

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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NOVEMBER

Important Dates:

Nov 4 VOTE / Elections
 Nov 9 Veterans Sunday
 Nov 11 Veterans Day
 Nov 16 Shoeboxes
 Nov 20 Church Bowling
 Nov 23 Session Meets
 Loaves / Fishes
 Nov 27 Thanksgiving
 Nov 30 Hanging of the
 Greens Service

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From the Pastor

THANKSGIVING. It is becoming more and more difficult to focus on this time of the season with Halloween becoming such a highly recognized activity in our communities. With all the movies, TV shows, and social media about Zombies and the walking dead, it can be a distraction to us as we move towards Thanksgiving. I know that some churches try to use what's happening in the public arena to direct their attention to Christ and His death and resurrection. One of the most successful churches I have been around that made an all out effort to reach their community for Christ in the midst of Halloween was the Fairfield, Illinois Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I attended one of those outreaches back in the 90's. Hundreds of people came through the church's carefully planned and orchestrated "Heaven or Hell" rooms. It often lasted three nights as I recall. They intentionally made you think about where you stood with God. At the end of the guided tour, every person was invited to secure their place in eternity through Jesus Christ, of which many did each year. Nevertheless, each of us should purposefully focus on our blessings from God. In the midst of all the political correctness being forced upon us these days, we must remain intent on pointing out that God is the founder of our great nation. Without Him, we would be nothing. Let's be faithful to give God all the credit for making America the greatest nation on earth (while it's still true). A special thanks to all our VETERANS for their service to our nation and for keeping us safe and free!



- Bro. Rodney



SESSION NOTES

MINUTES OF

REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2014

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on October 26, 2014 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 12:10 p.m.

Elders present: Laura Kaelin, Michele O'Meara, Doris Shipp, Steve Skipper, Janet Turner, and Steve Young.

Elder excused: Dick Gregory

Pastor Rodney read from Luke 12.

Steve Skipper gave the opening prayer.

The Stated Session meeting minutes of September 28th were read and approved by vote:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds Committee–

Report was given by Doris Shipp with no recommendations.

Other Notes:

- Leonard Shipp and Josh Richards installed new guttering at locations around the church which had needed replaced. They also replaced the broken Nursery door handle and cleaned and buffed the kitchen floor.
- Leonard had Commonwealth roofing company work on the sanctuary leaks. After the last rain, we found a few more leaks to repair. They will be called back to repair the other leaks.

Finance Committee - A set of financial statements were reviewed.

Other Notes:

- Reviewed our September financial statement and year to date statements. Noted our monthly offerings were less than the amount spent. Approved by vote, to move funds from our savings account into checking in order to cover our expenditures for the next two weeks.

Christian Education Committee -

Steve Young shared an update with no recommendations.

Other Notes:

- An update on our Thursday night program was given.

- Our midweek FALL schedule for November and December is as follows

November 6: 5 PM – Youth and Kids; 6 PM – Meal; 6:30 PM – Young and older Adults;

November 13: Youth Revival & Potluck with pizza; (Postponed)

November 20: Church wide Bowling Party;

November 27: Thanksgiving

December 4: Christmas Caroling;

December 11: Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 18 - January 1: Christmas Break

- Some recent midweek activities enjoyed by the church have been a movie night at the church with popcorn, candy, and sodas and a Thursday night potluck.
- Steve Young's S.S. Class continues their series on Sunday mornings called "Heaven - It's Not What You Think," a Chip Ingram video session about "Why Heaven Matters."
- All adults are invited to join the class any Sunday at 9:30 AM. Steve Skipper's Youth S.S. Class has also started this series.
- Our young adult group recently led our Sunday morning service. They did a very good job.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship

Report was given by Elder Doris Shipp.

Other Notes:

- A choir director applicant practiced with our choir and led a worship service recently; He will work with us again October 23rd and 26th.
- Ethan Harbour and Sadie Greever will be playing for us in November.
- Our Souper Sunday with the potluck was a great success. There were about eleven different chili and soup entrees made and enjoyed by the group. Special thanks to Doris for coordinating the meal.
- Reviewed church ministry calendar with target dates being set for the following:
 Shoe Boxes (October 12 - November 16),
 Loaves and Fishes (November 2 - 23),
 Veteran's day (November 9),
 Fruit Plates (November 23),
 Hanging of the Greens (November 30), and
 Gift To the King (December 21),
 Cantata yet to be scheduled.
 Carol Hawkins will be coordinating the Veteran's Day service and recognitions.

NEW BUSINESS

Finalized our Elder Shepherding Ministry. The Elder Shepherding letters will be sent out to each 'Sheep' in the program advising them of their Elder Shepherd.

Discussed a special payroll promotion offered through our insurance carrier Brotherhood Mutual. Ministry Works Payroll is working with Brotherhood Mutual to help churches. Our current payroll company is Paychoice. After comparing the two companies' offers, the Session approved by vote to hire Ministry Works Payroll as our new payroll company beginning January 1, 2015.

Pastor Rodney shared an update on Elder Dick Gregory's condition and needs. Doctors have given approval to allow Dick to return to using his wheel chair. However, his 'Sip and Puff' electric wheel chair is in need of new batteries and possible repairs. Costs were estimated to be upwards of \$1,000. Dick has met his maximum insurance costs to date and most things he needs are out of pocket expenses. They have put their home in the hands of a realtor to sell. The Session wanted to provide some financial assistance at this time. The Session approved a motion by vote to spend up to \$1500 to help pay for the wheel chair batteries and needed repairs.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting with Janet offering the closing prayer.

The November Stated Meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2014 after church.

Session Clerk, Laura Kaelin.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



- November 4th
NATIONAL ELECTIONS
VOTE
- November 9th
VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE
Living veterans honored
- November 16
SHOE BOXES dedicated
- November 20
BOWLING PARTY
- November 23
LOAVES AND FISHES dedicated
- November 27th
THANKSGIVING
- November 29
DECORATE CHURCH for ADVENT
- November 30
HANGING OF THE GREENS
First Sunday of ADVENT

CHURCH WIDE BOWLING PARTY

will be Thursday the 20TH at 6 PM at Dixie Bowl in Valley Station. Please come and bring your family and a friend. Enjoy watching if you don't bowl! Bring some money for for your refreshments. See you there!!!

November Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers



Nov. 1 Blake Peniston
Nov. 13 Eloise Becker
Nov. 13 Laura Dittmeier
Nov. 15 Carol Hawkins
Nov. 17 Holly Dean
Nov. 21 Steve Skipper
Nov. 22 David Dittmeier
Nov. 22 Teri Peniston
Nov. 23 Ron Caster
Nov. 23 Darrell Scott
Nov. 27 Ethel Scott

Nov. 30 Ron & Wanda Caster

Nov. 22 David Dittmeier
Nov. 22 Teri Peniston
Nov. 23 Darrel Scott

USHERS NEEDED. If you would like to serve as one of our USHERS, please let Michele O'Meara know.

November 2
Karen Faughender & Josh Richards
November 9
Laura Kaelin & Laura Dittmeier
November 16
Blenda & Zoe Allamon
November 23
Teresa & Scott Taylor
November 30
Ralph & Carol Hawkins

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker
7250 National Turnpike # 107
Louisville, KY. 40214
368-0590

Jewell Day
4616 Picadilly AVE.
Louisville, KY. 40215
361-0068

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

Connie Petty
4936 Swaps Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216
447-5580

Dawny Porter
4035 Blanton Lane
Louisville, KY. 40216

Dick Gregory
Brownsboro Hills Nursing Home
Room F-1
2141 Sycamore Ave
Louisville, KY 40206

WARMEST
CHRISTIAN
SYMPATHY

to Josh Richards and family at the recent death of his father Billy Hatcher. Mr. Hatcher, 47, of Louisville, KY passed away on October 6, 2014. Billy was born on August 23, 1967, in Louisville to Wayne and JoAnn Hatcher. He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne; and brother, Dicky Hatcher.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Hatcher; daughter, Mallory Hatcher; sons, David (Britney) and Joshua Richards; sisters, Mary and Annie Hatcher; uncle, Jimmy Wilson (Carla); grandchildren, Noah and Ashlynn Richards; nephews, Richard Hatcher and Hank Smith; and a host of extended family members. His funeral was on Saturday, October 11 at Newcomer Funeral Home.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

RED TABLE CLOTHS.

The church's red cloth table cloths for the fellowship hall round tables are missing. If you borrowed them at some time, please return them to the kitchen. We need them in November. **Thank You.**



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Ann Rose (Eye Surgery); Nolen Allen; Dick Gregory (Brownsboro Hills Nursing Home) & Mary Alice; Eloise Becker (recovering in Franciscan from a broken wrist); Randi Murray (glaucoma in both eyes); Steve Young; Linda Zimmerman (bone spurs & Achilles tendon)

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Carol Jackson (Pat Harris' mother – House fire); Carl Blacklock (recovery from cancer surgery); Sara Bright (Laura Kaelin's cousin); Clara Goodman (Janet Turner's aunt); Arthur Wells (Cheryl Fugate's great uncle, back cancer)

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White

SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Jewell Day; Connie Petty; Dawny Porter

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.

Dick Gregory

Brownsboro Hills Nursing Home
2141 Sycamore Ave; Room F 1
Louisville, KY 40206



Shively Area Ministries

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

AN ATHEIST'S VIEW ON LIFE

I will live my life according to these beliefs

God does not exist

It is just foolish to think

That there is a God with a cosmic plan

That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing

to the pain and suffering in the world

is a comforting thought, however

It

Is only wishful thinking

People can do as they please without external consequences

The idea that

I am deserving of hell

Because of sin

Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power

“The more you have, the happier you will be”

Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose

In a world with no God

There is freedom to be who I want to be

But with God

Everything is fine

It is ridiculous to think

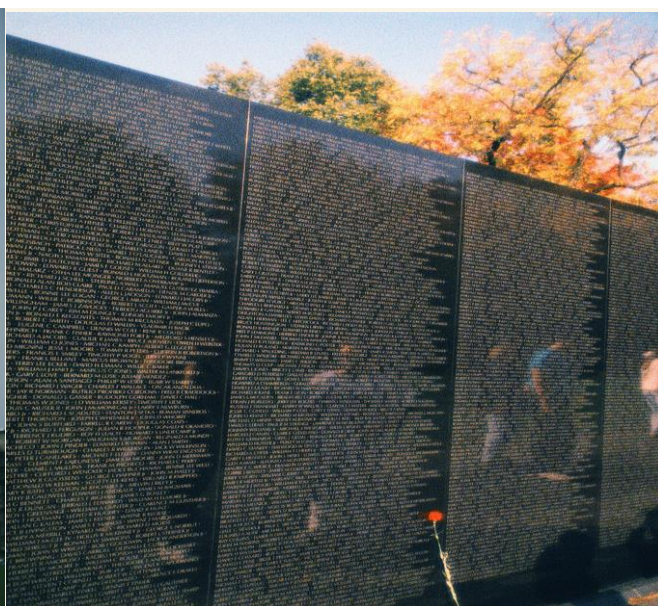
I am lost and in need of saving

A CHRISTIAN'S VIEW ON LIFE

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NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SHOEBOXES MAY BE TURNED IN THE 1 ST 3 SUNDAYS		LOAVES & FISHES WILL BE DEDICATED ON THE 23RD		HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE WILL BE ON THE 30 TH AT 10:30		1 (Snowed last night) All Saints Day
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Stewardship Sunday	3 7:30 - Dartball Home Game	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Honoring Living Veterans	3 7:30 - Dartball Home Game	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3 7:30 - Dartball - Nazarene Church	18	19	20 Travelling thursday 6:00 Church-wide Bowling at Dixie Bowl	21	22
23 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship NOON - sESSION Fruit Plates to Shut- ins	24 7:30 - Dartball - Home Game	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Give Thanks to God	28	29 10:00 DECORATE Church for ADVENT
30 First Sunday in Advent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship HANGING OF THE GREENS / REFRESHMENTS	<u>Philippians 4:6 NIV</u> "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving , present your requests to God." <u>2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV</u> "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."					



WE SALUTE OUR HEROES -- VETERANS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Come pick up your Operation Christmas Child information leaflets now. 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 in India. From a box to a Bible, will you us help us reach our goal?

Deadline to return your box is November 16th.

Use an empty shoebox or plastic shoebox (average size. Wrap your lid and box separately. 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 \$7.00 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: toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, toothpaste;

Accessories: socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands,

Individually wrapped candy (not out dated)

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

The Weatherman



A film crew was on location deep in the desert. One day an Old Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow rain."

The next day it rained. A week later, the Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow storm." The next day there was a hailstorm. "This Indian is incredible," said the director. He told his secretary to hire the Indian to predict the weather. However, after several successful predictions, the old Indian didn't show up for two weeks.

Finally the director sent for him. "I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow," said the director, "and I'm depending on you. What will the weather be like?"

The Indian shrugged his shoulders. "Don't know," he said. "Radio is broken."

Three Hymns



One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

Deduction



Sherlock Holmes and Matthew Watson were on a camping and hiking trip. They had gone to bed and were lying there looking up at the sky.

Holmes said, "Watson, look up. What do you see?" "Well, I see thousands of stars."

"And what does that mean to you?"

"Well, I guess it means we will have another nice day tomorrow. What does it mean to you, Holmes?"

"To me, it means someone has stolen our tent."

The Verdict



After a two-week criminal trial in a very high profile bank robbery case, the judge turns to the jury foreman and asks, "Has the jury reached a verdict in this case?"

"Yes, we have, your honor," The foreman responded.

"Would you please pass it to me," The judge declared, as he motioned for the bailiff to retrieve the verdict slip from the foreman and deliver it to him.

After the judge reads the verdict himself, he delivers the verdict slip back to his bailiff to be returned to the foreman and instructs the foreman, "Please read your verdict to the court."

"We find the defendant Not Guilty of all four counts of bank robbery," stated the foreman.

The family and friends of the defendant jump for joy at the verdict and hug each other as they shout expressions of divine gratitude.

The man's attorney turns to his client and asks, "So, what do you think about that?"

The defendant, with a bewildered look on his face, turns to his attorney and asks, "Well, does that mean I can keep the money, or do I have to give it back?"

Locked Car Door



A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car.

She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that her the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

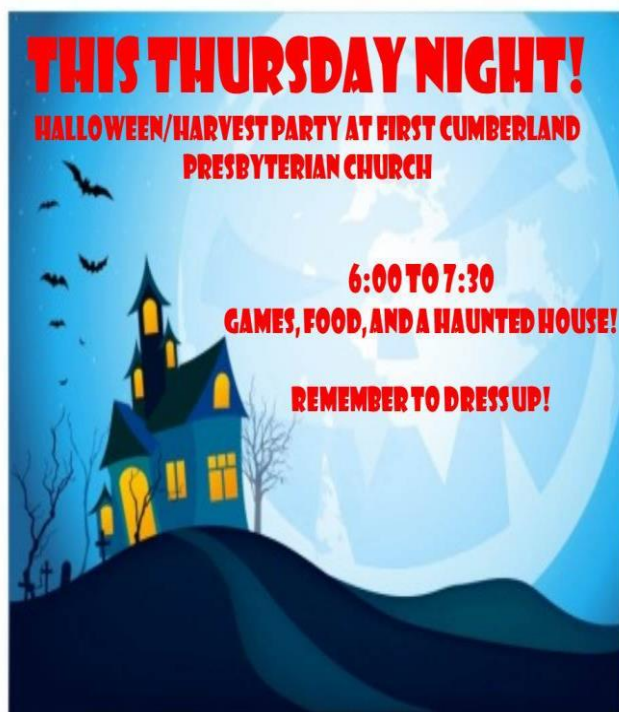
So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"



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