

# The Cumberland

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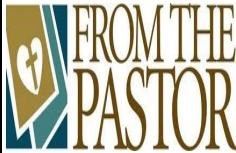
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 27, 2015



Though, people honored the graves of the war dead in our country even before the Civil War, the national **Memorial Day** observance, originally known as **Decoration Day**, was first observed on May 30, 1868. The concept originated in the mind of General John Alexander Logan, who dedicated this day to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead. Later, **Memorial Day** was expanded to encompass all those who sacrificed their lives for their nation, from the Revolutionary War to the present. Initially, **Memorial Day** was observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>. In 1971, Congress changed the national observance of **Memorial Day** to the last Monday of May. As Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said in his **Memorial Day** address back in 1884, **Memorial Day** “. . . celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith.” Regrettably, **Memorial Day** is more celebrated today as a holiday—a day off from work, a day at the lake, a day to have a cook out—than the day of grateful reflection it was meant to be. While there is nothing inherently wrong with a day off from work (I myself took the day off), a day at the lake, or a day to have a cook out (Joanna and I had a cook out at our house), we must remember that to fully celebrate **Memorial Day** means to honor America’s military personnel who lost their lives in various wars. Though this year’s celebration of **Memorial Day** is now passed, we can still give thanks to God for the freedoms we now enjoy due to the efforts and sacrifices of our military personnel.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,  
*Pastor Mike*

### **New Sunday School Class**

The planning meeting for our **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so) is this coming Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, following our Worship Service. Everyone interested in attending and supporting this new class is invited to join Pastor Mike and make the plans over lunch at McAlister’s Deli, Dean Hill (232 Morrell Road).

### **Thank You**

Special thanks to **Paul Pipkin, Justin and Josh Rech, Jim Curtis and Tom Witmer** for cutting down several dead trees on the church property. At least one more dead tree will be cut down in the near future.

### **Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry**

**Bible Study:** The next meeting of our **Ladies’ Bible Study** will be this Saturday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 2 in “*Soul Feast*”, by Marjorie Thompson. All the ladies of the church are welcome and invited to attend.

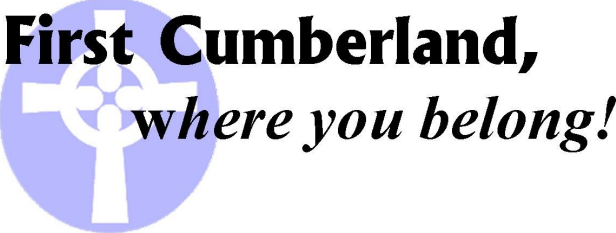
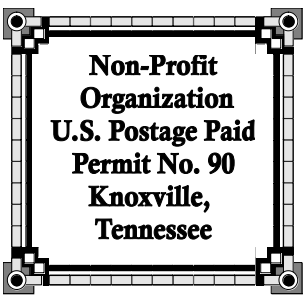
**Cirlee:** The **West Circle** of our ladies’ ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch—drinks and dessert will be furnished. All the ladies of the church are invited.


**Care Ministry:** Our ladies’ ministry has begun a new **Care Ministry** to provide food for the congregation when needed (hospitalization, funeral, etc.). The ladies are divided into three groups—mostly geographical—with two co-chairwomen heading each group. This will done on a rotating basis. The co-chairwomen will be handing out to each lady the list she is on over the next few Sundays. If your phone number is wrong or unavailable, please give your chairwomen your correct number. Thank you for your assistance and may God bless us as we participate in this very important ministry.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Our **Vacation Bible School** is fast approaching (Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>). We need to borrow a few things to help us decorate for **VBS**. We need: Mexican blankets, throw pillows, and solid color flat sheets. These items will be returned once **VBS** is over. Also, beginning this coming Sunday, CDs of the **VBS** music will be available for the kids to familiarize themselves with the songs before **VBS** begins; parents, see **Joanna Wilkinson** to get a copy of this CD for your child(ren). **VBS** will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. with a “light supper” in our Gym, with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. in our Chapel, 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.


*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 27-June 2**  
30 ~ Scott Roberts



Stewardship Report May 24, 2015	
Sunday School.....	34
Worship.....	68
Offering.....	\$1,416.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1,755.00

Activities for May 27-June 2, 2015	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	12:30 p.m. New Sunday School Class
	Lunch—McAlister's Deli
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

*Among Our People*

**B.F. Daniel** is still under hospice care . . . **Cooky Dyer** has been released from the hospital and is back home . . . **Carl Kissiah**, Joanna Wilkinson's father, spent several days in the hospital last week; he is now out of the hospital and is gone on a cruise . . . **Georgia Moore**, Jewell Kerr's sister, does not have cancer (PTL!), but she will have surgery to remove a benign tumor in the near future . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . **Tara Shelley** is expecting a baby girl . . . **Geneva Stout**, Kim Halbert's great-aunt, is in the hospital recovering from surgery following a fall . . . **Laci Witmer** received a good report from the cardiologist last week . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **O'Charlie's Restaurant** (8077 Kingston Pike) 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 in on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

**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. Donations are now being accepted. To insure that someone is here to receive your donations, please call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your donations.




# Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Geneva Stout, great-aunt of Kim Halbert  
@ Harlan ARH Hospital, Harlan, KY

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; 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 Cooky 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); **CARL KISSIAH** (father of Joanna Wilkinson); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; **FAMILY OF 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); **GENEVA STOUT** (great-aunt of Kim Halbert); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Lois Witmer

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

**Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the Family of **Mary McJunkins**, Mary Wegman's mother, who passed away last week.

**Chapel Cushion Fund**

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to replace the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$727.01 has been contributed to this fund. Although this is a home-school 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**.