

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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As this edition of our weekly newsletter is being prepared, I am in Kansas City, Missouri, attending the North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy at the invitation of our denominational Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits. If all goes as scheduled, I will be back in Knoxville late this Thursday afternoon, April 30th, and will be back in the Church Office Friday morning, May 1st. If you need me while I am out of town, you should be able to reach me via e-mail at PastorMike@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net or on by cell phone or text message at 205-533-2001; you will probably have to leave a message and I will then return your call and/or text as soon as I can.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

We had a great crew to show up last Saturday to help fill 157 bags in our last bagging session. This crew consisted of Tom, Marikate and Donna Walker: Jimmy, Dawn, Chrissy, Justin, Chris and Patrick Curtis: Mike and Ann Bachman: James, Sidney, Emma and Eli O'Neal: Christy Collins: Susan Edwards: Jon Spencer: Pastor Mike: Steve McCurry: Betty Hammill. Jimmy Curtis will be picking up our final load of bread this week. Our month of responsibility is almost over. I will have the final numbers for you soon. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Upcoming Bible Study: We are going to begin a Bible Study on "*Soul Feast*", by Marjorie Thompson, which is a book on spiritual disciplines. We will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., May 16th, May 30th, June 13th, and June 27th at the church. The book is available at Cedar Springs Christian bookstore or I am sure it can be ordered (ISBN 978-0-664-22947-4). You will need a book for the first session, reading the first chapter before the first meeting. We welcome all who want to come and participate.

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 20th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Rafferty's Restaurant** 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.

Spring Fling/Picnic

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** is sponsoring a church-wide **Spring Fling/Picnic** this coming Sunday, May 3rd, following our Worship Service. Thanks to a gift certificate from Archer's BBQ, the church will provide the meat (pulled pork, chopped chicken, and hot dogs) and the drinks; you are asked to bring your favorite side-dishes and/or a dessert. We will have food, fun, games, blowups, music, hay rides, face-painting, horseshoes, and a prize walk (think "cake walk" with various prizes instead of cakes). Bring a lawn chair and be prepared to spend the afternoon in fellowship. Since the **Spring Fling/Picnic** will take place right after our Worship Service, you are encouraged to wear casual clothes to church that day. **Classical Conversations** (one of the home school groups that meet at our church) will be joining us for this event.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

This coming Sunday, May 3rd, our Youth will be helping with games/activities at the **Spring Fling/Picnic**. On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, our Youth Group is going **bowling!** Right around the corner, June 13th and 14th, we will have our **Youth Group Camp Out and Fundraiser—Camp Fire Breakfast!**

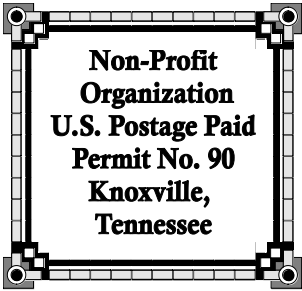
West Circle


We will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich – drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite the ladies of the church to join us.

Garage Sale

The annual garage sale will be held July 17 & 18 this year. We will start accepting donations after May 14. So as you spring clean think about things that you want to get rid of and donate them to the garage sale.

*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

May 3-9

3-Charlotte Byrd
6-Josh Rech
7-John Golliher



Stewardship Report April 26 2015	
Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	82
Offering.....	\$3,387.75
Chapel Cushion Fund.....	\$142.01
Building Reimbursement.....	\$25.00
Music Fund.....	\$60.00
Benevolence Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for May 3-9, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Spring Fling/Picnic
Tuesday,	11:00 a.m..	West Circle
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

Congratulations to **Stephanie Bridges** for being named 2015 AAC All Academic and AAC Second Team All Conference in softball . . . **B.F. Daniel** is still under hospice care . . . **Becky Radar** fell and cracked two ribs requiring a trip to the Emergency Room; she is now back at Echo Ridge Retirement Community . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . **Joy Taylor** has a herniated disc in her back and will have surgery this Wednesday, April 29th . . .

Vacation Bible School


Our **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, through Sunday, June 14th (note the change of the traditional format from Sunday through Wednesday to Thursday through Sunday). **VBS** will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. with a “light supper” with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. The kids will be singing during our Worship Service Sunday morning, June 14th, and we will have a closing cookout that Sunday evening. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberlander*.

New Sunday School Class

We are starting a **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so). A planning meeting over lunch at a local restaurant will be held Sunday, May 24th, following our Worship Service.

Work Day

The women are planning a work day on Wednesday, May 13th, at 9 am. We are going to deep clean the Keene Room. Come if you can, stay as long as you can and help us clean the Keene Room. We will have additional work days to target certain other areas in our church.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital


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

Health and Prayer Concerns

(alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Bill Halbert; Gracie Hayes; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); 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); Warren Luhn; Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (mother of Mary Wegman); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; 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; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); 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 (mother of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (coworker of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Karen Ware; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Lois Witmer; 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



Chapel Cushion Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to reupholster the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$727.01 has been contributed to this fund. Though this is a homeschool initiated project, anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.

Lay Ministry Corner

“You get to choose every act you make, but God will choose the consequences.”—*Christianity Today*
—submitted by **Donna Walker**