

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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Though the day our nation sets aside to honor our mothers is now past, I still want to wish all our ladies a happy Mother's Day! I trust that each of you had a great day. The rest of us need to remember that we should honor and celebrate our mothers each and every day, not just on the second Sunday of May each year. In honor of our mothers, I want to share the poem I adapted and read last Sunday morning during our Worship Service.

*There are angels God puts on this earth, who care for us and guide us.  
We can feel their love and gentleness as they walk through life beside us.*

*They do great things for us each day, they whisper in our ears,  
they even hold us in their hearts when we are filled with all our tears.*

*They are always there to give a hug and try to make us smile.  
They treat us with respect and love, they treat us as their child.*

*God blessed us with an angel, we're proud to call our own.  
She's been with us throughout our lives, been with us as we've grown.*

*She's guided us the best she can, she's taught us like no other,  
and we're thankful we're the lucky one who gets to call her Mother.*

As we continue through the sermon series, *How to Enjoy the Rest of Our Lives*, ponder this: Like a cool, cleansing shower on a hot sweaty day, God's forgiveness washes away not only our sins, but their tormenting guilt. God goes into the depths of our inner being and provides the magnificent relief that only he can bring—peace and the joy that accompanies it. If we are harboring some sin, we cannot expect to enjoy freedom from guilt. This is because secret sin cannot coexist with inner peace and lasting joy. Few grinds are more galling than the grind of an unforgiven conscience. It is awful! And few joys are more relieving than having our sins forgiven. It is wonderful! I hope to see you at church this Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### **Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry**

Our ladies' ministry is starting a **Bible Study** on "*Soul Feast*", by Marjorie Thompson, which is a book on spiritual disciplines. They will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. **The first study will be this coming Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.** The remaining studies will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 27<sup>th</sup>. This book is NOT available at Cedar Springs Christian Book Store, but gently used books are available on Amazon, (ISBN 978-0-664-22947-4). You will need a book for the first session, reading the first chapter before the first meeting. All the ladies of the church are welcome and invited to participate.

### **Friendship Club**

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. We will gather at **Rafferty's Restaurant** for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is already a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore automatically invited to attend this and all monthly outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Church Office.

### **First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship**

This coming Sunday afternoon, May 17<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Group is going **bowling!** Right around the corner, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, they will have their **Youth Group Camp Out and Fundraiser—Camp Fire Breakfast!**

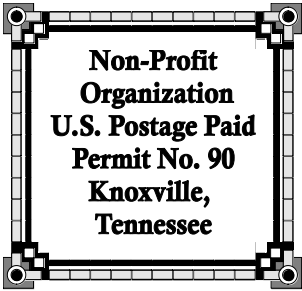
### **Camp Chilhowee**


**Junior Camp:** June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> — cost is \$130.00 (early bird cost is \$120.00 if registered by May 29<sup>th</sup>)  
**Middle School Camp:** June 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> — cost is \$150.00 (early bird cost is \$140.00 if registered by May 29<sup>th</sup>)  
**High School Camp:** June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> — cost is \$150.00 (early bird cost is \$140.00 if registered by May 29<sup>th</sup>)  
**Registration Packets are available in the Church Office.**

### **Garage Sale**

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be held Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, this year. We will start accepting donations after Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. So as you Spring clean, please think about things that you want to get rid of and donate them to the **Garage Sale**.


*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to **worship** Christ, **evangelize** the lost, **love** one another and our neighbor, and **learn** more about our God.*





### Happy Birthday

May 17-23  
20 - Max Haddox  
21 - Robyn Halbert



Stewardship Report May 10, 2015	
Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	75
Offering.....	\$3,248.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$25.00

Activities for May 17-23, 2015	
Sunday,	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

*Among Our People*

The Tennessee Wesleyan Collage softball team, of which **Stephanie Bridges** is a member, is in Montgomery, Alabama, this week playing in the NAIA Regional Tournament . . . At West High School’s end-of-the-year program last week, **Dawn Curtis** earned three “Best of West” awards; *Outstanding U.S. Government Student*; *Outstanding College Prep Chemistry 1 Student*; and *Outstanding Business Student* . . . **B.F. Daniel** is still under hospice care . . . **Ada Ladd** is out of the hospital and back at her home . . . **Georgia Moore**, Jewell Kerr’s sister will have surgery this Thursday, May14<sup>th</sup> . . . **Becky Radar** still has shingles . . . **Josh Rech** now has his Driver’s Learning Permit . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . **Tara Shelley** is expecting a baby girl . . . **Jessica Walker** recently finished her first year of Pharmacy School at UTHSC and was presented with a white coat during the White Coat Ceremony . . . **MariKate Walker** just graduated from Milligan College having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Youth Development . . . **Lois Witmer** is still in Pennsylvania visiting family . . . Apparently, last Saturday was First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Day at Dollywood as **James, Laura, and Sarah Grace Paschke; Justin, Julie, Josh, Jennifer, and Josey Rech; Jonathan Spencer; and Pastor Mike and Joanna**, along with their middle daughter and oldest grandson (**Jennifer and Rex Hayes**) spent the day there . . .

**Vacation Bible School**

Our **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (note the change of the traditional format from Sunday through Wednesday to Thursday through Sunday). **VBS** will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. with a “light supper” with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. The kids will be singing during our Worship Service Sunday morning, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and we will have a closing cookout that Sunday evening. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberlander*.



### Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Judy Gammon @ Tennova Hospital, North

**Health and Prayer Concerns** (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); **JUDY GAMMON**; Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); **GENE MCCAMMON**; Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (mother of Mary Wegman); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (coworker of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Lois Witmer; Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox)

*Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list; call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net*

**Chapel Cushion Fund**

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to reupholster the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$727.01 has been contributed to this fund. Though this is a homeschool initiated project, anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.

**New Sunday School Class**

We are starting a **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so). A planning meeting over lunch at a local restaurant will be held Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, following our Worship Service.