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....

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:
1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself. .... - Copied

-Bro. Rodney
REGULARLY STATED SESSION MEETING – October 18, 2015

The minutes for the meeting of Cumberland Presbytery have not yet made available to read on our presbyterial website - cpcorner.org.

We reviewed the Communion procedures for the October 25th Homecoming service.

Brother Rodney requested a vacation Sunday for November 22. Steve Skipper will fill the pulpit for us that day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds Committee
Rodger will be meeting with the fire extinguisher company for the annual inspection. The men’s restroom urinal is still leaking. We have tried a number of times to repair it but have been unable to. Rodger will seek to get three estimates for this repair as well as installing a new water shut-off valve that is located in the janitor’s closet.

Our custodian will be unable to buff the fellowship hall floor due to being short staffed the next two weeks. Rodger will see that the floor is buffed before our Homecoming.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDANCE:

The minutes of the stated meeting of September 27 had been sent via private Facebook message to the Session and had been read and amended as directed. The minutes were read by clerk Laura Kaelin and placed in the Session records book. These minutes were approved by vote.

Noted that the church will purchase a large box of fried chicken and supply sliced ham as well. Everyone is being asked to bring their favorite dishes, salads, and desserts.

Approved giving Bro. Rob and Judi a $200 honorarium for travelling to Louisville and celebrating Homecoming with us.

Noted that Mary Ann Robinson will oversee the purchase of the Christmas Poinsettias this year for the congregational requests.

Noted that the Hanging of the Greens service will be on Sunday morning, November 28th during the 10:30 AM service. Sandwiches, chips, and cookies will be served afterward for all to enjoy.

A review of the church ministry calendar is as follows:

Homecoming with Communion (October 25); November 1-Love Loaves and Fishes kick-off (Returned November 22); November 8-Veteran’s Day Service with Carol Hawkins coordinating; November 22-Fruit Plates for Shutt-ins; November 28-Decorate the church for Christmas; November 29-Hanging of...
the Greens (We are hoping to have some joint Advent services with HeartSong Church); December 24-Candlelight Come and Go Communion (5 - 7 PM).

**Finance Committee**

A set of financial statements for September were reviewed and approved by vote. Noted that our expenditures were more than our income again this month. Discussed our financial shortfall and the decline in our regular giving. Signed an informational letter to be sent out to our congregation about our current situation and our financial needs.

**Christian Education Committee**

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

Approved a new Thursday night schedule for November and December.

It is as follows.

- 4:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM - Young Adult Group
- 6:00 PM - Meal
- 6:30 PM - Children, Youth, and Adult group

The recent Thursday night travelling night involved a trip to the Highlands area to watch the Halloween Parade.

It was enjoyed by a number of people and all returned safely.

All reports were approved by vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reviewed our new Elder Shepherding Ministry groups.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2015 after church.

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

Laura Kaelin, Session Clerk

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**Welcome New Members**

Danny Ray Allen
Liz Ann Middleton
October was an exciting month at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church!

We enjoyed a service that featured the blessed singing of Todd Bodenheimer, who after singing gospel during the service, performed a full Elvis Presley tribute show in the fellowship hall. Despite being born some twenty to twenty-five years after Presley’s death, our youth really enjoyed the show and made several requests of Todd.

Our homecoming service was a big success and there were many people that expressed a desire to have a homecoming service more often. Our building has housed a lot of love through the years and there are so many hearts that have been touched by God within our doors. Please continue to pray for our wonderful church and invite your friends!

Our Halloween party and haunted house was a great success for us. Many church members came in costume and enjoyed food and candy, a lip-syncing battle, and Laura Kaelin led the children in an adorable Monster Mash dance! Elizabeth Heiskell stepped up to the plate at the last minute for us and solved our technical difficulties with our sound system and became our compère for the event.

Our haunted house was different than most, but still very scary. It bypassed the gratuitous violence of most spook houses and incorporated an interactive mystery story that involved ghosts. Reverend Harris, Caleb O’Meara, Christian O’Meara, Zoe Allamon, Aleah Sanders, Jarred Daher, and I all directly participated in putting on the show. All together we had eleven new guests to our church at our Halloween party!

Building on a point in Reverend Truitt’s homecoming message, we will continue to be innovative for God at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Invite your friends to our loving community as we continue to do exiting and unique things at our church through the month of November!

-Steve Skipper  
Young Adult & Youth Leader
November Birthdays and Ushers … Living Veterans

Happy Birthday

MILITARY SERVICE HEROES - LIVING VETERANS

November 1  Blake Peniston
November 13  Eloise Becker  
(Homebound - send a card)
November 13  Laura Dittmeier
November 15  Carol Hawkins
November 22  David Dittmeier
November 22  Teri Peniston
November 23  Darrell Scott
November 27  Ethel Scott  
(Homebound - send a card)

Ralph Hawkins
John Lee
Bob Rose
Garvin Scott
Robert Spivey
Scott Taylor

November 1  Steve Skipper & Caleb O’Meara
November 8  Scott & Teresa Taylor
November 15  Ralph & Carol Hawkins
November 22  Susie & Laura Dittmeier
November 29  Laura Kaelin & Liz Ann Middleton

We need your help. Would you be willing to serve as an usher for the church? Let Michele know.

CHURCH SESSION

Rodger Davis, Ralph Hawkins, Laura Kaelin, Steve Skipper, Janet Turner, and
Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY
Patsy Meeks (Knee Replacement Needed); Dawny Porter (Home); Mandy Champa; Steve Young (Surgery Recovery at Home); Bob Rose (Pneumonia - Home); Dick Gregory; Maggie McGrath (Home); Wanda Young (Auto accident); Linda Zimmerman (Foot...Rehab); Garvin Scott; Tony Champa (Health).

RELATIVES & FRIENDS
Paul Hawkins (Prostate Cancer, Ralph’s brother); Tracey Sumner (Health); Helen Day (Loretta Woolf’s daughter in law - Health); Carolyn Paschall (Janet Turner’s Cousin - Leg Amputated); Michael Zimmerman (Crohn’s Disease); Friends of Brenda Sorg (Bucky and Mrs. D.); Dylan Rose (Bob & Ann’s great grandson - Loss of Hearing); 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); Sarah Bright (Laura Kaelin’s cousin - cancer)

MILITARY
Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White; Marty Baldwin
All Service Men & Women

SHUT-INS
Eloise Becker; Connie Petty; Dawny Porter; Dick Gregory; Mary Frances Ford, Garvin & Ethel Scott.

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

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

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

Garvin & Ethel Scott
Atria Stony Brook
Senior Living Center
3451 South Hurstbourne Pkwy
Apartment # 235
Louisville, KY.  40299
(502) 287 - 1449

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

Dick Gregory
Signature Healthcare of East Louisville
Room 326
2529 Six Mile Lane

Dawny Porter
4035 Blanton Lane
Louisville, KY.  40216

Pictured from the left are Garvin and Ethel Scott. Garvin and Ethel were married March 21, 1951 in Jeffersonville, Indiana while serving in the U.S. Army. Just recently they become residents at Atria Stony Brook, Senior Living Center, at 3451 South Hurstbourne Pkwy. Upon moving to Atria, Ethel found a long lost cousin living there as well - Edwina Crume (Macy) Campbell. You just never know who you will come across. It is a small world!
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*Philippians 4:6 NIV*

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

*2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV*

“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.”
A Murder Mystery…
Many enjoyed their roles while others were solving the mystery.

The Second Floor is an interactive mystery haunted house hosted by First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Admission is free, but not everyone who enters is guaranteed to be successful and solve the mystery! Join us for this special haunted experience and for our annual Halloween party on Thursday October 29th at 6:00.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
4610 Manslick Rd
Louisville, Ky 40216
(502) 365-3834

Will you survive The Second Floor?
SOME GREAT COSTUMES. GUESS WHO?
SOME FUN & GOODIES DURING THE MYSTERY MURDER THEATER
KICK OFF TO HOMECOMING …
ENJOYING A MEAL AT THE
CARDINAL HALL OF FAME CAFE
HOMECOMING FELLOWSHIP MEAL ... GREAT FOOD ... DELICIOUS DESSERTS ... VISITING WITH FRIENDS ...
BLESSED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILIES ...
WORSHIPING TOGETHER
INSPIRATIONAL PREACHING ...
SHARING PERSONAL STORIES

BREAKING OF THE BREAD ...
DRINKING THE FRUIT OF THE VINE ...
THE BODY OF CHRIST
THANK YOU 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 help us reach our goal?

Deadline to return your box is November 15th.

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

From the Mouths of Children

NUDITY
I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

OPINIONS
On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

KETCHUP
A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

MORE NUDITY
A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

POLICE # 1
While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

POLICE # 2
It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

ELDERLY
While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

SCHOOL
A little girl had just finished her first week of school. I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"
A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments. "Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

"Listen," St. Peter said. "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we've ever seen."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."