

The Cumberland

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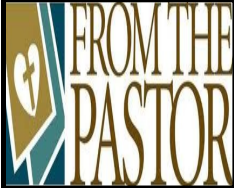
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 2, 2016



"Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. . . . Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago, Taking children on His knee, Saying, 'Let them come to me.' . . . Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me on my way. He's prepared a home for me, And someday His face I'll see. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so." Sometimes we adults think of this great hymn as a children's song, and as such, we dismiss it as cute and sweet. When we do this, we miss the theological depth of this simple tune—the love of Christ and the reliable testimony of Scripture. **Romans 5:8** says: ". . . *God shows his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*" [NCV] Ponder this verse the next time you sing/hear this "children's song".

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Church-wide Spring Work Day

We will be having a **Church-wide Spring Work Day** on Saturday, March 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and lasting until the last person leaves. The purpose of this **Work Day** is to beautify our church grounds following the Winter season, so things such as trimming the hedges, spreading pine straw, planting flowers, raking leaves, picking up limbs, etc. will be taking place, and everyone who is physically able is need to help out; so bring your yard tools and join us—as they say, "The more the merrier."

Holy Week Schedule

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| Sunday, March 20 th | Palm/Passion Sunday |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Thursday, March 24 th | Maundy Thursday |
| 6:30 p.m. | Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i> |
| Friday, March 25 th | Good Friday |
| 12:00 noon | Community Worship Service (at Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, 711 Northshore Drive; Pastor Mike will be one of the speakers) |
| Saturday, March 26 th | Holy Saturday |
| 11:00 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Sunday, March 27 th | Easter Sunday |
| 8:00 a.m. | SonRise Service (in our Chapel) |
| 8:45 a.m. | Continental Breakfast (in our Gym) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i> |

Easter Musical

Our **Choir** will present this year's **Easter Musical**, "*Behold the Lamb*", in three parts. Part One will be presented on **Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 20th; Part Two on **Maundy Thursday**, March 24th; and Part Three on **Easter Sunday**, March 27th. Mark your calendar and make your plans now to attend each of these special services, and while you are at it, invite a few family members and friends to join you.

2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign

April is our month to stock the West Knox **FISH Food Pantry**. We order our groceries from Second Harvest Food Bank. I have set our combined goal as \$4,500.00 this year. Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church has already sent us a check for \$1500.00, and our partner church, the Church of the Savior United Church of Christ, also helps us with the finances. This means that First Cumberland needs to raise at least \$1,500.00 for this campaign. Our bagging sessions will be on two Saturdays, April 2nd and 9th. We will begin at 9:30 a.m., and usually work for about an hour at the pantry site, on the grounds of the Church of the Savior. Second Harvest will be delivering our order of food sometime in the morning of the last week of March—the day to be announced later—and I will need help transporting 200 plus cases of food into the pantry. If you can help to bag on these two Saturdays in April, please sign-up on the FISH Bulletin Board in the Narthex. If you wish to contribute to this cause, make your check out to the church and mark it for FISH. I thank you in advance for your support and assistance. May our church be truly blessed as we help to alleviate hunger in our community. — **Betty Hammill**

*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.*

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Happy Birthday

March 2nd~8th

5th ~ Emma O’Neal

Stewardship Report February 28, 2016

Sunday School.....47
Worship Service.....73
Offering.....\$5,484.20
Memorial.....\$25.00
FISH Food Pantry.....\$126.00

Activities for March 2-8, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Dick Booher remains at his son’s home, in Morristown, recovering from surgery; he has now started physical therapy on his shoulder . . . Congratulations to **Stephanie Bridges** on being accepted to the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . Congratulations to **Kari Summers** on being selected as Head Majorette for the University of Tennessee’s Pride of the Southland Marching Band . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** received good news from her doctor’s appointment last week, the cyst/mass appears to be benign; nonetheless, she met with surgeon on Monday, February 29th, (her appointment was after the newsletter went to print) to set a time to remove and biopsy the cyst/mass . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, March 16th, at **Cheddar’s Casual Cafe** located at 8390 Kingston Pike (in front of Bearden High School). The gathering will take place at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. Feel free to invite non-church members to join you for this event.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

A **Planning Meeting** for our ladies’ ministry will be held Sunday, March 13th, at Betty Hammill’s house (505 Bardon Road), following our Worship Service.

Missions and Outreach Committee

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, March 20th, following our Worship Service.

“ . . . ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, and all your mind.’ ”
[Matthew 22:37, NCV]

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

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

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Pat Beeler (friend of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLosier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby Girl (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**, Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Mary Safewright (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Tom Witmer

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

Church’s Website

The church’s website, **www.first-cumberland.org**, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

A Point to Ponder

“When the church acts with generosity to serve others, it is a clear picture of Christ, who at the cross generously gave His life and all that He had so that we might find life forever.” — Pastor to Pastor e-newsletter