

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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Important Dates:

- Feb 7 Denomination Day
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 13 Presbyterial Board Meetings
- Feb 14 1st Sunday of LENT
Valentine's Day
- Feb 21 Session Meeting

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From the Pastor

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 206th anniversary on February 7. On a cold wintery evening on February 3, 1810, Samuel McAdow, Finish Ewing, Ephraim McClean, and Samuel King spent the night in heartfelt prayer over the direction of their ministries in the Presbyterian Church. God answered their prayers by guiding them to form a new Presbytery which eventually evolved into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Dickson, Tennessee. We are still reaching out around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our recent Gift to the King offering is going to the Amaga Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Colombia, South America. These denominational wide offerings will be used to purchase their first building for a growing congregation! What an exciting time for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please pray for all our churches both in America and around the world. Pray that all our churches will experience a revival of "new births" in God's Kingdom in 2016.



- Rev. Rodney

You are invited to a **CHURCH-WIDE SOUP, SALAD, & DESSERT LUNCH** celebrating the 206th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**. Bring your family & a friend to enjoy. A brief play is also being planned as well.



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – November 15, 2015

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on November 15, 2015 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:05 p.m.

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

Steve Young gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the stated meeting of October 18 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 requested vacation time for some of his remaining weekdays in December. Approved by consent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger Davis buffed the fellowship hall floors and shampooed the ladies restroom carpet. Rodger worked with plumbers to have the men's urinal leak repaired and a new water shutoff valve installed in the janitor's closet. Rodger also met with the fire extinguisher company as they had to replace four of our outdated extinguishers.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

Janet shared that the Shoeboxes had been dedicated and delivered.

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

November 28-Decorate the church for Christmas; The Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday morning, November 29th during the 10:30 AM service. Sandwiches, chips, and cookies will be served afterward for all to enjoy. December 24-Candlelight Come and Go Communion (5 - 7 PM). Gift To the King offering will be taken in January.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for October were reviewed and approved by vote. Noted that our expenditures were more than our income again this month. Discussed our financial shortfall and the decline in our regular giving.

Christian Education Committee

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

We will continue our Thursday night schedule through December and January.

It is as follows.

4:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal;

5:00 PM - Young Adult Group;

6:00 PM - Meal;

6:30 PM - Children, Youth, and Adult group

All reports were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed our church's policy concerning infant baptism after some questions were raised concerning the definition of "Infant". After some research concerning the denominational doctrine of infant baptism, other ministers have baptized children up to 10 years old under the

definition of "Infant." Approved the following for infant baptisms of children over one year old. The senior pastor will be given the discretion of whether to baptize children over one year old. Will request presbytery to clarify our official position on "Infant" baptism.

Reviewed our new Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2016 after church.

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

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on **January 17, 2016** by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:05 p.m.

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

Elder excused: Janet Turner.

Ralph Hawkins gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the Stated meeting of November 15, 2015 were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes were approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

T-Mobile Communications has contacted us about the possibility of leasing a section of land on the church property to install a cell tower. They are evaluating three locations in our area of Louisville and plan to make the selection in the coming weeks, pending county permits concerning zoning. We will wait for further information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger Davis will look into the repair of two of our furnaces which are working only sporadically.

He will secure a licensed HVAC company to make the necessary repairs.

Noted that we had to have the parking lot and drives cleared of snow twice recently. Nathan Hartlage (Cleared the lot last year) charged us only \$100 each plowing and does an excellent job.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

The Gift To the King offering will be taken on January 31. Discussed Denominational Day (February 7) and will enjoy soups, salads, and desserts for lunch. Ladies are being asked to bring their favorites. Let Carol Hawkins know for planning purposes. Discussed the need to bring in musicians during the time that Patsy is off for knee replacement surgery (February 3). May try some videos or CDs for one of the services.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for December and year end were reviewed and approved by vote. Noted that our expenditures were more than our income again for December and noted that we were about \$26,000 in the red for 2015. Discussed our financial shortfall and the decline in our regular giving.

Christian Education Committee

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

Attendance is improving on Thursday nights. Steve proposed an attendance incentive whereby any youth group member who attends five times out the eight opportunities (Sundays & Thursdays - with two required Sundays) will have their youth

outing on Travelling Thursday paid by the church. Approved by vote.

Steve requested permission to repaint the youth/young adult classroom. Steve will oversee the work to be done by the youth.

Steve is also looking at a possible Sunday fellowship once a month for all classes.

Our Thursday night schedule for February is as follows.

NO Choir Rehearsals;

5:00 PM - Young Adult Group;

6:00 PM - Meal;

6:30 PM - Children, Youth, and Adult groups

All reports were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed briefly the recent joint Elders' meeting held by First Church and HeartSong concerning talks to work toward uniting as one church. Both boards had a good meeting but felt that at this time both churches would continue to serve their respective communities as separate churches.

Noted that Janet Turner will be our elected Elder Delegate to the March 19 meeting of Presbytery at the Sacramento CP Church.

Rodger Davis was elected to serve as our alternate.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2016 after church.

Motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting with Steve Skipper offering the closing prayer.

CONGRATUALIONS TO SCOTT & TERESA TAYLOR at the birth of their SON **LONDON SCOTT TAYLOR** who was born Wednesday night at Baptist East Hospital. Landon is 7 lb. 5 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. **WELCOME LONDON!**

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



- February 18 Kristin Desurne
- February 24 Randie Murray
- February 25 Eric Heil
- February 27 Mary Alice Gregory



- February 16 Rodney & Pat Harris



February 7
Steve Skipper & Laura Dittmeier

February 14
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

February 21
Susie & David Dittmeier

February 28
Laura Kaelin & Liz Ann Middleton



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

Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Teresa & Landon Taylor; Steve Young (Spine Issues); Randi Murray (Serious Eye Issues); Ann Rose (Tests); Eloise Becker (Rehab at Klondike Manor Rehab Center); Mandy Champa (Fractured foot); Patsy Meeks (Knee Replacement Recovery); Dick Gregory; Linda Zimmerman (Foot...Rehab); Garvin Scott; Tony Champa (Health).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Paul Hawkins (Prostate Cancer Surgery - Ralph's brother); Carolyn Paschall (Janet Turner's Cousin); Helen Day (Loretta Woolf's daughter in law - Health); Michael Zimmerman (Crohn's Disease); 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); Sarah Bright (Laura Kaelin's cousin - cancer);

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin
All Service Men & Women; National Primary Elections. Terrorism threats.

SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Connie Petty; 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

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

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

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

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WARMEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY & IN MEMORY OF

Dawny L. (Shirlaw) Porter 84, of Louisville passed away Thursday, December 10, 2015.



Dawny was born in Davenport, Iowa & was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was the office manager for her late husband at Porter Chiropractic Office. Dawny loved to sing and was a member of the church choir. She also loved children and taught a children's Sunday School class for 44 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Cranston Porter.

Survivors include a dear friend and caregiver Pat Harris and family; two sisters, Bonnie Hultgren & Lois VanMaanen; nieces, Pamela Hultgren, Sharon Wachel & Beverly Sutton; nephews, Perry Hultgren, John Jecklin VanMaanen boys Jeff & Randy.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 14 at Owen Funeral Home with entombment in Bethany Cemetery.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 Dartball: Home vs. Shively Christian		3	4 4:00 Choir Rehearsal 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Denominational Birthday Noon Lunch	8 7:30 Dartball: @ Garrs Lane UMC	9	10 ASH WEDNESDAY	11 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	12	13 9:30 AM Cumberland Presbyterial Board Meetings in Bowling Green
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 33 1 ST Sunday in LENT VALENTINE'S DAY	15 7:30 Dartball: Home vs. Valley View	16	17	18 TRAVELLING THURSDAY Cloverleaf Neighborhood Meeting	19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Noon - Session Meets	22 7:30 Dartball: Home vs. Nazarene	23	24	25 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29 Dartball Playoffs If Needed	James 1:2-4 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.				