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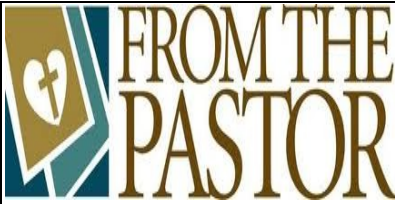
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 16, 2014



Palm Sunday was another great day to be at First Church. Our choir did an outstanding job of presenting the musical, "Testimony of Life" and we were blessed by having special guest **Paul Hutchison** play the guitar for us. **Paul** and his family were part of the church I served in Birmingham, Alabama, though they now live in Washington D.C.

Over the years, Joanna and I have been privileged to build relationships with several folks who, even though they are not biological relatives, are part of our family. The **Hutchisons** fit into that category. Another such family member will be with us this coming Thursday and Sunday, as **SooEun Kang (Kayla)** will be here from Soul, South Korea. **Kayla** was a foreign exchange student who lived with us for nearly a year in Millbrook, Alabama. At the time, she was a sophomore in high school. She has just graduated high school in Korea and is back in America visiting with us for a few days.

Remember the challenge for this coming Sunday, April 20th: I want us to have 150 or more people present for the 10:45 a.m. worship service on **Easter Sunday**. For this to occur, two things need to happen. First, you need to make a commitment to be here yourself. We simply cannot meet this challenge without you being here. The second thing that needs to happen is for you to bring someone with you to worship the risen Christ. Can we meet the challenge? I believe we can!

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at the Riverside Grille, in Oak Ridge, at 11:00 a.m., this coming Wednesday, April 16th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. You, yes you, are invited to attend.

Sow Generously for FISH

Last Saturday was our last bagging session for this year's **FISH** campaign, and we had a record turnout as 23 people gathered to fill the bags in just 25 minutes. This team consisted of **Steve McCurry; Jim, Christina, and Dawn Curtis; Stephanie and Daniel Saults; Mike Wilkinson; J. David Hester; Rue Dougherty; Tammy Eblen; Hannah Haddox; James, Sydney, Emma, and Eli O'Neal** and friend **Mary Jefferies; Tom, Donna, and Mari Kate Walker; Mike and Ann Bachman; Jonathan Spencer; and Becky Radar**. The Church of the Savior will take care of the last two Saturday baggings. I will have the final numbers at the end of the month. Many thanks to all who contributed to **FISH** in various ways this year. May God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community. —**Betty Hammill**

It's Egg Hunt Time in Tennessee!

Our annual **Egg Hunt** is this coming Saturday, April 19th, at 11:00 a.m. The **Egg Hunt** is for kids from birth to fifth grade. Please bring one dozen candy-filled plastic eggs to the church for each child in your family that will be participating. Even if you don't have children involved, we would like for each family to donate a dozen candy-filled plastic eggs. You can drop them off at the Church Office, or bring them the day of the event. There will be games and crafts, lunch, and of course an **Egg Hunt!** If you would like to help in any way, please see **Julie Rech** or **Laura Paschke**.

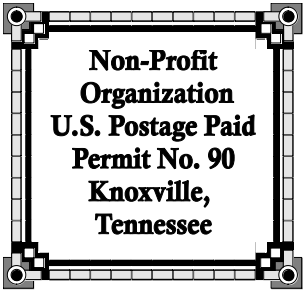
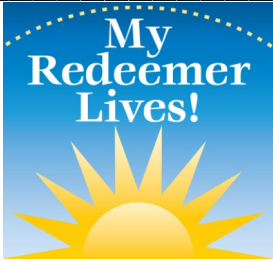
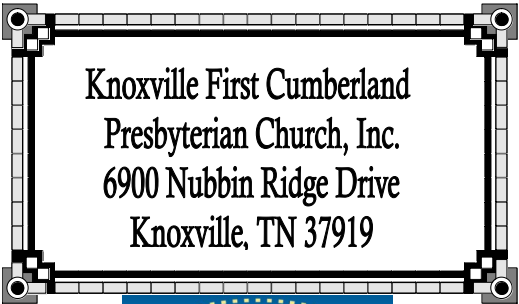
Holy Week Schedule

April 17 th , 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service; includes <i>The Lord's Supper</i>
April 18 th , 12:00 noon	Area Good Friday Worship Service; at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
April 19 th , 11:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt; for kids from birth to fifth grade
April 20 th , 7:00 a.m.	Son-rise Service; in the Chapel
April 20 th , 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
April 20 th , 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
April 20 th , 10:45 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service; includes <i>The Lord's Supper</i>

Vacation Bible School

This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be June 8th-11th; more details will be in next week's newsletter.

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



April

22-Brandon Sprague
25-Steve McCurry



Activities for April 20-26, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report April 13, 2014

Sunday School.....	56
Worship.....	94
Offering	\$2,724.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
FISH.....	\$1458.00

Among Our People

Betty Hammill home from trip to Tusculoosa AL to visit grand-son **Carson** ... The **Friendship Club** meets for lunch this Wednesday, April 16, 11:00, at Riverside Grille, Oak Ridge ... Sympathy to **Cliff Parrott** in the death of his 102-two-year-old cousin, **Mary Jo Poehler (Sissy)**, who died last week in Calif.; **Cliff** has gone to Kansas City for funeral this week ...

There will be a workday at Camp Chilhowee on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Contact Jim Curtis for more information.

Summer Church Camp News

The schedule for church camps has been announced:
Middle School Sunday June 1st-6th
High School Sunday June 8th-13th
Junior Sunday June 15th-19th
Contact Jim Curtis or Pastor Mike for more information.

Note from Stewardship and Finance Committee

We would like to make a suggestion to all who purchase items / things for the church and turn in a receipt for reimbursement. If you are going to purchase items, please get a copy of our tax exempt certificate and a church check so you will not have to pay sales tax and then the church will also not have to pay sales tax. Another way to save the church from paying unnecessary sale tax is for you to turn in your receipt to the office and we will credit you with a "Gift-In-Kind" and this counts towards your giving and is a tax deduction for you come tax time. Every little bit helps!

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman's mother); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack Gaston; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer's); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Becky Rader; Brandon Hargutt; Alice Montgomery; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); Mary Safewright; Virginia Brown (Kim Halbert's grandmother); the family of Mary Jo Poehler (Cliff Parrott's cousin)

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

Can I Be Sure I'll Get into Heaven?

by Rick Warren

***"Those who hear my words and believe in him who sent me have eternal life. They will not be judged."* (John 5:24b GNT)**

Jesus' death and Resurrection release us from judgment. You may imagine a day of judgment where you're standing outside the gates of Heaven in a really, really long line, and you're slowly moving forward, one step at a time. As you get closer, you start to sweat and wonder, "Am I going to get in? Am I going to make it? Is God going to use a giant TV screen to show every dumb or evil thing I've ever done? Will my every sin be exposed?"

I have good news for you; it's a promise of Jesus Christ. The Bible says that those who believe in Jesus — his death and Resurrection — will not be judged (John 3:18).

Here's the real picture: You're standing in line waiting for the judgment. Jesus sees you and says, "I know you. We've been friends for years. You put your trust in me back in 2014 at Easter. Come with me. Get in the express lane. You get the fast track. You get to bypass the judgment." In fact, God is erasing, erasing, erasing all the time. Forgiving, forgiving, forgiving all the time. He's sitting in Heaven, hitting the "delete" button.