

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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MARCH 2020

Important Dates:

- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 1 First Sunday of Lent
- Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time
Session Meets
- Mar 21 Cumberland Presbytery
- Mar 19 Spring Begins

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From the Pastor

THEY CALLED HIM JESUS

He had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
 He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher
 He had no medicine, yet they called Him Healer
 He had no army, yet kings fear Him
 He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world
 He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him
 He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.
 - Author Unknown

We know that Jesus was under an unbelievable amount of pressure in the closing days of His earthly life. He believed in and spent much time in prayer. He was actually arrested in a garden called Gethsemane, where He had just spent time agonizing and praying over a decision to lay down His life for the sins of the world.

Very gruesome and specific details are given us in all four of the gospels concerning Jesus' arrest, torture, and eventual crucifixion. In all of this, Jesus never sinned in word, thought, or action. He was the perfect Savior, Son of God, and Redeemer. His purpose for coming to this earth was to pay for the sins for the human race; to allow us to become sons and daughters of God Almighty - the Creator of the world. The Bible is very clear on the pathway to heaven. There is ONLY ONE WAY to reach heaven. Acts 4:12 says, "And there is salvation in no one else; For there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." AMEN and AMEN !!!

Jesus' influence came from His sacrificial love, demonstrated on a cross. That's why millions of people around the world still follow Him today.

-Bro. Rodney



SESSION NOTES

MINUTES OF

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2020

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on February 9, 2020 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at Noon.

Elders present: Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Darlene Johnson, Laura Kaelin, Steven Skipper, and Diane Rohleder. Theresa Vaughn and Delbert Kyle were excused by a voice vote.

Ralph Hawkins opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting of January 12, 2019 meeting were read by Session Clerk Laura Kaelin. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

Reviewed the calendar concerning future church rentals. We rented the fellowship once in January and once in March.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds Committee

Rodger reported that the Heat Exchanger in the

sanctuary unit had been replaced. The fan motor in the fellowship hall furnace had to be replaced as did the bearings in the educational wing furnace fan.

Noted that the insurance company had denied any coverage for interior damage to the sanctuary pew pads, carpeting, or ceiling stains due to years of water damage from the roof leaks.

Rodger recently extended one of the sanctuary downspouts on the south side.

The skylights are still leaking and dripping on our pews and carpet. Abrams Roofing will install a new roof and skylights as weather permits.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

Denominational day celebration was enjoyed by all in attendance. Communion was served. We had lots of delicious soups, salad, and desserts. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss plans for the Easter season. Discussed ways (cards, calls, or flowers) to be in contact with people in the hospital.

Finance Committee

A set of financial statements for January were shared by Ralph Hawkins, reviewed, and approved by vote.

A letter of record for 2019 is being prepared by Stacy for

all who made donations to the church last year.

Christian Education Committee

Steven Skipper gave us an update on the youth and young adults. There are about 15 youth attending on a regular base. He is working on future Traveling Thursdays' trips. They recently went to the Trampoline Park on Dixie Highway.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cumberland Presbytery will meet on Saturday March 21 at the Garfield CP Church. Steven Skipper was elected to be our Elder delegate. Steven announced that he will be Licensed at this meeting of presbytery! Steven requested being away on Sunday, March 15 to supply the Clifton Mills Cp Church pulpit.

We have been asked to host our denominational international delegates and their families for an evening

meal during General Assembly. The Session approved hosting this event. Reviewed some of the Proposed Plan of Unification. This will be voted upon at the next meeting of presbytery. We want to encourage everyone to donate food to Shively Area Ministries.

Reviewed our Elder Shepherding Ministry with

pastor Harris encouraging each Shepherd to contact their individual sheep. The next Stated Meeting is

scheduled for March 8, 2020 after church. Motion made and approved to adjourn. Steven Skipper had the closing prayer.

COMING THIS SUMMER
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LOUISVILLE, KY.
GALT HOUSE
JUNE 7 - 11

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Janet Turner

4213 Foreman Lane Apt. # 1
Louisville, KY. 40219

Marcella Line

Morningside Senior Center
421 W Poplar St
Elizabethtown, KY 42701



Maggie McGrath

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

Ethel Scott

C/O Brian Scott; 801 Downsby Lane
Apt. 225
Woodstock, Georgia 30189

Ann Rose

Signature HealthCARE of South Louisville
1120 Cristland Road;
Louisville, KY 40214

Consider sending our shut-ins a card, calling them, or making a visit. Let them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them.

March Birthdays

March 4 Lonnie Clark, Sr.
March 6 Robbie Murray
March 6 Romiade Sodja
March 7 Dustin Webb
March 9 Maggie McGrath
March 21 Rodger Davis
March 22 Michael Zimmerman
March 24 Nicholas Heil

March 22 March 17
Rodger Davis & David
Dittmeier
March 28 Robert Spivey
March 8
Johnny & Becki Baker

Ushers

March 15
Jenna Skipper & Megan
Kaelin
March 22
Susie & Laura Dittmeier
March 29
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten", which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin His ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

**Sunrise Service
8:00 AM**

**Breakfast
8:45 AM**

**Easter Egg Hunt
9:15 AM**

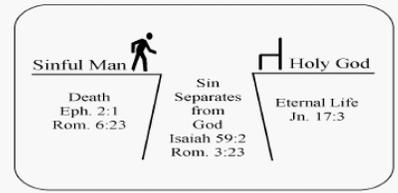
**Sunday School
9:30 AM**

**Fellowship Time
10:15**

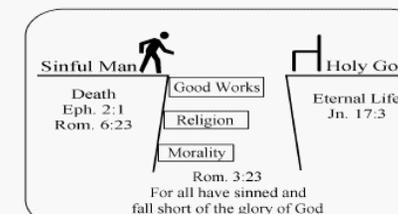
**Easter Worship
10:30 AM**

Please set aside this special day for you and your family to worship our risen Savior JESUS !!

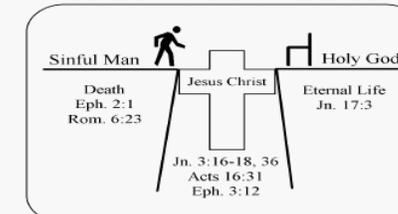
GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION



Romans 5:8
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



Ephesians 2:8-9
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."



John 3:16-18
"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Middleton (MRI); Steve Young (Cataract Surgery Recovery); Johnny Baker (Kidney Stones); Laura Kaelin (Test); Ann Rose (Signature Rehab Center on Cristland); Pat Harris (Meniscus Tear/Knee Surgery Recovery); Wanda Young (Severe Headaches & Vertigo); Steve Young (Back pain & Vertigo); Danny Allen (Blood Pressure & Falls); Marjorie Vititoe (Leaky Heart Valve); Janet Turner (Neuropathy in feet); Mary Alice Gregory; Doris Shipp (Internal Thrombosis in Jugular Vein); Leonard Shipp (Neuropathy); Randi-Murray-Davis (Eyesight).

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Heather Branham (Surgery 3/17); Beverly Reynolds' Sister & Niece; Tristan Mowdy: Tests (Laura Kaelin Nephew); Alex Kaelin (Megan's brother); Lonnie Clark; Rebecca McLemore (Ankle surgery Recovery); Mary Grace Gehm's mother – Kelly (Cancer); (Ty Johnson (Skull Fracture ... 8 week coma ... Dick Gregory's nephew); Dennis Day (Skin Cancer Treatment – Loretta Woolf's son); Martha Warman (Wesley Manor Nursing Home); Wanda Daley (Marjorie Vititoe's daughter); Angela Kaelin –Parkinsons (Megan's grandmother); Allen Vititoe (Melanoma Cancer treatment); Shane Roof (Friend of Christian O'Meara); Janice Sanders (Cheryl Fugate's relative); Cheryl Fugate's grandmother Mossie (Dementia).

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin;

SHUT-INS

Ann Rose; Janet Turner; Marcella Line; Ethel Scott; Maggie McGrath

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.

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship First Sunday in Lent	2 6:30 PM Dartball Jamboree at Ormsby Heights	3	4	5 5:00 Adult Groups 6:00 Children & Youth	6	7 Daylight Savings SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship Noon Session Meeting	9	10	11	12 5:00 Adult Groups 6:00 Children & Youth	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	16 6:30 PM Dartball Banquet at Ormsby Heights	17	18	19 NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES Travelling Thursday SPRING ARRIVES	20	21 Cumberland Presbytery meets at Garfield CP Church
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	23	24	25	26 5:00 Adult Groups 6:00 Children & Youth	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	30 JCPS BREAK March 30	31 SPRING BREAK - April 3	"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: that he lay his life down for his friends." John 15:12-13			

SOME HUMOR TO ENJOY

Good Business Sense

Before going to Europe on business, a man drove his Rolls-Royce to a downtown NY City bank and went in to ask for an immediate loan of \$5,000. The loan officer was quite taken aback, and requested collateral. "Well, then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce", the man said. The loan officer promptly had the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping, and gave him \$5,000.

Two weeks later, the man walked through the bank's doors, and asked to settle up his loan and get his car back. The loan officer checked the records and told him, "That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest." The man wrote out a check, thanked the loan officer, and started to walk away.

"Wait sir," the loan officer said, "while you were gone, I found out you are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow

The man smiled. "Where else could I securely park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"

Super Genius

here's a dropout named Bobby and a super genius named Greg sitting on a bench waiting on a bus. The genius gets bored, leans over to the dropout and says, "Hey, I'll tell you what, I'll ask you a question and if you don't know the answer you have to give me five bucks. If you ask me a question and I don't know the answer I have to give you 50 bucks."

The dropout says, "Alright, man."

The genius asks the dropout, "What is the Pythagorean Theory?"

The dropout replies, "I don't know." and hands the genius five bucks.

"Okay," the dropout says, "What has three legs going up a hill and four legs going down?"

The genius thinks real hard and finally gives up. He hands the dropout 50 bucks then asks, "So, what is the answer?"

The dropout says, "I don't know." and hands the genius five bucks.

Kosher Pork

Rabbi Ezra, his wife, and their children, were really curious as to why Gentiles were so fond of eating pork. They decided to try some, but there was nowhere in town they could go and not be seen.

One weekend, the Rabbi and his family traveled to a distant town, went into a restaurant, and ordered roast pork.

While they were waiting to be served, a member of Rabbi Ezra's Synagogue walks in. He sees the Rabbi and his family. The member asks if he could join them for dinner. The Rabbi has no choice but to agree.

A while later, the waiter returns with the Rabbi's meal. He takes the cover off the large platter, and there is a whole roast pig, with an apple in its mouth. The Synagogue member is more than a little shocked.

"What a fancy place," explains the Rabbi quickly. "Just look at how they serve the apple I ordered."

Money In Mexico

Two guys are bungee-jumping one day. The first guy says to the second, "You know, we could make a lot of money running our own bungee-jumping service in Medico." The second guy thinks this is a great idea, so the two pool their money and buy everything they'll need - a tower, an elastic cord, insurance, etc.

They travel to Mexico and begin to set up on the square. As they are constructing the tower, a crowd begins to assemble. Slowly, more and more people gather to watch them at work.

The first guy jumps. He bounces at the end of the cord, but when he comes back up, the second guy notices that he has a few cuts and scratches. Unfortunately, the second guy isn't able to catch him. He falls again, bounces, and comes back up again. This time he is bruised and bleeding.

Again, the second guy misses him. The first guy falls again and bounces back up. This time, he comes back pretty messed up - he's got a couple of broken bones and is almost unconscious. Luckily, the second guy finally catches him this time and says, "What happened? Was the cord too long?"

The first guy says, "No, the cord was fine, but what is a pinata?"

Room Service

Mary Poppins was traveling home, but due to worsening weather, she decided to stop at a hotel for the night. She approached the receptionist and asked for a room for the night.

"Certainly madam," he replied courteously.

"Is the restaurant open still?" inquired Mary.

"Sorry, no," came the reply, "but room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?"

Mary smiled and took the menu and perused it. "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please," said Mary.

"Certainly, madam," he replied.

"And can I have breakfast in bed?" asked Mary politely.

The receptionist nodded and smiled.

"In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs, please," Mary mused.

After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night.

The night passed uneventfully and the next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk. "Morning, madam. Sleep well?" "Yes, thank you," Mary replied.

"Food to your liking?"

"Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional! I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs, though. They really weren't that nice at all," replied Mary truthfully.

"Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute these thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We are always looking to improve our service and would value your opinion," said the receptionist.

"OK, I will ... thanks!" replied Mary, who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book.

Waving, she left to continue her journey.

Curious, the receptionist picked up the book to see the comment Mary had written.

"Supercauliflowercheesebuteggswerequiteatrocious!"

Seat Hog

A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the man moaned. "Where you from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice, Sam replied, "The balcony."

Nun In A Cab

A nun gets into a cab and the cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance and see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me.

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that:

- 1) you have to be single and
- 2) you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and I'm Catholic too!

The nun says, "O.K., pull into the next alley."

He does and the nun kisses him. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying his eyes out.

"My dear child, why are you crying?"

"Forgive me sister, but I have sinned. I lied. I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm on my way to a Halloween Party!"

The Slacker

A company, feeling it was time for a shake-up, hires a new CEO. This new boss is determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he thinks this is his chance to show everyone he means business!

The CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "And how much money do you make a week?"

Undaunted, the young fellow looks at him and replies, "I make \$200.00 a week. Why?"

The CEO then hands the guy \$200 in cash and screams, "Here's a week's pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, "He's the pizza delivery guy."

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."
(Proverbs 15:15,17:22)

Endangered Species



One beautiful autumn day, a Park Ranger discovered a man sitting in the woods chewing away on a dead Bald Eagle. "Hey mister, the Bald Eagle is a protected species, and killing one is punishable offence", said the Park Ranger.

The man was swiftly arrested, and ushered before the judge.

In court, he pleaded innocent to the charges against him, claiming that if he didn't eat the bald eagle he would have died from starvation.

"I was so hungry" complained the defensive camper, "the Bald Eagle was the only food I could find!"

To everyone's amazement, the judge ruled in his favor.

In the judge's closing statement he asked the man, "I would like you to tell me something before I let you go. I have never eaten a bald eagle, nor ever plan on it. But I'd like to know: What did it taste like?"

The man answered, "Well, it tasted like a cross between a Whooping Crane and a Spotted Owl.

A Busload of Politicians



A busload of politicians were driving down a country road when, all of a sudden, the bus ran off the road and crashed into a tree in an old farmer's field. The old farmer, after seeing what had happened, went over to investigate. He then proceeded to dig a hole to bury the politicians.

A few days later the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus, and asked the old farmer where all the politicians had gone.

The old farmer said he had buried them.

The sheriff asked the old farmer, "Were they all dead?"

The old farmer replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them politicians lie."