

The Cumberland

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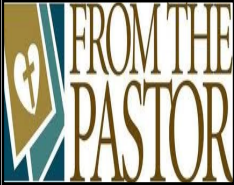
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 27, 2016



Former pastor, **R. David Lancaster**, has established a special memorial fund at Bethel University in the name of his late wife, **Barbara (Barb)**. The purpose of this fund is to enhance the ability of our Cumberland Presbyterian university to provide better training for ministry students who wish to specialize in children's Christian education. From the time she was in college and until the last few years, including her time here at First Cumberland, **Barb** devoted her incredible skills and devotion to teaching children how to become a Christian and to develop their faith through the study of the Bible and worship. **David** plans to use this memorial fund to hold an annual series of lectures by known authorities in evangelical children's Christian education and to add various media resources to Bethel University's library collection. At our meeting last Sunday night, our *Session* decided to contribute \$500.00 to this fund on behalf of our entire congregation and because of the impact **Barb** had on you or your children/grandchildren, we thought that several of you might want to contribute as well. If so, simply make your check out to Bethel University, and clearly mark it for the "**Barbara H. Lancaster Ministry to Children Fund**" on the memo line. Then mail your check to Bethel University, 325 Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201. All contributors will receive invitations to all the events sponsored by this fund, as well as be made aware of all acquisitions of materials that are collected. On behalf of **David**, I want to thank you for any contribution you make to this memorial fund, and I want to encourage you to pray that to the glory of God this fund will make a difference in the lives of children throughout the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Our duties for stocking the **West Knox FISH Food Pantry** in the month of April are almost over. I will have the final counts for you next week. Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral will be stocking in May; they will be bagging this next Saturday, April 30th. **Jimmy Curtis** will be getting bread for our freezers this week for the last time. I want to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given to the **Fish Food Pantry Campaign** yet another year in helping to feed the hungry in our community. God bless you all!—**Betty Hammill**

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

This coming Sunday evening, May 1st, our ladies' ministry will be hosting **Sally Cox**, a former member of First Cumberland, who will be sharing her story of healing. The event will be held in the Keene Room, at 5:00 p.m. Following listening to **Sally's** exciting story, a light supper will be served. All the ladies of the church are encouraged to mark this date down on your calendar and plan to attend. Feel free to invite ladies from outside our congregation (family, friends, neighbors co-workers, classmates, etc.) to attend with you.

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet next Tuesday, May 3rd, 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 to attend.

Youth News

On Sunday, May 22nd, our **Middle School Youth** will have lunch at the church following our Worship Service. After the meal, they will work on making visitor packets for our first-time guests, and then have time for archery lessons/practice. Parents need to pick up their youth at 2:00 p.m.

Summer Youth Camps

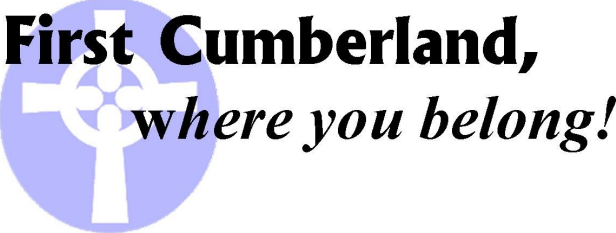
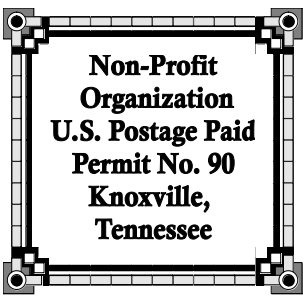
The Presbytery of East Tennessee has set the camping dates for Camp Chilhowee; they are as follows: **Junior Camp** (for those who have completed third through fifth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 5th-9th; cost is \$130.00 per camper; \$120.00 if preregistered by May 28th; **Middle School Camp** (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 12th-17th; cost is \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28th; and **High School Camp** (for those who have completed ninth through twelfth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 19th-24th; cost \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28th. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Marlene Ritchey**, who passed away in Arizona last Tuesday night, April 19th. The funeral service was held here at First Cumberland last Monday evening, April 25th.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Mary Cregger**, who passed away last Thursday evening, April 21st. The funeral service will be next Tuesday, May 3rd, at 1:00 p.m., at Rose Mortuary Broadway Chapel; visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

*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 27th–May 3rd

29th ~ Jin Gaston
29th ~ Barbara McCammon
2nd ~ Ann Bachman
2nd ~ Amanda Roberts



Stewardship Report April 24, 2016	
Sunday School.....	37
Worship Service.....	84
Offering.....	\$4,266.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$75.00
Building Repair Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Memorials.....	\$50.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for April 27-May 3, 2016	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	5:00 p.m. CPWM Meeting and Supper
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People


It was great having **John and June Givens** (Chrissy Collins’ parents); **Joe, Mona, and Hannah Kerr** and **Mindy and Gene Landry** (Jewell Kerr’s family); **Paul Pipkin**; **Bill and Steven Ritchey** (Marlene Ritchey’s son and grandson); and **Caleb Russell** worshiping with us last Sunday . . . It was also great having **Lois Witmer** back worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Dick Booher** remains at his son’s home, in Morristown; he is still undergoing physical therapy on his shoulder and will not return home until sometime mid-May . . . Congratulations to **Stephanie Bridges** on receiving the 2016 Tennessee Wesleyan Athletic Director’s Award for women sports based on performance on the field and in the classroom; she also received the 2016 Academic Award for the TWC Softball team . . . **Kristi Summers** is now in New Zealand on rotation from pharmacy school . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** remains off work while she recovers from her surgery . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to battle chronic anemia . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 18th, at **Lakeside Tavern**, located near the Concord Marina on Northshore Drive, at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Chair Give-away

We still have several metal folding chairs to give away. If you would like one or more of the chairs, simply call the Church Office and schedule a pick up time. The chairs will be stored in the hallway next to the Gym until they are gone. The chairs are free to anyone or any church that would like to have them and is willing to pick them up




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 (former caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); **FAMILY OF MARY CREGGER; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world***, 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); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); 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); Jewell Kerr; 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); **FAMILY OF MARLENE RITCHEY**; Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew 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; Lois Witmer; 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.

JESUS IS LORD!