

# The Cumberland

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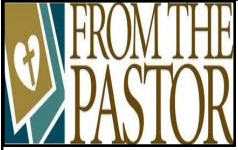
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 22, 2017



By now, you are aware that our Choir is joining with the Choir of **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge** to present the **Easter** musical, *"Because He Lives"*. There will be two presentations; one on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oak Ridge Church, with the second presentation on **Palm Sunday**, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., here at our church. Though it will be the same presentation at both churches, I want to encourage you to attend both musical worship services. I encourage you to do this for two reasons: 1) Your attendance at both services will demonstrate your support for our excellent music ministry here at First Cumberland (our Choir and its leaders work very hard to present the best musical worship possible); and 2) It gives us the opportunity to develop relationships through fellowship with other Cumberland Presbyterians. With this second reason in mind, we will be hosting a **Pot-Luck Dinner** following the joint presentation here.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Water Angel Ministry

The next collection date for bottled water to be distributed to the homeless in our community through **Water Angel Ministry** is this coming Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>; please leave your donation in the hallway, inside the side entrance of the church.

### FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Thanks to your generosity over the past few years, no additional funds to buy food to stock the shelves of the **West Knox FISH Food Pantry** are needed right now. We will be bagging groceries for needy families on Saturdays April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., at the pantry site (Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road); you can sign up to help bag on the **FISH** bulletin board in the Narthex. Also, the groceries from Second Harvest Food bank will be delivered to the pantry on Tuesday, March, 28<sup>th</sup>; volunteers are needed to help unload that day, the time will be announced this coming Sunday. Thank you for your support in helping to alleviate hunger in our community.

### Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at **Wright's Cafeteria** (5403 North Middlebrook Pike), at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

### Easter Celebrations

- ⇒ The Choirs of **Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church** and **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge** are joining together to present the **Easter** musical, *"Because He Lives"*. The first presentation will be Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oak Ridge Church. The second presentation will be **Palm Sunday**, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., here at First Cumberland; a **Pot-Luck Dinner** will follow the musical.
- ⇒ Our **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** will be Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Our **Community Good Friday Worship Service** will be Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon, at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**.
- ⇒ Our annual **Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.; lunch will be provided in our Gym.
- ⇒ Our **Easter SonRise Service** will be Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m., in our Chapel; **Breakfast** in our Gym will follow. This meal will conclude in time for everyone to attend **Sunday School** at 9:45 a.m.
- ⇒ Our **Easter Worship Service** will be at its regular time (10:45 a.m.); as part of this celebration of the Resurrection, our Choir will sing *"Hallelujah"*, which is a rendition of the *"The Hallelujah Chorus"* from Handel's *"Messiah"*; we will also celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during this service.

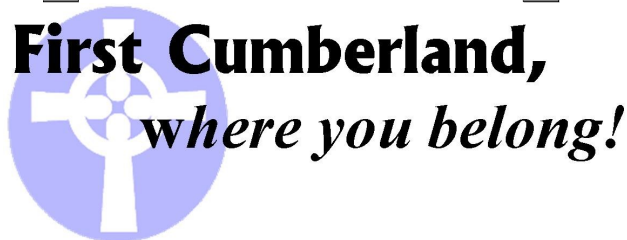
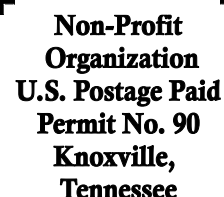
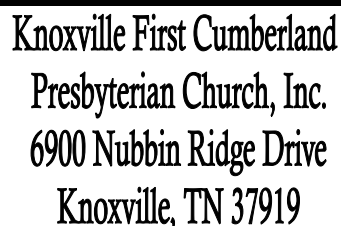
### Youth News

- ⇒ On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, our Youth will help bag food at the **FISH Food Pantry**, then they will return to our church to help set up for our **Egg Hunt**. Parents please drop your youth off at the pantry site by 9:15 a.m. After the bagging is completed, **Scott and Amanda Roberts** will transport them to our church to help with the **Egg Hunt**.
- ⇒ On **Easter Sunday**, April 16<sup>th</sup>, our Youth will prepare and serve breakfast between our **Easter SonRise Service** and Sunday School. Everyone is encourage to attend as this will be a fundraiser (donations requested) for our Youth Group! Parents please have your youth at the Kitchen off the Gym by 7:00 a.m.

### Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at **Sam and Andy's Restaurant** (2613 Adair Drive, Fountain City), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

*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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>st</sup>**

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26<sup>th</sup> — **Lisa Booker**

## Our Faithfulness Record for March 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School	52
Worship Service	72
Offering	\$4,372.50
Building/Lighting Fund	\$20,000.00
Building Reimbursement	\$40.00
Music Fund	\$75.00
Youth Fund	\$60.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00

## Activities for March 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:30 p.m.	CPWM Planning Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

## Among Our People

**Mike Bachman** spent a few days in the hospital last week as a follow-up to his recent surgery. ~ Congratulations to **Hailey Davis**, granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer, for qualifying to represent the state of Tennessee in the Region 8 Level 9 gymnastics championship to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina, April 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Jack Gaston** continues to recover at home after his recent hospitalization. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

## Special Guest

It was great having **Christina, Ethan, and Amelia Hinkle**, daughter and grandchildren of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson, worshiping with us last Sunday. ~ It was great having **Leonette Ware**, sister of Sam Ware, worshiping with us the previous Sunday. (Her name was inadvertently left out of last week's newsletter.)

## CPWM'S Planning Committee

**Our Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry's Planning Committee** will meet this coming Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m., at the home of **Betty Hammill**; lunch will be provided.

## Egg Hunt

We are in need of plastic eggs filled with candy for our annual **Egg Hunt**. Please drop your donations off in the Church Office between now and Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Prayer Concern List

## In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time.



## Prayer Concerns

Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Charlotte Byrd; ***Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries***; Maxine Curtis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Mark Hester; Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Pat Housley (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Edna Hughes (sister of Rue Dougherty); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); ***our Kids Hope USA ministry***; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; **FAMILY OF BARBARA MULLENAX**; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrot (son of Cliff Parrot); Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); ***persecuted Christians around the world***; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marilyn Ritchey (daughter-in-law of Marlene Ritchey); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Shane Thompson (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codee Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards)

*Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.*

## Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Barbara Mullenax** (longtime church member who has been in a nursing home for several years; she is also the aunt of Carol Long). Please remember this family in your prayers.

## Church's Website

The church's website, [www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four **Worship Services**.