

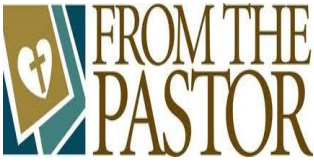
# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" March 4, 2015



Last Sunday morning, during the sermon, I said that when Jesus instructed His followers that we must deny ourselves in order to follow Him, He was not referring to giving up chocolate or soda for *Lent*, but rather, He was telling us to place our values ahead of our needs. I also said, “Maturity can be defined as the ability to be values-driven rather than needs-driven.” During the message I missed a great opportunity to share a wonderful example of someone doing that very thing. Last Saturday afternoon, the family of Charlie Pipkin was receiving friends at the funeral home. As Joanna and I were telling Charlie’s son, Paul, goodbye and that we would see him the next day, I mentioned that we where headed to the store to buy some flatware for our new home. We have at least two sets of flatware somewhere in storage, but I thought it would be easier to buy an inexpensive set than spend a lot of time looking through the storage unit. Anyway, when I said that to Paul, in spite of his great need for comfort and solace, one of his core values (generosity) leapt to the forefront as he told us to go by Dr. Hester’s house and retrieve the flatware we had been using there; Dianne readily agreed. Even in his hour of great need, Paul was thinking of others. I am sure that this is the type of attitude Jesus had in mind when He told His followers that we must deny ourselves. Thank you Paul Pipkin for your wonderful example of discipleship.

The other day, I received an e-mail from a recent out-of-state visitor. She visited on the day we met for worship in the Chapel. I want to share with you a portion of her note: “I wanted to send you a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed visiting the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church last Sunday with my brother (David Collins) and family. He’s spoken so highly of the friendly congregation . . . and now I can certainly understand why. . . .” I share this note with you so that I can say thank you for being a friendly congregation (sadly, so many are not), and to once again say how blessed I am to be your Pastor.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Charlie Pipkin** (Paul Pipkin’s father) who passed away last Thursday morning, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### FISH Food Pantry Campaign

It is time to begin our **FISH Food Pantry Campaign** for 2015. Our goal this year is raise a total of \$4,500.00. Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church assists us every year and has already sent us a check for \$1,500.00. Our partner church, Church of the Savior, helps us both with funding and with bagging. This means that we will only need to raise somewhere between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 by the end of March. If you would like to contribute to this cause, make the check out to the church and mark it for **FISH**. I want to thank Steve McCurry who does all the figuring and ordering from Second Harvest Food Bank around the middle of March. Our needs include 6-8 people to help us unload the 200-plus cases of food into the Pantry after being delivered by Second Harvest the last week of March, the exact time to be announced later; we need 10-12 people to help with the bagging on Saturday mornings at 9:30 at the Pantry site on these dates – March 28, April 4, and April 11 (which the youth will take care of) – please sign up on the **FISH** bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help on any of these dates; and we need prayer to cover all aspects of the campaign. The book of Proverbs tells us – “A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” May we be blessed as we share our food with the poor in this upcoming Fish Campaign.

—Betty Hammill

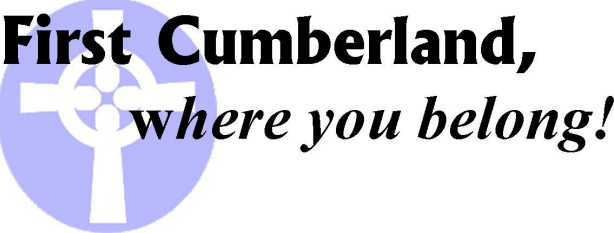
### Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Aubrey’s Restaurant** (6005 Brookvale Lane, between North Weisgarber Road and Northshore Drive, near the interstate) 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 is on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Church Office. It is not necessary to sign-up in advance, but it is helpful in making reservations.

*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 8-14

8-Kathy Hammill-Byers  
9-Jewell Kerr  
13-Chrissy Curtis  
14-Susan Edwards

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| Stewardship Report March 1, 2015 |            |
| Sunday School.....               | 49         |
| Worship.....                     | 77         |
| Offering .....                   | \$9,658.75 |
| FISH Food Pantry.....            | \$330.00   |

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| Activities for March 8-14, 2015               |            |                 |
| Sunday,                                       | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School   |
|                                               | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Wednesday,                                    | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice  |
| (See web site for complete calendar listings) |            |                 |

*Among Our People*

**Dick Booher** is still at his son’s house in Morristown as he recovers from kneecap replacement surgery . . . **Hailey Davis** competed in the Derby Classic gymnastics event in Louisville, Kentucky, last weekend . . . **Edna Fleenor** is now at NHC, Saint Mary’s for rehab following her recent hospital stay . . . **Gracie Hayes** is awaiting the results from her recent medical tests at Vanderbilt Hospital . . . **Marlene Ritchey** continues under hospice care; you may contact **Marlene** via mail; her address is 475 Jacks Canyon Road; Apt. 222; Sedona, Arizona 86351 . . .

Surprise Birthday Party  
Final Reminder

This announcement does not appear in **Jewell Kerr**’s special edition of *The Cumberlander*.

**Jewell Kerr** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. In honor of this occasion, her children would like to invite the entire congregation to a catered luncheon at the church immediately following the Worship Service this coming Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Again, this is supposed to be a surprise, so please do not let **Jewell** know. Shhhhhh!!!

Committees

Our *Missions and Outreach Committee* welcomes **Ann Bachman, Scott Roberts, and Joanna Wilkinson** as its newest members. If you would like to serve on any of the church’s committees (*Building and Grounds; Christian Education; Mission and Outreach, Stewardship and Finance, or Worship*), please contact Pastor Mike.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time no one associated with First Cumberland is in the hospital. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Roy Acuff (brother of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); **BRENDA BURKE** (Lois Witmer’s sister); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston’s sister); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; **BRIAN MIGAS** (Margaret Migas’s son); **JONATHAN MIGAS** (Margaret Migas’s son); Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder’s aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); **FAMILY OF CHARLIE PIPKIN** (Paul Pipkin’s father); 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 (Justin Rech’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (friend of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (Betty Hammill’s great niece); **JOY TAYLOR**; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox)

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*

Prayer List Updates

We are now CAPITALIZING and **bolding** the names of people the very first time they appear on our Prayer List in both the newsletters and the bulletins. Please regularly read these lists and let the Church Office know of any updates, changes, or corrections that need to be made to them.

Just a Thought

“Don’t cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it.” —anonymous