For those who are not currently attending our worship services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, feel free to cut the *Estimated Giving Card* off the email and mail it to the church marked: Attention Jeannine Rickards; this will ensure that I do not see your card accidentally. I want to once again thank you for the gifts you have given to the Lord to and through First Cumberland this past year; your generosity has been amazing as I expect it to be next year. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*



### Special Guests

It was great having **Mindy Landry**, daughter of Jewell Kerr; **Shirley Morris**, sister of Jewel Stallions; and **Betty Prince**, friend of Rose Wilkinson; worshipping with us again last Sunday. We also had a first-time visitor named **Amanda**.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Our **Craft Sale** is scheduled for Sunday week, November 1<sup>st</sup>, during church hours. There will be 3 tables in the Narthex for the crafts. We will set these up on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are contributing crafts, you may bring them in on that Friday or you may bring them in that Sunday morning. Please have them priced. There will be a basket on one of the tables to put the money for purchases. We will have on one of the tables, cards and small books from Lois Witmer's collection. Please feel free to take any of these without cost. Just think of Lois and how much we still miss her.

Thank you all for supporting this CPWM ministry.

**Betty Hammill**

### Session Meeting

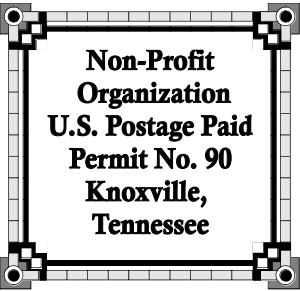
Our **Session** will meet for its regular monthly meeting this coming Sunday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary.

### Church Website

Our website ([www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org)) now includes a secure "Donate" tab. Once you hit the word "Donate", a green button marked "Give" will appear; it is not necessary to log in or sign up to make a one-time gift; however, if you wish to use this donation method often, you may wish to sign in and create an account for future use. At this time, you can designate your donation to one of three options: 1) Contribution (general church expenses); 2) Music; or 3) Youth. 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  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> – Mike Wilkinson



Our Faithfulness for October 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School	0
Worship Service	44
Offering	\$2,770.40

Activities for October 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday:	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

All other church activities for the week  
have been canceled until further notice.

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Congratulations to **MariKate** and **Bashar Abuhelweh** on the birth of **Miyah Basha** last Saturday morning, October 17<sup>th</sup>; both mom and baby are doing well, as are proud grandparents Tom and Donna Walker. ~ **Mike Bachman** continues to recover from recent surgery on both knees; he is doing well. ~ **John Givens**, father of Crissy Collins, is still undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma (cancer in the bone marrow). ~ **Hannah Haddox** is scheduled for a C-Section next Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Christina** and **Waylon Hinkle**, daughter and son-in-law of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson, are now symptom free from COVID-19. ~ **Mindy Landry**, daughter of Jewell Kerr, will be having surgery this Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. ~ **Steve McCurry** continues to recover from his stroke; he is struggling ~ **Ruth McNabb**, mother of Tammy Eblen, is in the hospital. ~ **Brett Wilson**, grandson of Harry Sherrod, is struggling in his battle with COVID-19.

Knox County COVOD-19 Update

According to the Knox County Health Department, as of Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Knox County has had 11,589 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 427 of which have required hospitalization at some point during their illness. Throughout the county, 64 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and the total number of deaths has now increased to 95. Of the 11,589 confirmed cases, 10,843 of the patients have fully recovered. There are currently 1,208 active cases in Knox County, up from 1,039 last week. The 1,039 active cases reported include 557 probable cases, leaving 482 confirmed actives cases. As always, this information is given to help you best determine whether it is best for you to venture out to church or elsewhere or to stay at home.

Worship Service Videos

Typically, by Wednesday evening of each week, a video of our previous Sunday's Worship Service will be posted on our website ([www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org)), on Facebook, and on YouTube.



Prayer List  
In the Hospital



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

Prayer Concerns List

Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; Johnna Beckmann (friend of Harry Sherrod); Pam Bogle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Becky Bonds (friend of Dianne Fielder); 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); Ann Caudill (friend of Harry Sherrod); Fred and Joan Cline; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Maxine Curtis; Rue Dougherty; Ely Driver (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); Charles and Julia Ferillo (friends of Harry Sherrod); Grace Flory (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Judy Gammon; Ed Gaston (son of Jin Gaston); Jin Gaston; John Givens (father of Crissy Collins); Hannah Haddox and unborn baby girl; Kristi Hawn and unborn baby girl; Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); Rodney Holloman (friend of Pastor Mike); Wanda Holmes (friend of Harry Sherrod); Nancy Holstead (friend of Harry Sherrod); Joe and Van Kemp (relatives of Dianne Fielder); Jewell Kerr; Mindy Landry (daughter of Jewell Kerr); Ashleigh Lane (co-worker Susan Edwards); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Holly Lochbaum (friend of Emily DeLozier); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth and Dewayne McNabb (mother and brother of Tammy Eblen); Vickie Miller (friend of Emily DeLozier); Alice Montgomery; Mary Montgomery (cousin of Alice Montgomery); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Diane and Lucille Ogle (friends of Harry Sherrod); persecuted Christians around the world; Plan of Union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; **Family of Jim Place** (friend of Jewel Stallions); Homer and Betty Prince (friends of Rose Wilkinson); Mike Prince (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Christopher Reed (great-nephew of Jin Gaston); Bryce Rhodenbaugh (grandson of a friend of Diane Fielder); 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); those affected by coronavirus; the racial strife in our nation and the need for justice; Unspoken Requests; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Andrea and Brett Wilson (daughter and grandson of Harry Sherrod); Tom Witmer

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