

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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Important Dates:

- 4- Noon Meal / Todd Bodenheimer Concert
- 5- Dartball Game
- 12- Dartball Home vs Gars Lane UMC
- 15- Travelling Thursday
- 18- Youth / Young Adult Service
Session Meets at Noon
- 19- Dartball @ Valley View
- 25- HOMECOMING COMMUNION
- 26- Dartball @ Nazarene

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From the Pastor

God gives us many opportunities to express our faith in our worship services. Todd Bodenheimer shared some favorite gospels songs in a recent worship service. We are enjoying services each week that allow us to sing some hymns as well as more modern songs that invite us to worship God, draw nearer to the cross, and enter into a fresh relationship with Jesus Christ.

On October 18, our **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS** will be in charge of our service. Steve Skipper is working on the details and is inviting all our young people to be a part of this service. We can show them our support by encouraging our kids to participate. And we can show them our support by being present on that Sunday.

On October 25th, our church family will be celebrating with a **HOMECOMING** day. Former pastors Revs. Tim Davis and Robbie Truitt will be present to share with us in that service. A special Lord's Supper is being planned as well. What would a HOMECOMING be without enjoying some special dishes from some of the best cooks in Kentuckiana? That's right. So make sure to plan for this service and POTLUCK. Think about your favorite dish to share with family and friends. Encourage all your family to attend and invite a friend or two as well.

Jesus shared some powerful words for all Christian to follow.

"I tell you, whoever acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge Him before the angels of God. But he who disowns Me before men will be disowned before the angels of God." "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he is God" (Luke 12:8-9; I John 4:15). "Herein My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples" (John 15:8).



-Bro. Rodney



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on September 27, 2015 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:10 p.m.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Steve Skipper, Janet Turner, and Steve Young.

Janet Turner gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the stated meeting of August 23, 2015, August 16 Congregational Meeting, and the Called Session meeting of September 20 had been sent via private Facebook message to the Session and had been read and amended as directed. The minutes were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes were approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDANCE

Brother Rodney gave a verbal report from the September meeting of Cumberland Presbytery, noting that

they should be available to read on our presbyterial website any day - cpcorner.org.

Reviewed Session’s Facebook page and its workings for better communications.

Heard request from a Seventh Day Adventist Church desiring to use our facilities on a regular basis. After some discussion, it was decided not to pursue this relationship as they were requesting its use for a minimal amount.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger Davis shared a verbal report concerning an overview of the property maintenance work. Leonard Shipp reviewed a number of maintenance areas with Rodger. They checked all furnace filters and had the Scags’ mower tires repaired at Big O Tires. Special thanks to Laura Kaelin and Big O Tires for repairing those tires at no charge to the church.

Noted that the tile floors throughout the church will all be buffed in October. Our custodian has offered to do the work as a gift to the church. Noted the main hallway has already been buffed.

Noted that the Exit sign at the front entrance needed to be replaced.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

Reported that the joint Cumberland Presbyterian Churches’ service was a success in spite of none of the Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America were in attendance. Special appreciation to the ladies for all the hard work of preparing, serving, and cleaning up afterward. Great job! Discussed how enjoyable this experience was and some different opportunities we should pursue to have other services together. Brother Rodney will talk with Drew Hayes about the possibility of a joint Advent series.

We are preparing for a number of ministry activities in October. Todd Bodenheimer will help in worship on the fourth and share some Elvis music following a meal in the fellowship hall. (The ladies are being asked to bring a salad and/or a dessert.)

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows: October 11-Shoe Box kick-off; Homecoming with Communion (October 25); November 1-Love Loaves and Fishes kick-off (Returned November 22); November 8-Veteran’s Day Service with Carol Hawkins coordinating; November 22-Fruit Plates for Shut-ins; November 28-Decorate the church for Christmas; November 29-Hanging of the Greens; December 24-Candlelight Come and Go Communion (5 - 7 PM).

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for August was reviewed and approved by vote. Noted that our expenditures were more than our income again this month. Discussed

at length our financial situation and the decline in our regular giving. Approved writing a letter to our congregation about our current situation and its financial needs. Approved by vote, transferring \$10,000 from our Mutual Funds Account into the General Fund to cover our financial expenses.

Christian Education Committee

Steve Young gave a verbal report and update on our Thursday night program. We will continue on our same schedule through October and re-evaluate any changes then.

The recent sandwich meal and waterslide for our Fall Thursday night kick-off was enjoyed by many.

There were two carloads of people who went on the recent Creation Museum trip.

The Youth and Young Adults will have the service on October 18.

All reports were approved by vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Noted that Janet is working on the church audit. So far, everything looks very good.

NEW BUSINESS

The Session re-elected Laura Kaelin as our Session Clerk for the 2015-16 year. Laura has done a very good job and we appreciate her willingness to serve as our clerk.

The Session appointed new Committee Chairs.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Rodger Davis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Steve Skipper

FINANCE: Ralph Hawkins
WORSHIP, MISSION, AND

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Janet Turner.

Re-worked our Elder Shepherding Ministry groups for 2015-16.

Janet volunteered to make the arrangements for our visiting ministers for Homecoming on October 25th.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2015 after church.

Motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting with Laura Kaelin offering the closing prayer.

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Luke 6:38

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Deuteronomy 16:17

"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."

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CONGRATULATIONS to RALPH HAWKINS and RODGER DAVIS who were installed on Sunday, September 20.

Our Session Elders for 2105 - 16 are Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Steve Skipper, Janet Turner, and Steve Young.

TODD BODENHEIMER ... ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST did a great job sharing his talents with us in singing some gospel music in our October 4 service. Following our noon meal, Todd sang his heart out for us in a concert in the fellowship hall as ELVIS singing some national favorites. If you did not make it Sunday, you missed an inspirational service, a great meal (Thanks ladies for bringing the delicious desserts and salads).

STEVE'S NOTES ...

As usual, there have been a lot of exciting things happening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and there are even more exciting things in store for the month of October! A group of us traveled over to the Stonybrook cinemas to see an incredible film called, *War Room* that told the story of how powerful dedicated prayer can be in the lives of everyday people. If you haven't had a chance to see this film, make an effort to. We also made a fun trip to the Creation Museum, just outside of Cincinnati. The museum presents scientific theories that support the ancient stories in the early portions of Genesis. They also had an impressive botanical garden that included an artificial bog and carnivorous plants.



We also managed to take advantage of nice late September weather and had another water slide event on Thursday night.

This month's worship services include a visit from Todd Bodenheimer, an Elvis Presley tribute artist, an October 18th young adult/youth takeover service, and an October 25th special Homecoming church celebration. Homecoming will include several special guests present from our church's past and lots of nostalgia in the air as we reminisce about how wonderful First Cumberland has been to us all over the years.

There are many great opportunities to invite friends to church this month. I've recently begun inviting a new person every week and I hope that I can continue that streak and that eventually it leads to another amazing First Cumberland regular. Perhaps there is someone new that you can invite to one of our October events this month? Maybe the Lord has placed someone in particular in your mind lately. God bless you and have a wonderful October!

- Steve Skipper

October Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers



- Oct 1 Pat Harris
- Oct 4 John Lee
- Oct 9 Leia Suann Fugate/Miller
- Oct 15 Blenda Allamon
- Oct 18 Marcella Line
- Oct 19 Emily Kyle
- Oct 22 Dick Gregory
- Oct 22 Doris Shipp
- Oct 23 Danny Chaddic



- Oct 24 Bob & Ann Rose (1953)
- Oct 27 Scott & Kerra Bush (2001)



USHERS & GREETERS

October 4
Steve Skipper & Laura Dittmeier
Scott & Teresa Taylor

October 11
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

October 18
Josh Richards & Karen
Faughender

October 25
Laura Kaelin & Liz Ann
Middleton

**THURSDAY NIGHT
ADULT STUDY** at
6:30 following our
meal. We are
using Chip
Ingram's DVD
series called
"HEAVEN: It's Not
What You Think".
This study will
change the way
you think about
Heaven and the
way we live our
lives here.
Won't you join us
for this interesting
topic.

**We need your
help. Would you
be willing to
serve as an
usher for the
church? Let
Michele know.**

SPECIAL THANKS to
LEONARD SHIPP
AND RODGER DAVIS
for having the Scags
lawn mower tires
repaired and to BIG O
TIRES for repairing
them and donating
their time and
materials to the
church THANKS
LAURA KAELIN who is
an associate there.



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(use your QR scanner app on your
smartphone / tablet or click the
image)



Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Bob Rose (Pneumonia - Home); Dick Gregory (Lung Infection...Ventilator...Suburban Hospital); Maggie McGrath (Home); Steve Young; Randi Murray; Wanda Young (Auto accident); Linda Zimmerman (Foot...Rehab); Garvin Scott; Tony Champa (Health).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Carolyn Arnold's Sister (Clark Memorial Hospital - Kidney / Bladder stints); Joel Greever - Home recovering (Doris Shipp's Nephew); Tracey Sumner (Hospitalized: Health); Helen Day (Loretta Woolf's daughter in law - health); Paul Hawkins - Prostate Cancer (Ralph's brother); Carolyn Paschall (Janet Turner's Cousin - Leg amputation); Dorothy Blue - cancer (Cheryl Fugate's relative); Michael Zimmerman (Crohn's Disease); Friends of Brenda Sorg (Bucky and Mrs. D.); Paul Middleton (Liz Middleton's uncle); Dylan Rose (Bob & Ann's great grandson - Loss of Hearing); Theresa Cook (Bob & Ann Rose's friend - Health); Susie Dittmeier's sister-in-law (cancer)

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin

SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Connie Petty; Dawny Porter; Dick Gregory; Mary Frances Ford, Garvin & Ethel Scott.

PRAYER LIST

If someone you know is ill, recovering from an illness, having surgery, struggling for life, etc., and needs prayer or attention, please, call the Church Office. If someone you know is on the prayer list that is doing better, please, call so we can correct and/or update the list.

Shively Area Ministries

SAM continues to need food to distribute to families in need. Please place nonperishable food in the food barrel in the foyer.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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7250 National Turnpike # 107
Louisville, KY. 40214
368-0590

Mary Frances Ford
2593 Country Side Blvd. # 308
Clearwater, Florida 33761
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Garvin & Ethel Scott
Atria Stony Brook
Senior Living Center
3451 South Hurstbourne Pkwy
Apartment # 235
Louisville, KY. 40299
(502) 287 - 1449



Connie Petty
4936 Swaps Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216
447-5580

Dick Gregory
Signature Healthcare of East
Louisville
Room 326
2529 Six Mile Lane

Dawny Porter
4035 Blanton Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216



Elder Dick Gregory ...
enjoying one of favorite
hobbies ... boating on
Rough River

Dick took a fall about twenty three months ago in Rupp Arena in Lexington, KY. and lost the use of his limbs as a result. Pray for Dick as he is now struggling for his life at Norton's Hospital.

~ October 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:00 Children & Youth groups 6:00 Meal 6:30 Adult Groups 7:30 Choir	2	3 <u>Malachi 3:10</u> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Todd Bodenheimer Singing & Sharing	5 7:30 Dartball at Shively Christian	6	7	8 5:00 Children & Youth groups 6:00 Meal 6:30 Adult Groups 7:30 Choir	9	10 that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	12 7:30 Dartball Home vs. Garrs Lane UMC	13	14	15 TRAVELING THURSDAY	16	17 of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship led by Youth & Young Adults Noon Session Meeting	19 7:30 Dartball at Valley View	20	21	22 5:00 Children & Youth groups 6:00 Meal 6:30 Adult Groups 7:30 Choir	23	24 you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."
25 9:30 Sunday School HOMECOMING 10:30 Worship COMMUNION Noon Potluck	26 7:30 Dartball at Nazarene	27	28	29 5:00 Children & Youth groups 6:00 Meal 6:30 Adult Groups 7:30 Choir	30	31



TODD BODENHEIMER ... Elvis tribute artist ... Sharing some favorite songs







Todd shares a song for Steve & Wanda Young's belated 50th anniversary



ONE OF OUR TRAVELLING THURSDAY ACTIVITIES ... THE CREATION MUSEUM



CHURCH ACTIVITIES ... Creation Museum, New Japanese Christian Church Organized, & Giant Waterslide



SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

Isle of Skye Student

Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there.

After he'd been there a month, his mother came to visit him.

"How do you get along with the other students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terribly noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald!" says his mother. "How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy neighbors?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them and sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

Overworked

For a couple years I've been blaming it on lack of sleep or too much pressure from my job, but now I've found out the real reason that I am always tired. I'm overworked.

The population of this country is 237 million. 104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work.

There are 85 million in school, which leaves 48 million to do the work.

Of this there are 29 million employed by the federal government, leaving 19 million to do the work.

2.8 million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 16.2 million to do the work.

14,800,000 people work for State and City Governments. That leaves 1.4 million to do the work.

At any given time there are 188,000 people in hospitals, leaving 1,212,000 to do the work.

Given that there are 1,211,998 people in prisons, that leaves just two people to do the work, you and me.

And you're sitting at your computer reading jokes!

I Need Water

A traveler became lost in an unnamed desert. Realizing his only chance for survival was to find civilization, he began walking. Time passed, and he became thirsty. More time passed, and he began feeling faint.

Reduced to crawling, he was on the verge of passing out when he spied a small shack about 500 meters in front of him. Barely conscious, he reached the shack and called out, "Water! Please, I need water!"

An old man appeared in the door of the shack and replied sympathetically, "I am sorry, sir, but I have no water. However, would you like to buy a tie?" With this, he brandished a collection of exquisite silken neckwear.

"You fool," gasped the man. "I'm dying! I need water!"

"Well, sir," replied the old man, "If you really need water, there is another shack about 2 kilometers south of here where you can get some."

Without knowing how, the man summoned sufficient strength to drag his parched body the distance to the second tent. With his last ounce of strength he tugged at the door of the second shack and collapsed.

Another man, looking enough like the old man to be his brother, appeared at the door dressed in a costly tuxedo. Looking down at the crumpled mass at his door, he inquired, "May I help you sir?"

"Water..." came the feeble reply.

"Oh, sir," replied the man, "I'm sorry, but you can't come in here without a tie!"

Asking For Directions

A Swiss guy, looking for directions, pulls up at a bus stop where two Americans are waiting. "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks.

The two Americans just stare at him.

"Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries. The two continue to stare. "Parlare Italiano?" No response. "Hablan ustededes Espanol?" Still nothing.

The Swiss guy drives off, extremely disgusted. The first American turns to the second and says, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language."

"Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good."

Scripture Sale

The owner of an old-fashioned corner grocery store in a small country town was fond of quoting a scripture after each sale. He had three old friends that would sit around a pot-bellied stove, playing checkers on a faded board. His ability to produce a scripture for all occasions never ceased to amuse the old timers, and they would listen to see what verse he would come up with relevant to the sale made.

A lady purchased some material and he said, "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands." A man bought a sack of flour; he said "Man does not live by bread alone, but every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." A little boy bought some candy and as he rung it up he quoted, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

It was nearly closing time when the chimes over the door jangled loudly. A well dressed young man, obviously a stranger from one of the larger towns down the road, entered.

"Help you?" offered the proprietor. "I need a blanket for my horse," said the man. "He's out in his trailer and it's too cold for just one. Bring me the nicest one you've got!"

The store owner went in the back store room and came back with a brown blanket. "That'll be five dollars."

"Five dollars? You've got to be kidding!" said the man. "This horse is a thoroughbred. He gets only the best! He wouldn't stand still for an old five dollar blanket." Without comment, the store owner took back the blanket, then merely selected a different color and brought it out. "This one's \$25 dollars."

"Now, look," said the young man. "Perhaps I didn't make myself plain. This isn't just any old horse! He's worth thousands! Now I want the best, most expensive blanket you've got! Comprehend?" The owner once more went into the store room, pulled out another color of the same material and brought it back. "This is the only one left, and it's \$100."

"Now that's more like it!" enthused the fellow as he paid. Throwing the five dollar blanket over his shoulder, he left. The old timers stared silently at the shopkeeper as they waited to see what possible scripture he could come up with for that sale! Going behind the register, he rang up the hundred dollars and said, "He was a stranger, and I took him in."