



OCTOBER

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- 1 - Dartball @ Shively Baptist
  - 7 - World Wide Communion
  - 8 - Columbus Day Dartball Home
  - 14 - Shoeboxes Out Session Meeting
  - 15 - Dartball Home
  - 17 - Haunted House
  - 20 - Travelling Thursday
  - 21- Love Loaves Out
  - 22 - Dartball @ Garrs Lane
  - 29 - Dartball @ St. Stephen

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*From the Pastor*

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ... STEVEN SKIPPER** has announced to the Session that he feels the Lord is calling him become an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian minister! We are writing a special letter of recommendation to the Committee on Ministry for Cumberland Presbytery. Let Steven know how proud you are of him and his decision for the work of the Kingdom of God.

**PEW PAD CHALLENGE.** You have donated enough to cover 19 of our 30 pews! We still need individuals and families to consider purchasing a pew pad or maybe two. This amounts to \$200 each. So, when we have the funds for the pew pads, the Session is moving forward with the Purchase and Installation of the carpet and pew pads! EXCITING ISN'T IT!! WE BELIEVE GOD IS DIRECTING US IN THIS PROJECT AND WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDING. WON'T YOU PRAYERFULLY COMMIT TO PURCHASING A PEW PAD OR TWO?? Many are purchasing their pew Pad in Memory of a loved one or In Honor of someone. A small metal pew plate will be placed on a pew for your gift and who it honors or memorializes. Please help us meet our goal!

Our church is blessed with individuals who strive to carry on His work. One of the qualities of a disciple of Christ is an alertness to and awareness of practical needs around them. This person sees what needs to be done, usually without even being told. They see those dishes in the sink and just wash them. They see a visitor on Sunday, introduce themselves and welcome them to the service. They have a motivation to meet needs quickly. This person doesn't like to just talk about it but wants to get it done! 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.

John 12: 7- 13 says, "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them ... "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ... "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."



*-Bro. Rodney*

*SESSION NOTES*

**REGULARLY STATED  
SESSION MEETING –  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on September 9, 2018 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at noon.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Darlene Johnson, Laura Kaelin, Delbert Kyle, Steve Skipper, and Theresa Vaughn. Steve Young (Back Pain) was excused by vote. Laura Kaelin opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Rodney welcomed the new Session members (Darlene Johnson, Delbert Kyle, and Theresa Vaughn) and reviewed some basic meeting information and encouraged all Elders to be actively involved in discussions during our meetings.

The minutes of the Stated Meetings of August 12 and 26, 2018, along with the Adjourned meeting on Sunday, August 19 and Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 19, 2018 had been read on the Session’s Facebook page earlier. Stated clerk Laura Kaelin reviewed those minutes for the Session. Motion was made to approve these four sets of minutes as reviewed and read.

Motion was approved by vote to accept the four sets of minutes as printed and place them in the Session records book.

**COMMUNICATIONS /**  
**CORRESPONDANCE:**

Steve Skipper and Bro. Rodney reported and shared some highlights from meeting of Cumberland Presbytery held at the Mt. Pleasant CP Church at Caneyville, KY on September 8.

Steve Skipper shared about his decision to answer a call to the gospel ministry. Steve feels the Lord is leading him to pursue Minister Ordination in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Presbytery requires a letter of recommendation from the local church Session to begin the process.

Motion made and unanimously approved sending a letter of recommendation to Cumberland Presbytery on behalf of Elder Steve Skipper to enter the Program of Alternate Studies (PAS) toward ordination to the gospel ministry.

A time for the annual election of a Session Clerk was held. Laura Kaelin was nominated and elected by vote.

**COMMITTEES**

**Building & Grounds Committee**

Rodger brought to our attention some items that need our attention:

(1) The flat screen TV in the fellowship hall is no longer working. Will continue to look for a larger TV replacement.

(2) The coke machine near the kitchen has been repaired by a member of the LifeChurch group. Bro. Rodney will personally express our appreciation to the afternoon church. (Delbert and Sammy Kyle have volunteered to oversee the machine’s care, cleaning, and filling.)

(3) There are a number of trees that have dead limbs that could fall on the manse, garage, or a car. Waiting on two estimates for the trimming and hauling away of the cuttings.

(4) The kitchen ice maker has stopped producing ice. We are looking at new ice makers as well as a possible repair. Reviewed prices on a number of ice makers. Elders will purchase bags of ice and place in the large chest freezer until we have a working ice maker.

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

Reviewed church ministry calendar. The committee will have its next meeting on

September 30 after church. They will be planning for our fall and winter ministry activities. We want to encourage food donations to Shively Area Ministries. The food barrel is located at the front door. World wide Communion is scheduled for Sunday, October 7.

### **Finance Committee**

A set of financial statements for August along with current banking statements were shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote.

Ralph shared the updated Pew Pad Challenge donations (18 pews to date) as printed out by Stacy Kyle. We are encouraging more to support this challenge by purchasing a pad replacement which costs about \$200, which could made be "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a family member or church member. Once we have the 30 pew pads funded, we will move to replace the carpet as well.

### **Christian Education Committee**

Our next monthly Wednesday night worship service is set for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM. for all ages. A secondary date will be October 10

if needed. A large group was in attendance for our first service and lock-in. Our next Traveling Thursday is being planned.

The annual Haunted House event is in the planning stage and may be held on October 17 or 24 prior due to Halloween falling on the last Wednesday in October. A better attendance is expected at an earlier date.

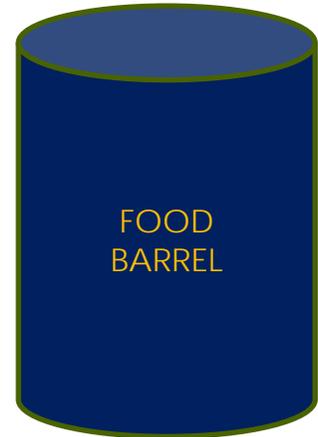
### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Reviewed our Committee Chair Persons and approved by vote the following Co-Chairs:

Building & Grounds – Rodger Davis & Delbert Kyle; Christian Education – Steve Skipper & Steve Young; Finance - Ralph Hawkins & Theresa Vaughn; Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship – Carol Hawkins & Darlene Johnson.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry and approved 2018 – 2019 Shepherding Groups. Elders are encouraged to be in contact with our individual sheep on a regular basis. A letter will be sent to each Sheep making them aware of their Shepherd Elder for this year.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2018 after church. Motion made and approved to adjourn. Steve Skipper had the closing prayer.



### **SHIVELY AREA MINISTRIES**

Food pantry is in need of: cereal, canned fruit, soups, peanut vegetables, 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.

They are currently looking for meal delivery volunteers. The time involvement is from 3 PM until 5 PM Monday through Friday.

## CHURCH WIDE ACTIVITIES

There have been some good things happening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A group traveled over to the AMC Stonybrook 20 on Hurstbourne, Tuesday, September 18, to see a moving film called "UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION." When the war ended, Louis Zamperini's battle began. Based on Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling book, UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION, the story begins where the first movie Unbroken ends. The next amazing chapter of Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini continues with his powerful true story of forgiveness, redemption, and amazing grace. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 11. 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.

**Return Shoeboxes  
November 11**

**Return Loaves & Fishes  
November 18**

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**Connie Petty**

**Maggie McGrath**



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Louisville, KY. 40216  
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Marcella Line  
Morningside Senior Center  
421 W. Poplar St.  
Elizabethtown, KY. 42701

Landmark Rehab Center  
1155 Eastern Parkway; Rm 616  
Louisville, KY. 40217

Garvin & Ethel Scott  
C/O Brian Scott  
801 Downsby Lane  
Woodstock, Georgia 30189

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*October Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers*



USHERS & GREETERS

- Oct 1 Pat Harris (# 60 !)
- Oct 9 Leia Suann Fugate/Miller
- Oct 10 Hailey Mobley
- Oct 15 Blenda Allamon
- Oct 18 Marcella Line
- Oct 22 Doris Shipp

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

October 7  
Susie & David Dittmeier

October 14  
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

October 21  
Jenna Skipper & Liz Ann  
Middleton

October 28  
Steven Skipper & Rodger  
Davis

**SAVE THE DATE:** OCTOBER 2 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM. 9<sup>TH</sup> annual CONCERT and BANQUET featuring THE Monarchs at Crowne Plaza.

This evening is being offered through **SHIVELY AREA MINISTRIES**. The cost to attend is \$50 per person or \$400 for a table. Please see Johnny B. about details

*Our Prayer Concerns*

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Linda Zimmerman (Liver stint surgery); Mary Ann Robinson (Fall – crushed vertebrae; Colon Surgery – Home); Maggie McGrath (Pneumonia); Carri Roth (Ileostomy surgery – Home); Ann Rose; Wanda Young (Bronchitis; Leg Pain); Janet Turner (Bronchitis); Mary Alice Gregory (Health Issues); Steve Young (Knee & Back pain); Doris Shipp; Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy); Randi Murray (Loss of eyesight; Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension & Retinitis Pigmentosa).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Janet Gibson (Rodney’s sister - Fall & Knee Fracture); Brian & Debbie Mobley Family; Ernie Mobley (Knee Injury); Alena Farris (Liver complications – Adam Farris’ mother); Joann Sallee (Liz Middleton’s Aunt); Louis Jackson (Pat Harris’ father); Allen Vitoe (Melanoma Cancer treatment); 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); Sue Head (Janet Turner’s cousin & Maggie McGrath’s niece).

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.

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<p>The church <b>COKE MACHINE</b> now works and is filled. Can drinks are \$.75 each and only quarters are accepted.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:30 Dartball @ Shively Baptist</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:00 Young Adult Group 6:00 Children, Youth, &amp; Adult Groups</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Malachi 3:10</b></p> <p>Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship World-wide Communion</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:30 Home Dartball vs Valley View</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:00 Young Adult Group 6:00 Children, Youth, &amp; Adult Groups</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord</p>
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<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:30 Dartball at Garrs Lane</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:30 Dartball at St. Stephen</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>KROGER REWARDS SIGN-UP PAPER</b> can be picked up on the table in the Foyer for anyone not yet signed up. This is a <b>FUNDRAISER</b> for the church. Participating in this fundraiser will NOT affect your discounts on groceries or fuel points.</p>		

## **A LETTER FROM THE SESSION TO COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

To the Committee on the Ministry of Cumberland Presbytery:

Concerning: Samuel Steven Skipper

(Elder, Youth & Young Adult Leader, Master's Degree in Social Studies, University of Louisville; Certified Jefferson County School Teacher at Farnsley Middle School)

The Session of the Louisville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church would like to recommend Samuel Steven Skipper to this committee and to Cumberland Presbytery as a Candidate for ordination to the gospel ministry.

Steven was raised in a Christian home and was saved on January 12, 1992. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Psychology. Steven completed a Master of Arts in Humanities at University of Louisville, with other Masters level courses from Bellarmine University in Louisville. Steven has been a teacher at Farnsley Middle School for five years.

Steven came to First Church in late summer 2010 as the new Youth Leader. He joined the choir soon after coming to First Church and currently assists as a music team member playing the bass guitar. Steven has also substituted as a children's and adult Sunday School teacher. He has coordinated our VBS program the last two years. Steven is in his third year of his second term on our church Session serving as the Co-Chair of the Christian Education Committee. He has been our delegate to Cumberland Presbytery on two different occasions and supplies our pulpit when Pastor Rodney Harris is out of town.

Steven was married in June and now lives with his wife Jenna who serves alongside Steven in his work here at First Church as well as being a teacher at Farnsley Middle School. He is a loving person with a heart to see people of all ages come to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

We believe that Steven Skipper would be a fine addition to our presbytery and looks forward to meeting with the Committee as soon as possible, to begin his new journey of faith.

**SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY**

**Creation Story**

One night as I was putting my 2 1/2-year-old daughter to bed, I saw a bright full moon in the sky. I let her look at the moon for a minute and then asked, "Who made the moon?"

"God," came her reply. "And the stars?" I asked. Again the answer was, "God."

I continued with a few more questions: Who made the trees, the flowers, etc. Finally I asked, "Who made Daddy?" She said, "Grandma."

**STOP SIGN**

I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So I say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!"

A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?" He says, "My brother might be coming!"

**THE FUTURE**

"Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?" I asked my friend.

"He wants to be a garbageman," he replied.

"That's an unusual ambition to have at such a young age."

"Not really. He thinks that garbagemen work only on Tuesdays."

**ZOO ACTORS**

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?!"

**BEWARE OF DOG**

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."