

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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Important Dates:

- Nov 4 Time Change
- Nov 5 Veterans Sunday
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 Shoeboxes
- Nov 19 Loafs / Fishes Session Meets
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving
- Dec 3 Advent Hanging of The Greens

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From the Pastor

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

MORAL: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. We have to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. It is sometimes hard to do, but we need to pick ourselves up and never ever give up.....Giving up is not one of our options.....Always keep going and take a step forward as God will provide the way and the strength.

- Copied



Bro. Rodney

CHILI COOK-OFF

after church. Bring your favorite chili to share with everyone. Invite someone to church and stay for the meal. Bring a salad or dessert if you can. This is the day we honor our living VETERANS. All Veterans are invited to attend. We would like to thank you for your service to our country. Our 10:30 service will involve special music and personal stories and testimonies. It will be a special service. Hope to see you there.



on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – October 22, 2017

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on October 22, 2017 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:15 p.m.

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

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

Bro. Rodney Harris gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 24 had been read on the Session's Facebook page earlier and were placed in the Session records book. These minutes was approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

In regard to LifeChurch's request for additional space and time for their church, we would like to instead offer them the use of the

newly redecorated classroom upstairs where both churches can share as our service times and needs are at different times. As for the additional time use for of the fellowship hall on Thursday nights, we would like to offer them (in addition to the third Thursday night) any other Thursday night that our church will not be using the fellowship hall.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

The committee met on Sunday, October 15, 2017 with the following members present: Rodger Davis (Co-Chair), Brian Mobley, Cheryl Fugate, Ralph Hawkins, Johnny Baker, and Delbert Kyle.

Opening Prayer: Delbert Kyle

First Order of Business was to elect a Secretary: Delbert Kyle was elected.

Next order was the 23 item work list. We will have a work Day on Saturday Oct 21 and will start work at 9:00 A. M.

We will work on the replacing of the ballast in two light banks. We should make a decision on replacing all ballasts and one bay with energy saving lights at this time. We then use the good ballast and bulbs in the other bays until we use them up. We need to

check on pricing for these lights

We also will work on the gutters at the garage.

We will also start on room upstairs next to the youth room. We will remove all items in the room. Sometime this week, Ralph and anyone else who would like to, will meet with Rodney to decide what will be removed to go to goodwill and what will be kept. Delbert will bring his trailer to take items to goodwill. We will paint the ceiling flat white, the paneling will be primed and painted semi-gloss white. The fan is missing a light and we will try to buy a light for the fan.

All the window sills in the hallway and all rooms need to be sanded and painted with polyurethane. We will re-evaluate how much work we are able to get done on this Saturday. Closing Prayer: Delbert Kyle.

Rodger met with the fire extinguisher company for the annual extinguisher inspection. We did not need any replacement extinguishers at this time. The charge was \$55.

The ceiling fan in the upstairs classroom was taken down and replaced with a ceiling light.

We need a load of fill dirt to cover the garage gutter drain pipe.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

The committee met on Sunday, October 15, 2017 with the following members present: Theresa Vaughn, Darlene Johnson, Mary Ann Robinson, Becky Fudge, and Carol Hawkins. The meeting was opened with prayer by Carol Hawkins.

We plan to honor our veterans on Sunday, November 12th and have a patriotic program. Carol has asked Johnny Baker and Delbert Kyle to sing a couple patriotic songs. Following the program, plans are to have a chili cook-off with chili, hot dogs and desserts. We are asking Rodney to announce for everyone to bring chili and desserts. The veterans will be the judges for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Carol will obtain prizes or ribbons.

On November 12th, the shoeboxes will be turned in and the loaves and fishes on November 19th. Also on November 19th, a fruit plate will be available for Connie Petty (our only current shut-in residing in Louisville). Thanksgiving cards will be mailed to the others living out of town. Mary Ann will start taking orders for Poinsettias from November 26 to December 3rd. We plan to decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd. The cleaning

service will come in early to clean and we will vacuum after we finish decorating. We will probably order pizza or other food for lunch.

The Hanging of the Greens Service will be held on Sunday morning, December 3rd. We will encourage the children to sing at this service. Instead of an Afterglow of refreshments, we are planning to reserve the Cardinal Hall of Fame Café's room for a Christmas dinner following church. Carol will endeavor to reserve the room. We will probably use this as our Christmas party this year. (Carol will talk with Steve Young.)

Rodney will have a Come-and-Go Communion on Christmas Eve from 5-7 p.m.

On the first Sunday in February, we will celebrate Denomination Sunday with a program on the history of the church with a dinner following of Bean Soup, Corn Bread, salad and desserts. Becki Fudge will coordinate. Carol will contact Texas Roadhouse to supply the salad. Communion will also be served during the morning worship service. Respectfully submitted, Theresa Vaughn

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for September 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

The committee met on Sunday, October 15, 2017 with the following members present: Co-Chairs Steve Skipper and Steve Young, Jenna Thompson, Laura Kaelin, Sue Dittmeier, David Dittmeier, Donnie Steffan, Blenda Allamon, Wanda Young, and Bro. Rodney Harris. The meeting was opened in prayer by Steve Skipper.

We discussed the Haunted House event that will be Wednesday October 25th from 7 to 9. In addition to the haunted house, it will include a costume contest, pumpkin painting, Fun Earl's ice cream, and a Halloween film. A meeting will be held Wednesday at 4:00 to organize adult supervision of the event.

An effort will be made to connect with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at Farnsley Middle School in order to widen the pipeline of youth to our church from the local school.

Plans are underway to redo the Youth Room in the best way possible to meet the needs and reflect the culture of the group.

There are also plans to reorganize the room next to the Youth Room as the Young Adult (Unfiltered) Room.

Due to LifeChurch's request, we will return to our every third Thursday Traveling Thursday program.

We want to try and put together a caroling outing in December as well as a Christmas party.

At this time we will attempt to notify LifeChurch in advance anytime we know that we will not be in the building on Thursday nights. This will allow them to expand their children's worship program using the hall.

We will contact the parents of some of the younger children in our church and attempt to have a homework help study hall with church family during the hour before the Children's Ministry, Youth, and Adult Bible study groups. This would hopefully make it easier to allow busy students enough time to complete their school work in time for Thursday night activities.

We appreciate the many years of service from Wanda Young as the children's Sunday School teacher. THANK YOU WANDA. Due to changing demographics, that group will not regularly meet and Wanda will be stepping down as

the group's teacher. Hannah and Hailey Mobley will move to the youth Sunday School class to better reflect the needs of their age group and Bubba Mobley will continue to attend Sunday School with his father.

The committee also heard a suggestion on starting a book study in the near future for interested persons.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sean O'Meara shared about his new music production business and how the concerts might reach young people and introduce them to our church. He would like to rent the fellowship hall to use periodically on Saturday nights for music concerts. Usage and rental fees would apply to this usage.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry expectations. Elders are encouraged to be in contact with our individual sheep on a regular basis.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2017 after church.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO **THERESA VAUGHN** who graduated from Sullivan University with a Bachelors degree in Accounting. Theresa is a para legal who works for a local attorney's office.

2017 LOAVES & FISHES containers can be picked up from the table in the foyer. They will be dedicated on Sunday November 19. 75% of this offering will be sent to our Cumberland Presbyterian



Churches in **Choctaw Presbytery** in Oklahoma to purchase groceries for their families this winter. Most live in poverty. 25% will be sent to our own Shively Area Ministries. Please pick up your loaf today.

NEW ADDRESS

Loretta Woolf
507 West Standifer Avenue
Clarksville, Indiana 47129

November Birthdays and Ushers ... Living Veterans



MILITARY SERVICE HEROES - LIVING VETERANS



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



Ralph
Hawkins
Delbert Kyle
Bob Rose
Garvin Scott
Robert
Spivey
Scott Taylor
Theresa
Vaughn
Erik Russell

- November 5
Darlene Johnson & Theresa Vaughn
- November 12
Johnny Baker & Becki Fudge
- November 19
Brian & Debbie Mobley
- November 26
Danny Allen & Laura Kaelin

SPECIAL THANKS to those who came and helped make our recent church work day such a success: Rodger Davis, Ralph & Carol, Johnny & Becki, Rodney & Pat, Erik & Luanne, Susie, Laura, & David, Cheryl, Brian & Debbie, Delbert & Sammy. We were able to complete about 21 of the 32 jobs on our list!!
Praise be to God!!



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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smartphone / tablet or click the
image)



Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Janet Turner (Franciscan Rehab Center); Loretta Woolf (Appendectomy); Carri Roth (Chemo therapy); Ann Rose (Recent falls); Steve Young (Knee & back pain); Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy in legs); Doris Shipp; Marcella Line (Glaucoma & Dementia); 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's Father: Aneurysm); 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); Rebecca Popplewell Skipper; 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; TERRORISM.

SHUT-INS

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

Shively Area Ministries

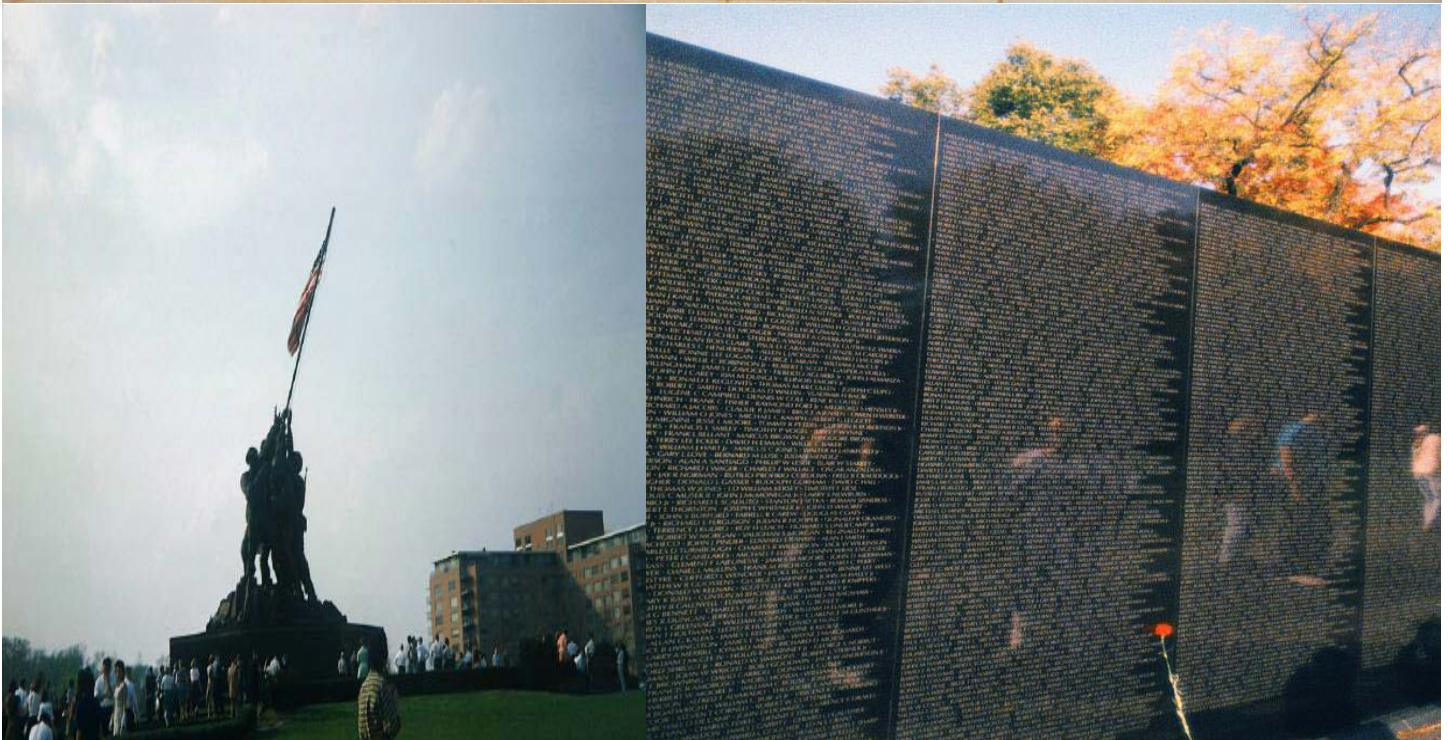
SAM continues to need food to distribute to families in need. Please place nonperishable food in the food barrel in the foyer.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Return Shoeboxes November 12	Return Loaves & Fishes November 19	1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adults	3	4 SET CLOCKS BACK
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	6 7:30 Home Dartball vs Nazarene	7	8	9 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adults	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Veteran's Recognition Noon: Chili Cook-off	13 Metro Curb Side Pick Up 7:30 Dartball @ St. Stephen UCC	14	15	16 TRAVELING THURSDAY	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Session Meeting	20 7:30 Home Dartball vs North Central Christian	21	22 <i>Philippians 4:6</i> "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving , present your requests to God."	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	27 7:30 Dartball @ Chapel Hill UCC	28	29	30 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Children, Youth, & Adults	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." December 2 ... Decorate the church for Advent December 3 ... Hanging of the Greens	

ADVENT BEGINS on Sunday, December 3. We will hold our annual HANGING OF THE GREENS service on that Sunday morning. Following the service, the Worship, Christian Fellowship, and Missions Committee is planning a meal out at the cardinal Inn Café on Crittenden Drive..

THANK YOU VETERANS ...



OUR WARMEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to the Poppelwell family - Olene (wife), Rebecca (daughter), and Steve (grandson) at the death of **Bill Popplewell**, who passed away TODAY. Rebecca brought Bill and Olene to our church services numerous times. Bill is also a Korean War Veteran. We are remembering your family in our prayers, asking for God's grace in your time of loss.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Come pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan 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 12th.

We have shoeboxes for you to use No need to gift wrap your box again. 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 \$9.00 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: bar soap, washcloths, combs, Accessories: socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, or hair bands.

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?

SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

Alex: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

Adam: Why?

Alex: He sensed fowl play.

Robert: Which bird is best at bowling?

Chrystal: I don't know.

Robert: A turkey.

CUSTOMER: I refuse to eat this sandwich. Will you get the manager?

WAITER: There's no use. He won't eat it, either.

JOEY: Did you hear about the guy who dreamt he was a muffler?

ROSS: No. What happened?

JOEY: He woke up exhausted.

A parrot at the auction.

A man bought a parrot at an auction after bidding higher and higher against another bidder.

"I suppose the bird talks," he said to the auctioneer.

"Talks!" replied the auctioneer. "He's been bidding against you for the last 10 minutes!"

TRIP TO SEE THE DOCTOR

"I can't sleep, Doc," the patient says. "I keep thinking someone is under my bed." "I'll cure you," the doctor says, "but it'll cost you \$200 a visit." The patient says he'll think about it. Several days later the patient calls the doctor. "I fixed the problem for free," he says. "Really? How'd you do it?" "I sawed the legs off my bed!"

One smart dachshund

A woman decides to go on a photo safari in Africa. She takes her pet dachshund along for company.

One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies, and before long the little dog discovers it's lost. Suddenly the dog sees a hungry leopard bounding toward it.

The dachshund thinks, I'm in deep trouble now! But then it notices some bones on the ground and immediately settles down to chew on them.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts its attack. With a look of terror, it slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey that had seen the whole thing decides to put this knowledge to good use, trading it for protection from the leopard.

The monkey goes to tell the leopard it has been duped. The leopard is furious. "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on its back, and thinks, Uh-oh, what am I going to do now? But instead of running, the dog sits down with its back to its attackers, pretending it hasn't seen them yet.

As the leopard and monkey get close enough to hear, the dachshund says, "Where's that monkey? I sent it off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Talking dog.

Bob didn't believe that Fred's dog could talk. So Fred asked his dog, "What's on top of a house?" "Roof," the dog barked.

Bob wasn't convinced. So Fred asked the dog how sandpaper feels.

"Rough."

He still wasn't convinced.

"O.K., who was the greatest baseball player of all time?" Fred asked the dog.

"Ruth."

With that, Bob walked away, shaking his head in disbelief.

The dog turned to Fred and asked: "Was it Hank Aaron?"