

# First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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## NOVEMBER 2016

### Important Dates:

- Nov 6 Veterans Sunday
- Nov 8 VOTE / Elections
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 13 Shoeboxes
- Nov 20 Loaves / Fishes  
Session Meets
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving
- Nov 27 Advent  
Hanging of the  
Greens

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### *From the Pastor*

VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE. TUESDAY IS THE BIG DAY.

This election will change America. Whoever our next President is will select from one to three Supreme Court justices. Both candidates have openly vowed to select judges that promote their personal and political stands. This alone should cause every Christian in America to cast their vote on Tuesday. Not voting will change who wins this election. It did in 2012. I challenge every Christian to PRAY AND cast their VOTE.

II Chronicles 7:14 promises:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (NIV)

GOD BLESS AMERICA. I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE FOR AMERICA TUESDAY.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE YOUNG** who was recently elected as an Elder to a three year term to serve on our church Session. Our church Session

**NEW SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME ... 10:10 am**

**Breakfast snacks / donuts & coffee to enjoy between Sunday School & church each Sunday on the east side of the fellowship hall, nearest the sanctuary.**



*-Bro. Rodney*



SESSION  
NOTES

**REGULARLY STATED  
SESSION MEETING –  
October 23, 2016**

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on October 23, 2016 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:15 p.m.

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

Janet Turner is still hospitalized. Session granted Janet an excuse for today's meeting

Steve Skipper gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the stated meeting of July 31 and the Congregational meeting of August 21 were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes were approved by vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS /  
CORRESPONDANCE:**

Received a letter of Resignation from Patsy Meeks as our Musician and Choir Director.

Approved her resignation by vote.

Approved the purchase of a \$100 Gift card for Patsy in appreciation for her service with us.

Brother Rodney requested a vacation Sunday for November 27. Steve Skipper will fill the pulpit for us that day.

Brother Rodney shared the latest update from T-Mobile and the Jefferson County Planning group.

The Planning group suggested that T-Mobile revisit an original contact they had with the Hazelwood medical facility about placing the tower there. T-Mobile requested a two month extension on this issue. The next meeting will be on December 15.

The Daycare women have decided not to pursue having a daycare in our church due to them not being allowed to own the daycare. Zoning regulations requires the church to own and operate any daycare on their property. We feel that proposal is not the direction the church should take at this time.

Laura shared an update concerning our Kroger Rewards program. We received \$82 in Kroger Rewards this quarter.

**Building & Grounds Committee**

Rodney met with the fire extinguisher company for the annual extinguisher inspection. We only needed one replacement

extinguisher. We now have six newer units around the church that will last for 5 to 6 years.

Rodger and Rodney buffed the fellowship hall, kitchen, kitchen and main hallway floors recently. Special thanks to them for the great job. The floors look fantastic again.

Delbert purchased the church's John Deere riding mower recently.

Rodger helped Delbert install aluminum coverings over the older leaking window sills on the outside west end of the sanctuary recently.

Ralph sprayed the weeds in the church parking lot as well as around the church.

**Committee on Worship,  
Missions, & Christian  
Fellowship**

SPECIAL THANKS TO Carol Hawkins and the Board members for the great job with the recent meal when Todd Bodenheimer and Roger Robinson were guest singers.

Mary Ann Robinson will oversee the purchase of the Christmas Poinsettias this year for the congregational requests. They will be \$9.95 again this year and will be purchased from the Hemophilia Foundation.

Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday morning, November 27<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 AM service. Steve Skipper will bring the message. Sandwiches, chips, and cookies will be served afterward for all to enjoy.

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

- October 16 - Shoeboxes (Returned November 13) ... Laura Kaelin
- October 23 - Love Loaves and Fishes kick-off (Returned November 20) ... Marjorie;
- November 6 - Veteran's Day Service with Carol Hawkins coordinating;
- November 20 - Fruit Plates for Shut-ins;
- November 26 - Decorate the church for Advent/Christmas;
- November 27 - Hanging of the Greens followed by a sandwich lunch
- December 25 - CHRISTMAS with The Lord's Supper celebrated

**Finance Committee**

The church computer was not communicating with our printer and thus we did not have the July, August, or September financial statements to review today. Caleb will make the necessary connections and print those off to hand out next Sunday morning.

Ralph had personally made a copy of our bank statements for October which were reviewed and approved by vote.

Our expenditures for the summer months were much higher than our income for the same time. We have been spending about \$1,000 a month more than we are taking in. Transferred \$8,000 from the Mutual Funds Account into our checking account to cover expenditures.

**Christian Education Committee**

Steve Skipper gave a verbal report and update on our Thursday night program.

The Halloween party will be Wednesday night starting at 6 PM

Other events are in the planning stage for November and December.

**NEW BUSINESS**

After discussion of our music program, it was decided to use music videos for the next couple of Sundays for our worship music with the choir still meeting to rehearse those videos for the coming weeks. The choir may also use some DVD music for specials as well.

Discussed contacting HeartSong Church to see if they would be interested in participating in one or more joint Advent services with each church hosting a service. Bro. Rodney will contact Drew Hayes.

Reviewed our new Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2016 after church.

Ralph Hawkins offered the closing prayer.

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**OUR 2016 LOAVES & FISHES**

containers can be picked up in the church Foyer. They will be dedicated on Sunday November 20. 75% of this offering will be sent to our Cumberland Presbyterian sister church in Haiti to assist the people following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. 25% will be sent to our own Shively Area Ministries. Please pick up your loaf today.

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Once again we have the opportunity to participate with Franklin Graham's nation wide **SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX**



**GIFT.** You are invited to partner with Operation Christmas

Child to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pick up a cardboard shoebox on the Guest Table or fill your own with gifts and toys for the poorest children in the world. We will be **collecting them** **NEXT SUNDAY, November 13.** Fill your shoebox and place in it an envelope with \$7 for shipping. There are brochures next to the Shoeboxes with suggested gifts and toys. God bless you for caring.



October was another exciting month at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our special Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash music service was well attended and provided a unique way to worship our Lord. On Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Halloween party and haunted house experience. We were blessed to have 101 people in attendance altogether, and an amazing 63 youth were included in that figure! The event proved to be one of our most successful community outreach programs yet. Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> we will be renting a van and taking a church group to Connor Prairie Interactive History Park just outside of Indianapolis, Indiana. We will be participating in the award-winning "Follow the North Star" program that places guests into the shoes of enslaved American workers in the year 1836. The group will use the Underground Railroad to try and escape bondage. The experience is sure to generate empathy and dialogue in a powerful way. Be sure to join us for all of our Sunday and midweek program worship services and grow closer to God with your church family this fall! May God bless you!

-Steve Skipper  
Young Adult & Youth Leader

*November Birthdays and Ushers*



- November 1 Blake Peniston
- November 13 Eloise Becker
- November 13 Laura Dittmeier
- November 15 Carol Hawkins
- November 22 David Dittmeier
- November 22 Teri Peniston
- November 23 Darrell Scott
- November 27 Ethel Scott



November 6  
Steve Skipper & Laura Dittmeier

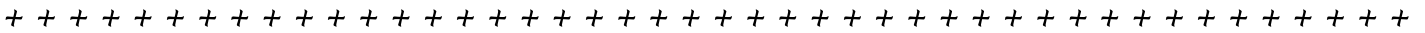
November 13  
Jenna Thompson & Liz Middleton

November 20  
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

November 27  
Susie Dittmeier & Laura Kaelin

**THANK YOU  
VETERANS  
FOR YOUR  
MILITARY SERVICE**

**HEROES - LIVING  
VETERANS**

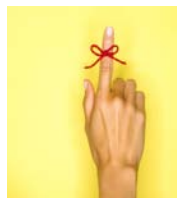


**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Eloise Becker  
Klondike Manor Rehab Center  
Room # 5  
3802 Klondike Lane  
Louisville, KY. 40214**

**Connie Petty  
Signature Healthcare of South Louisville  
Room # 106  
1120 Cristland Rd.  
Louisville, KY. 40218**

**Mary Frances Ford  
2593 Country Side Blvd. # 308  
Clearwater, Florida 33761  
(727) 799 2847**



**Dick Gregory  
Signature Healthcare of East Louisville  
Room # 303  
2529 Six Mile Lane  
Louisville, KY. 40220**

**Marcella Line  
In care of Donna Heil  
7320 Locust Grove Road  
Elizabethtown, KY. 42701**

**Garvin & Ethel Scott  
Atria Stony Brook; Senior Living Center  
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## Our Prayer Concerns

### CHURCH FAMILY

Janet Turner (Home); Steve Young (Lateral Meniscus tear; Spine issues); Connie Petty (Fall & Broken Hip); Randi Murray; (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa); Dick Gregory (Hip wound); Marcella Line (Glaucoma & Dementia); Ann Rose (Gastrointestinal issues); Maggie McGrath (Failing Eye sight); Garvin Scott; Tony Champa (Health).

### RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Donnie Stefan (Hand / wrist surgery); Mark (cancer - Blenda Allamon's brother in law); Joyce Kroll (stroke / rehab... Marjorie's cousin); Helen Day Loretta Woolf's daughter in law - Alzheimers); Kristie Russell (Rodney & Pat's daughter - Surgery recovery); Rebecca Popplewell Skipper (Chemo Therapy); Kenney Weikel (Chemo Therapy - Megan Kaelin's cousin); Sue Head (Cancer test - (Janet's cousin & Maggie McGrath's neice); Bill & Olene Popplewell (Steve Skipper's grandparents); Carolyn Paschall (Janet Turner's Cousin); Theresa Cook (Bob & Ann Rose's friend - Health); Veronica Chavez (Bob & Ann Rose's Grandson's fiancée - Cancer); Susie Dittmeier's sister-in-law (cancer).

### MILITARY

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

### SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Marcella Line; Connie Petty; Garvin & Ethel Scott; Francis Hord (Florida).

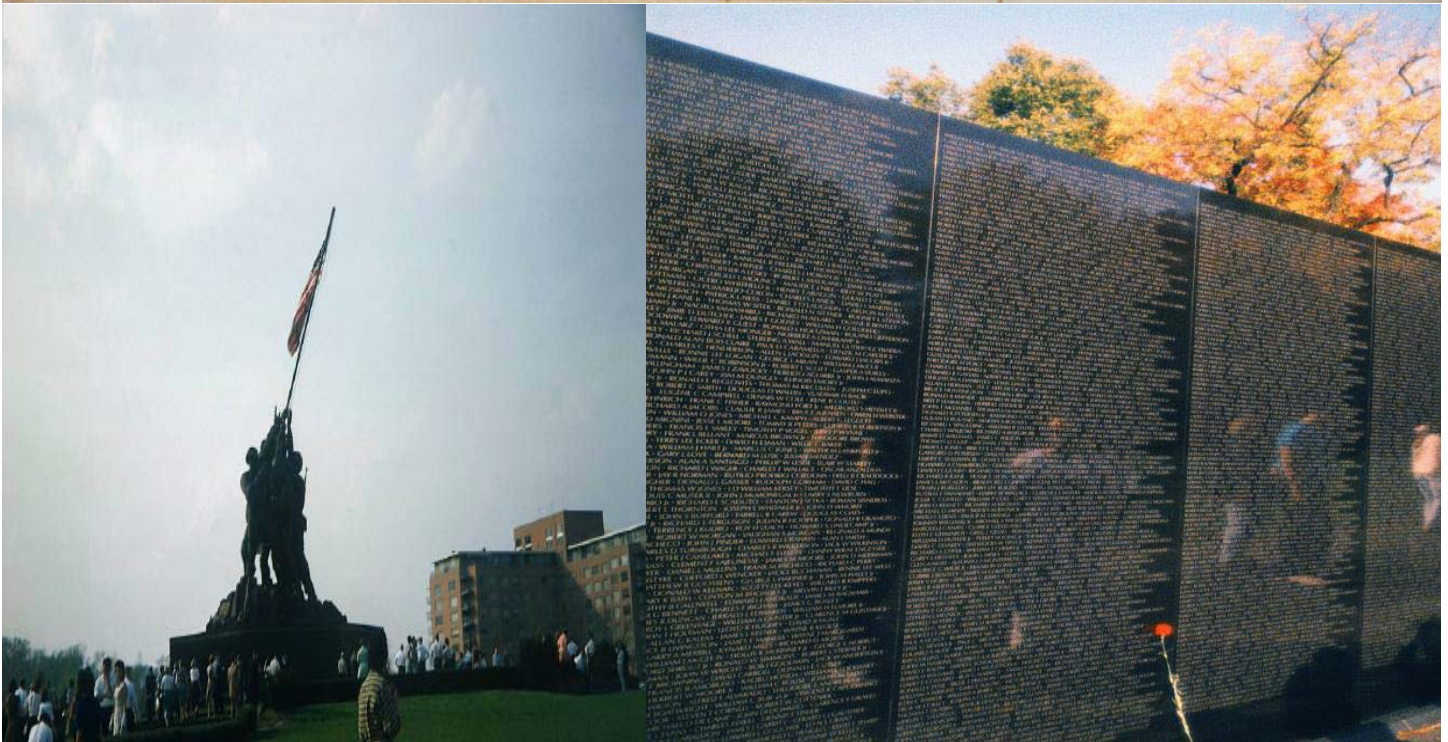
### Shively Area Ministries

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

# NOVEMBER

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> TRAVELING THURSDAY	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Youth Trip to Indianapolis: Conner Prairie  SET CLOCKS BACK
<b>6</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Donuts/Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>7</b> 7:30 Dartball Home Vs Ormsby B	<b>8</b> NATIONAL ELECTIONS  VOTE	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4:00 Choir 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth, & Adults	<b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY Presbytery Youth Campbellsville 7 PM to Middle & High	<b>12</b> Retreat C P Church 7:45 pm School Students
<b>13</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Donuts/Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	<b>14</b> 7:30 Dartball at Arcade Baptist	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4:00 Choir 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth, & Adults	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Donuts/Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Session	<b>21</b> 7:30 Dartball Home Vs Northside Christian Church	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Philippians 4:6</i>  "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with <b>thanksgiving</b> , present your requests to God."	<b>24</b> <b>THANKS GIVING</b>	<b>25</b> Isaiah 7:14  "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."	<b>26</b> 10 AM Decorate Church for Advent / Christmas
<b>27</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Donuts/Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Hanging of Greens	<b>28</b> 7:30 Dartball at Carlyse Baptist	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NEW FELLOWSHIP TIME ... 10:10 am</b>  <b>Breakfast snacks / donuts &amp; coffee to enjoy between Sunday School &amp; church each Sunday in the east side of the fellowship hall.</b>		

**THANK YOU VETERANS ...**





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Come pick up your Operation Christmas Child information leaflets now. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham, President. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are taking the Gospel to children and their families around the world. From a box to a Bible, will you us help us reach our goal?

**Deadline to return your box is November 13th.**

Use an empty shoebox or plastic shoebox (average size. Wrap your lid and box separately. Decide whether for a boy or girl and the age category, 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.) Fill the box with a variety of quality gifts. Include your shipping label (available at the church) and \$7.00 per box donation to cover international shipping.



Gift suggestions:

Toys: Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a ball (deflated with pump) or plush stuffed toy. Then add quality items such as cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes; School supplies: pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books, crayons; Non-liquid hygiene items: toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, toothpaste; Accessories: socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, Individually wrapped candy (not out dated)

Personal note and photo of you and your family or group. Include your name and address so the child might be able to write back. Older children: small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, needles, solar calculators, rulers, scissors jewelry and deodorant.

**We have shoeboxes at the church for you to pick up. Won't your family fill one for a child whose Christmas may only be this shoebox?**

WHAT ABOUT THE 2016 ELECTIONS ???

The heart of God is expressed in the Bible as to His concern for government leaders and leadership by telling us as Christians that we should look at the admonition in the following verses:

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

It is our duty as Christians and as citizens to participate in prayer for the elections and those who seek to gain power to lead.

"So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?" (James 2:17-20, NLT)

NOT VOTING ?? I thought one Christian made a pretty good point concerning voting...

" 'Some may say that the Bible doesn't say vote so I'm not doing it.' Well, I haven't read in the Bible that we are to flush the commode after we use it, but I still do it."

In the elections of 2012, Billy Graham encouraged Christians to "Vote Biblical Values," in which he encouraged people to vote for candidates who espoused biblical values and morality, "men/women full of the Spirit."

If you are unsure about a candidate, you can look at your local, state, and federal candidates through the American Family Association's "AFA Voter Guide" on line. IT IS FREE. They write:

**"Our voter guide is like no other voter resource. It provides an in-depth, high-quality, web-based, and non-partisan perspective on the candidates.** It allows voters to identify where the candidates fall on a scale from "very liberal" to "very conservative" and everywhere in between.

The voter guide looks at the history of each candidate so voters can see for themselves:

- How candidates have voted in the past
- Who the candidates give money to
- Where the candidates' money comes from