



OCTOBER 2017

Important Dates:

- 1 - World Wide Communion
- 2 - Dartball Home
- 8 - Shoeboxes Out
- 9 - Dartball Home
- 15 - Love Loaves Out
Committees Meet
- 16 - Dartball Home
- 19 - Travelling Thursday
- 22 - Session Meets at Noon
- 23 - Dartball
- 30 - Dartball

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From the Pastor

During his three year ministry here on earth, one of the most important things that Jesus did was to develop a group of leaders who would be able to carry on His work after His death and resurrection. It is clear that Jesus entrusted that responsibility to a group rather than just one individual. In fact, when the mother of James and John came to Jesus and asked Him to elevate her sons to a position of authority, Jesus responded with these words:

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Matthew 20:25-28)

Our churches are blessed with individuals who strive to carry on His work. If you are wondering if you might one day be a servant / leader in His church, strive to develop the following qualities below. You might recognize some of the following qualities of a servant / leader in someone in your church that needs to be encouraged to consider becoming more of a leader. Here are a few characteristics of a Godly servant / leader:

1. An alertness to and awareness of practical needs around you. This person sees what needs to be done, usually without even being told. They see those dishes in the sink and just wash them (others will just walk by). They see the trash in the parking lot and pick it up rather than complain about it.
2. A motivation to meet needs quickly. This person doesn't like to just talk about it but wants to get it done!
3. Works to meet needs with disregard for personal weariness;
4. A great desire to complete a job once it is started. When others want to leave before the job is done, this person might ask, “Where are you going? We almost have the job done!”

So let's strive to be that servant / leader who makes a difference in the growth of the Lord's church.



-Bro. Rodney



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on September 24, 2017 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at noon.

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

Bro. Rodney Harris gave the opening prayer and welcomed new Elder Sean O’Meara.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 20 and 2 Called meetings of the Session on September 24 were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes was approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

LifeChurch has requested additional space and time for their church. They would like the

classroom next to the Youth room upstairs and an additional Thursday night use of the fellowship hall. After a lengthy discussion, the Session would like to have more information on the numbers of children and youth attending on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. We feel that we cannot give up any additional rooms but would be willing to share rooms since we do not need the facilities at the same time LifeChurch does. Motion to Table was approved by vote until gathering more information on the items discussed above.

Janet Turner gave us a detailed report from the recent meeting of Cumberland Presbytery in Campbellsville, KY. Our church was in rotation to send an Elder Commissioner to General Assembly next June in Norman, Oklahoma. Janet will be going as our church representative and one of 6 Presbytery Commissioners. Some items shared were: 27 ministers and 35 Elders with 5 Candidates for the ministry were in attendance; the March 18, 2018 meeting of presbytery will be at the Brier Creek Church with the September 8 meeting with the Mt. Pleasant Church; Approved donating \$10,000 out of the General Fund to Bethel University as they celebrate 175 years of education with hopes of raising \$1.75 million by July 31; the next

meeting of the presbyterial CPW will be at Clifton Mills on April 21; approved another candidate for the ministry from the Garfield Church; Junior Church Camp had campers from 21 churches with 99 youth, 8 pre campers and 50 staff (includes 9 teen age Counsellors in Training); 15 churches sent 55 campers, 11 pre campers and 19 staff to Senior Camp; Winter retreat for ages 15-21 will be January 12-14 at Camp Nikao; 2018 Camp dates were approved with Junior Camp June 11-15 and Senior Camp June 17-23.

Steve Skipper requested a vacation Sunday for October 8. Session approved time off.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

The upstairs classroom and library ceilings were repaired by Delbert Kyle and are awaiting a paint job. Items recently purchased: A new kitchen Garbage Disposal, Shark vacuum cleaner, mailbox and post, steel volleyball posts and equipment. All have been installed except the disposal. Special thanks to Rodger, Ralph, and Bro. Rodney for their work. Items still to be purchased: two outside LED lights, overhead choir lights, and a ballast for a fellowship hall light.

Some future projects still to be completed: Upstairs window sills need to be refinished; Manse deck to be power washed and sealed; the garage gutters and downspouts repaired and reattached.

Sean suggested that we check into energy efficient florescent light fixture ballasts and tubes for the fellowship hall.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

Delbert Kyle, Laura Kaelin, and Caleb O’Meara are leading our music for our morning worship.

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

- October 1 – World wide Communion served
- October 8 - Shoeboxes handed out (Returned November 12)
- October 15 - Love Loaves and Fishes kick-off (Returned November 19)
- October 22 - Native American Sunday – co-ordinated by Janet Turner

November - Veteran’s Day Service

Sean shared that our new digital Sound Board needed some adjustments made. Will ask Caleb Harris to meet with Sean to get an overview.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for August along with current banking statements were shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote. We are still running behind in our monthly expense to income ratio.

Christian Education Committee

Steve Skipper shared concerning our Thursday night program. Fall Schedule: Young Adults at 5 PM; Children, Youth, and Adult groups at 6 PM. There will be no meal offered this fall.

Youth room has not yet been updated with floor covering and painting. May want to make the classroom next to the youth room into a classroom geared for our young adult group. Planning to host another Halloween event next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Selected the 2017 – 2018 Shepherding Groups
Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry expectations. Elders are encouraged to be in contact with our individual sheep on a regular basis.

Elected Laura Kaelin as our 2017-2018 Session Clerk.

Selected Committee Chairs for the next year.

Reviewed October 1 Communion procedures.

Approved a “No Parking” policy on church parking lot for overnight church parking and any parking related to non-church event parking.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2017 after church.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN O’MEARA who was elected as Elder and he, Steve Skipper, Laura Kaelin, and Janet Turner were installed on Sunday, September 24. Joining these four Elders on the Session are Ralph Hawkins, Rodger Davis, and Steve Young.

CHURCH WIDE ACTIVITIES

There have been some exciting things happening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We recently held our first Labor Day Fun Fest that included many activities for all ages. Russell Miller manned the grill for us. We had some great entertainment by Johnny B. and Delbert Kyle and their entourage! We also managed to take advantage of nice September weather and enjoyed the giant water slide again. SPECIAL THANKS TO Carol Hawkins for all the planning for this fun outreach.

A group traveled over to the Preston Crossings 16 Cinema on Tuesday night to see a moving film called "A Question of Faith." This is the story of tragedy striking three families. All three families are forced on a path to discover God's love, grace and mercy as the challenges of their fate could also resurrect their beliefs. If you haven't had a chance to see this film, make an effort to do so. Our annual Halloween activities will take place on Wednesday the 25th. This is a huge undertaking for those who participate. Mark your calendar!



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** on **November 12**. Fill your shoebox and place in it an envelope with \$9 for shipping. There are brochures next to the Shoeboxes with suggested gifts and toys. God bless you for caring.



SHIVELY AREA MINISTRIES food pantry is in need of: cereal, canned fruit, soups, peanut butter, crackers, and what children will like. Let's fill the SAM's food barrel, which sits at the front entry door for your convenience.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

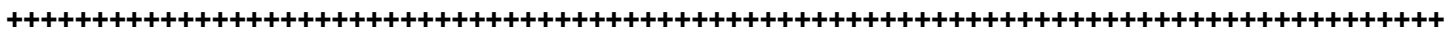
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October Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers



USHERS & GREETERS

- Oct 1 Pat Harris
- Oct 9 Leia Suann Fugate/Miller
- Oct 12 Hailey Mobley
- Oct 15 Blenda Allamon
- Oct 18 Marcella Line
- Oct 22 Doris Shipp
- Oct 30 Jersey Whitlow

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

October 8
Susie & David Dittmeier

October 15
Steve Skipper & Jenna
Thompson

October 22
Laura Kaelin & Liz Ann
Middleton
October 29
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

-Smile Awhile-

While my parents were making their funeral arrangements, the cemetery salesman pointed out a plot that he thought they would like. "You'll have a beautiful view of the swan pond," he assured them.

Dad wasn't sold: "Unless you're including a periscope with my casket, I don't know how I'm going to enjoy it."



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Janet Turner (Rehab in Paducah); Loretta Woolf (Back); Carri Roth (Chemo therapy); Zoe Allamon (Tests); Maydie Allen; Steve Young (Knee Replacement Surgery ?); Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy in legs); Doris Shipp; Marcella Line (Glaucoma & Dementia); Ann Rose; Maggie McGrath (Failing Eye sight); Tony Champa (Health - MS); Randi Murray (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Louis Jackson (Pat Harris' father – Paducah Hospital); Victims of Las Vegas Shootings; Donnie Steffan (Bicep injury); Jeff Blacklock (Auto Accident – Blenda's brother); NATURAL DISASTERS...; Unspoken; Shane Roof (Friend of Christian O'Meara); Janice Sanders (Cheryl Fugate's relative); Resa Garcia (Brian Mobley's Mother); Cheryl Fugate's grandmother Mossie (Dementia); Janet Gibson (Rodney's sister - back surgery); Sue Head (Janet Turner's cousin & Maggie McGrath's niece); Bill & Olene Popplewell (Steve Skipper's grandparents); 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;

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.

~ October 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship World-wide Communion	2 7:30 Home Dartball vs Ralph Avenue	3	4	5 5:00 Young Adult Group 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adult Groups	6	3 Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	9 7:30 Dartball at Shively Christian	10	11	12 5:00 Young Adult Group 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adult Groups	13	10 that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Committee Meetings	16 7:30 Home Dartball vs Lynnhurst UCC	17	18	19 TRAVELING THURSDAY	20	17 of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Session Meeting	23 7:30 Home Dartball vs Valley View	24	25 5 – 7 PM Halloween Partry	26 NO ACTIVITIES	27	24 you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	30 7:30 Dartball at Garrs Lane UMC	31				

SOME ANIMAL HUMOR TO ENJOY

The Calculating Sheepdog

After a talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for."

"But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer.

"I know," says the sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."

When a zoo's gorilla dies, the zookeeper hires an actor to don a costume and act like an ape until the zoo can get another one.

In the cage, the actor makes faces, swings around, and draws a huge crowd. He then crawls across a partition and atop the lion's cage, infuriating the animal. But the actor stays in character—until he loses his grip and falls into the lion's cage.

Terrified, the actor shouts, "Help! Help me!" Too late. The lion pounces, opens its massive jaws, and whispers, "Shut up! Do you want to get us both fired?!"

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it.

Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

A couple of dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter.

"My dog is so smart," says the first owner, "that every morning he waits for the paperboy to come around. He tips the kid and then brings the newspaper to me, along with my morning coffee."

"I know," says the second owner.

"How do you know?"

"My dog told me."

A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot.

"Who are you?" the burglar asks.

"Moses," the bird replied.

"Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed.

"I dunno," Moses answered,

"I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

As the stranger enters a country store, he spots a sign: "Danger! Beware of Dog!" Inside, he sees a harmless old hound asleep in the middle of the floor.

"Is that the dog we're supposed to beware of?" he asks the owner.

"That's him," comes the reply.

"He doesn't look dangerous to me. Why would you post that sign?"

"Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."