



FEBRUARY

2017

Important Dates:

- Feb 5 Denomination Day
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 20 President's Day
- Feb 21 Session Meeting

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From the Pastor

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 207th anniversary on February 5. On a cold wintery evening on February 3, 1810, Samuel McAdow, Finish Ewing, Ephraim McClean, and Samuel King spent the night in heart felt 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.

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 2017.

- Rev. Rodney



We will be celebrating our birthday with special guests **SOUTHERN JUNCTION QUARTET** in the **10:30 service**. They will bring us almost an hour of gospel music to enjoy. So come and invite a friend to join you Sunday morning.

You are invited to a **CHURCH-WIDE SOUP, CHILI, SALAD, & DESSERT LUNCH** celebrating the 207th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**. Bring your family and a friend to enjoy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Johnny Baker and Becki Fudge who joined the church on Christmas Day.



SESSION NOTES

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – December 4, 2016

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on December 4, 2016 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at noon.

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

Steve Young spent the night in the emergency room with a kidney stone. Motion made and approved to excuse Steve.

Janet Turner gave the opening prayer.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

The sanctuary and facilities look beautiful again this Christmas. We appreciate all those who helped in the decoration, especially some of our youth.

The minutes of the Called meeting of the September 11 and the stated meeting of October 23 were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes were approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

Brother Rodney shared the latest update from T-Mobile and the Jefferson County Planning group. T-Mobile contacted previous land owners that were of original interest for the tower location as suggested by the Planning group. None were interested at this time. The zoning meeting will be on December 15.

Pastor Stephen Effoe is no longer meeting here at the church on Sunday afternoons. He has decided to relocate his home. On December 25, we will celebrate Christmas with The Lord's Supper being celebrated. We will continue to use music videos in our worship services for now.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for October and November were reviewed and approved by vote.

independent church to another part of town. His last month of leasing was October.

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger and Darrell Scott serviced the sanctuary HVAC unit recently. Rodger recommended that we have the Scag riding mower serviced during the winter months. The Session approved this action.

Approved installing a cable type gate on the north end lot at 4602 Manslick Rd. to prevent other vehicles from driving around, creating ruts, and tearing up the grass lots. Rodger, Ralph, and Bro. Rodney will purchase the materials and install the cable gate. We will also place a "No Trespassing" sign up as well.

Christian Education Committee

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

We are having a large number of youth attending, from 12 to 20. We are hoping to reach them and their families for Sundays as well. We are still planning on updating the youth room with new carpet and paint in the coming weeks.

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

Reviewed our new Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2017 after church.

CALLED MEETING OF SESSION

ON December 25, 2016 at 11:30 AM, Moderator Rev. Rodney Harris called the Session to order. MODERATOR STATED REASON FOR SESSION MEETING:

To receive Becki Fudge and Johnny Baker into the church as members. Becki and Johnny answered the questions from the Confession of Faith concerning church membership. Both had made previous professions of faith and had received water baptism in a former church. After the congregation and Session answered the questions from the Confession of Faith, the Session moved by motion to receive Becki Fudge and Johnny Baker into membership of the church via reaffirmation of faith. The vote of approval was unanimous. All welcomed Becki and Johnny with the right hand of fellowship. Motion made and approved to adjourn. Pastor Rodney closed the meeting with prayer.

Motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting with Pastor Rodney offering the closing prayer.

THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION was called to order on January 29, 2017 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at noon.

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

Steve Young gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 4 were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes was approved by vote.

COMMUNICATIONS / **CORRESPONDANCE:**

Brother Rodney shared the latest update from T-Mobile and the Jefferson County Planning group. The zoning meeting is to be held on February 16.

Received a Letter of Transfer from Mt. Washington United Methodist Church for John and Joyce Lee who moved there about 6 years ago.

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger shared a report concerning having the Scag riding mower serviced in February (\$400).

Other work completed included the garage trim reattached (Rodger, Ralph, & Rodney), and ice machine (Sean and Rodger) repaired.

Work to be done include adjustment of main entry door (not closing completely), filling of bathroom soap dispensers, a manse bathroom water leak, and the lower lot cable gate installation.

Received one bid for the gate but have decided to continue to review our options.

Discussed our custodial needs and motion was approved to continue our service with Karing Kleaners but to cut the cleaning dates to the first and third weeks of the month. We will reevaluate our cleaning needs over the next couple of months.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

A review of the church ministry calendar was shared by Janet. Special appreciation to those who helped take down and store the Christmas decorations in January. We celebrated The Lord's Supper this morning in our service.

We will continue to use music videos in our worship services for now.

Encouraged more special music in our worship services. On February 5 (Denominational Birthday) we will celebrate with the Southern Junction Quartet singing in our morning worship service, followed by a soup, chili, sandwich, and dessert lunch for all to enjoy. The committee will be discussing our Lent activities.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for December, the 2016 year end, and current banking statements were shared by Ralph, reviewed, and approved by vote.

Christian Education Committee

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

We are having a good number of middler school youth attending, from 12 to 14. Steve is planning a special service on an upcoming Sunday to involve the youth in the service. We are still planning on updating the youth room with new carpet and paint in the near future. Our Young Adult group remains the same with about 4 or 5 in attendance. The mixed Sunday School class did well in December and in January. We will continue

this. The Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings is going very well and is being enjoyed by all in attendance as a variety of breakfast items, juice, milk, and coffee are available.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting of Cumberland Presbytery will be meeting on March 18 in Ownesboro, KY. Janet Turner was elected as our Session Delegate and Rodger Davis elected as our Alternate Delegate.

Reviewed our new Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

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

Motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting with Ralph Hawkins offering the closing prayer.



February 16
Rodney & Pat Harris

February 26
Craig & Darlene Johnson



RETIREMENT

DANNY RAY ALLEN
recently retired from US Geological Survey after 19 years of service as assistant chief of the water quality lab.
Congratulations Danny!

- February 3 Landon Scott
- February 18 Kristin Desurne
- February 24 Randie Murray
- February 25 Eric Heil
- February 27 Mary Alice Gregory



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image)

Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Janet Turner; Steve Young (Knee & Stent surgeries Recovery); Randi Murray; (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa); Dick Gregory (Hip & arm wounds); Marcella Line (Glaucoma & Dementia); Ann Rose (Gastrointestinal issues); Maggie McGrath (Failing Eye sight); Garvin Scott; Tony Champa (Health).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Darlene Johnson: Aunt - Janice Jackson, Breast Cancer; Kim Applegate - Cousin - Lung Cancer; & Tammy Guinnes - Friend - Ovarian Cancer); Helen Day (Loretta Woolf's daughter in law - Alzheimers); Dale Gibson (Rodney's brother-in-law); Rebecca Popplewell Skipper (Chemo Therapy Recovery); Sue Head (Tests - (Janet's cousin & Maggie McGrath's niece); 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.**

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

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

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

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Senior Living Center
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447-5580

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Elizabethtown, KY. 42701

Frances Hord
2593 Country Side Blvd.
Clearwater, Florida 33761

Consider sending our shut-ins a card, calling them, or dropping by for a visit (Call first to make sure it's a good time for a visit). Let them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them.

WARMEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY & IN MEMORY OF



ELOISE DAVIS BECKER, 95, from Louisville, formerly of Sturgis, KY died Monday, January 2, 2017 at Baptist East Hospital. Eloise was preceded in death by her husband of 21 years, Bertrand Becker Sr., her parents Joseph and Edith Davis and her brother Joe Davis. Eloise was born in Sturgis, KY. on November 13, 1921 and joined the Louisville CP Church in 1972.

Eloise graduated from the Louisville School for the Blind here in Louisville. She then worked for 19 years at the American Printing House for the Blind as a book binder.

She is survived by her nephew, Steven Davis (Diana) of Clemmons, NC; her niece, Julie Davis (George Viconovic) of Durham, NC; a great-niece and great nephew; sister-in-law, O.J. Davis, of NC; and also the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of her husband, whom she loved as if they were her own. The family also wants to thank Laura Cecil and Ann Becker who cared for her.

Eloise's service was held at Joseph E. Ratterman & Son Funeral Home. Burial was in the Pythian Ridge Cemetery, in Sturgis, KY.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>USHERS & GREETERS</p>	<p>February 5 Susie & Laura Dittmeier</p> <p>February 12 Ralph & Carol Hawkins</p>	<p>February 19 Laura Kaelin & Liz Ann Middleton</p> <p>February 26 Steve Skipper David Dittmeier</p>	1	2 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	3	4
<p>5 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 -Southern Junction Quartet</p> <p>207 Denomination Birthday Noon Lunch</p>	6 7:30 Dartball: @ St. Stephen UCC	7	8	9 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	10	11
<p>12 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>13 ← Abraham Lincoln Birthday</p> <p>7:30 Dartball: Home vs. Ormsby Baptist</p>	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	17	18
<p>19 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon - Session</p>	<p>20 President's Day</p> <p>7:30 Dartball: @ Shively Baptist</p>	21	22 George Washington's Birthday	23 5:00 Young Adults 6:00 Meal 6:30 Children, Youth & Adults	24	25
<p>26 9:30 Sunday School 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	27 7:30 Dartball Playoffs If needed	28	<p>James 1:2-4</p> <p>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.</p>			

FROM THE PEN OF STEVE SKIPPER...

It has been a great start to 2017 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Our Young Adult Group has carried over a powerful theme from the end of 2016 that has already produced



some outstanding discussions and I think it will make for the best group experiences that we've ever had. We are looking at our world through the lens of Christian Realism with our primary guide being the stellar Christian author, Flannery O'Connor. O'Connor's stories are typically classified under the Southern Gothic genre, a subgenre of horror. However, she thought that they should be categorized as Christian Realism.

Responding to a question about her story *A Good Man is Hard to Find*, which we first read in our group about four years ago, she wrote:

The stories are hard but they are hard because there is nothing harder or less sentimental than Christian realism. I believe that there are many rough beasts now slouching toward Bethlehem to be born and that I have reported the progress of a few of them, and when I see these stories described as horror stories I am always amused because the reviewer always has hold of the wrong horror.



Our Youth Group has really taken off since last year. Over the last few months, we've had no fewer than 12 students in attendance on any given Thursday night. We are currently exploring Christianity through a kinesthetic style of learning that leans heavily on performance art.

We continue to have a great presence of children for Sunday school and worship service. Over the last few months we've usually had six to ten children and they all really benefited from our Christmas Vacation Bible School program each Sunday over the course of the last month.

There are exciting things happening through our ministries at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Make sure that you aren't missing out and be sure to bring a friend! Thank God for a new year and the new opportunities that are presented daily in our lives! As Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE SKIPPER & JENNA THOMPSON on their recent engagement !!

SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

Hot-Crossed Pastors

When my husband, James Rowles, was in the seminary, he was invited to preach at a small rural church. However, the man who was to introduce him to the congregation had trouble pronouncing his name. So James offered this verbal clue: "Remember rolls, like hot buttered rolls."

It worked. When it came time for the introduction, the man announced, "We are pleased to have with us the Reverend James Biscuits."

The One About The Fishermen and The Angel

Three guys are fishing when an angel appears.

The first guy says, "I've suffered from back pain for years. Can you help me?" The angel touches the man's back, and he feels instant relief.

The second guy points to his thick glasses and begs for a cure for his poor eyesight. When the angel tosses the lenses into the lake, the man gains 20/20 vision.

As the angel turns to the third fellow, he instantly recoils and screams, "Don't touch me! I'm on disability!"

Praying for Hearing

Sam shows up at a revival meeting, seeking help.

"I need you to pray for my hearing," he tells the preacher.

The preacher puts his fingers on Sam's ears and prays and prays. When he's done, he asks, "How's your hearing now?"

"I don't know," says Sam. "I don't go to court till next Tuesday."

Respite

During his fourth week of basic training, my grandson was able to make a brief phone call to me. He said he was attending church on base every week, which I was pleased to hear.

"Everyone goes to church here," he added. "It's the only place we don't get yelled at."

God is Watching

When I went to a Christian school, I walked into the cafeteria and there on the table was a plate of fruit. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching."

Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a fellow student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

Necessary Objects

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus.

Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."

Not Listening

Giving a sermon one Sunday, I heard two teenage girls in the back giggling and disturbing people. I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down.

When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three adults apologized for going to sleep in church, promising it would never happen again.