

# The Cumberland

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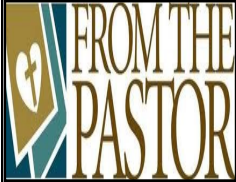
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### Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 23, 2016



As I said in last Sunday's message, "The *Palm Sunday* parade was merely a prelude to the cross of *Good Friday*—not an end in itself. The cross was the moment to which Jesus had pointed His whole life. The death of Jesus on the cross and His subsequent burial on *Good Friday* reveals the reality of our sin, and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on *Easter Sunday* cancels the power of sin. *Palm-slash-Passion Sunday* is ecstasy and agony jammed against each other. With this in mind, let us not rush to hear the hallelujahs of *Easter* this week—instead, let us wrestle with the paradoxes of *Holy Week*—with the passion, or suffering, of Jesus that secured our eternal salvation."

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i>
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon	<b>Good Friday</b> Community Worship Service (at Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, 711 S. Northshore Drive; Pastor Mike will be one of the speakers)
Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 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 the final two sections of this year's **Easter Musical**, "*Behold the Lamb*", in three parts on **Maundy Thursday**, March 24<sup>th</sup> and on **Easter Sunday**, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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

Wow, thank you for your very generous offering of \$3,094.00 last Sunday! With the contribution from the Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church, this brings our total to \$5,443.00. We have passed our goal and will definitely not need any more contributions this year. Steve McCurry ordered our food this week and has asked for the order to be delivered on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. We will confirm this date when Second Harvest confirms it with us. Our first bagging session will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at the pantry site. Sign up on the **FISH** bulletin board if you can help on this date. Thank you again for your generous contribution and overall support. May our church be truly blessed as we help to alleviate hunger in our community.— **Betty Hammill**

### Youth News

Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> (All Youth need to be at the church by 10:30 a.m. to help hide the eggs for the younger children.)
Saturday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m.	<b>FISH Food Pantry Bagging Session</b> (Following the <b>FISH</b> Bagging Session, the high school youth will hike at Ijams Nature Center; bring a sack lunch.)

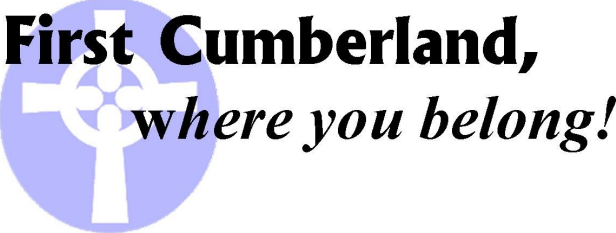
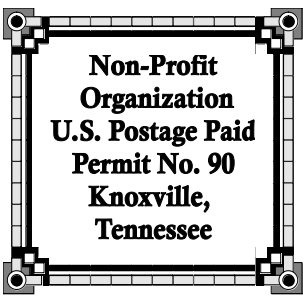
### Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for toddlers through fifth-grade children will be this coming Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.; lunch will be served. This is not merely a children's event; it is for the entire family, and indeed for the entire church family. So come out and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. We are still in need of candy-filled plastic eggs for the hunt; donations may be dropped off in the Church Office or left at the doors under the portico (side entrance) if no one is at the church when you come by.

### Tables and Chairs Give-away

New tables and chairs for the Gym have been donated to the church. This means that we have several eight-foot long folding tables and metal chairs to give away. If you would like one or more of these items, they will be available for you to pick up following the **Egg Hunt** this coming Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, or at your convenience. They will be stored in the hallway next to the Gym until they are gone. These table and chairs are free to any church member/regular attender who wants them; they are also free to any Cumberland Presbyterian Church that receives this newsletter.

*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 23rd-29th  
26th ~ Lisa Hayes



Stewardship Report March 20, 2016	
Sunday School.....	49
Worship Service.....	80
Offering.....	\$14,264.25
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$3,094.00
Youth Fund.....	\$44.00

Activities for March 23-29, 2016		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday:	12:00 noon	Good Friday Service
Saturday:	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	SonRise Service
	8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service - Easter
(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 is currently undergoing physical therapy on his shoulder, but should return home in early April . . . **Mary Cregger** remains in Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center . . . **Hailey Davis** competed in the state gymnastics championship last weekend and qualified for the regionals . . . **Cliff Parrot** has a staff infection in his leg . . . **Tom Parrott** (son of Cliff Parrott) had a stroke Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>; he is now home recovering . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Elaine Stapleton** had several skin cancers removed last week . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** will have surgery on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; at that time they will remove and biopsy the apparently benign cyst/mass . . . **Lois Witmer** is in Parkwest Medical Center with an infection . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at **S&S Cafeteria** located at 4808 Kingston Pike, at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

**Homeschool Sunday**

As most of you know, First Cumberland hosts three Christian homeschools during the school year. After working with our **Missions and Outreach Committee** and the leaders of these homeschools, we have decided to host our first-ever **Homeschool Sunday** on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Various homeschoolers will be participating during the Worship Service, and we will have a **Potluck Lunch** following the service. With our new table and chairs, we now have the capability of seating 160 people for a meal; therefore, the goal is to have at least 160 present that day for the service and lunch. Make you plans now to attend.




## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Mary Cregger @ Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center  
Lois Witmer @ Parkwest Medical Center

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); Judy Gammon; 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); 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); Marlene Ritchey; Mary Safewright (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **ELAINE STAPLETON**; Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); 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; **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](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

“ . . . ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’ ” —Mark 16:6, NIV