

# The Cumberland

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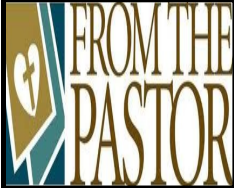
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

February 24, 2016



Words cannot begin to express how grateful Joanna and I are for the opportunity God has given us to serve Him here at First Cumberland. On a regular basis, this congregation expresses its love and appreciation for us, and each and every time, our hearts are overwhelmed. Last Sunday morning was just the latest expression of this, but not only does this congregation love us, and we love you, it is obvious that as a congregation, we love each other. Jesus said, in **John 13:35**, **“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”** [NIV] It seems to me that we have a congregation made up of Jesus’ disciples.

The narration of our upcoming **Easter** musical begins with these words: “We are people of the risen King. That is why we gather not only today, but every Lord’s Day. We come to praise Him, singing as one voice. We also come today especially to remember Jesus and His journey—first to the Passover table, then to the cross of Calvary, and beyond the empty tomb. And He invites us to savor those moments in fellowship with His people. He bids us come to celebrate His love, His mercy, His forgiveness, and His gift of eternal life. . . .” I think these words capture the intent of the **Season of Lent**, so I ask you to ponder them this week as you prepare for Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Church Pictorial Directory

If you (members and regular attenders) have not yet had your picture taken or submitted a digital picture for our new **Church Pictorial Directory**, please either contact **Jimmy Curtis** (865-382-8947) to schedule a time before the end of February to have your picture taken or submit a digital picture to the Church Office ([FirstCPC@KFCPC.comcast.biz](mailto:FirstCPC@KFCPC.comcast.biz)) by the end of the month. Also, please make sure the Church Office has your updated contact information (address; telephone number; e-mail address; birth date with year; and anniversary date) so the new directory will be as accurate as possible.

### Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
6:30 p.m.	Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i>
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b>
	Community Worship Service (time and place to be announced later)
Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
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

At this time, the plan is for our **Choir** to present this year’s **Easter Musical**, **“Behold the Lamb”**, in three parts. Part One will be presented on **Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 20<sup>th</sup>; Part Two on **Maundy Thursday**, March 24<sup>th</sup>; and Part Three on **Easter Sunday**, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

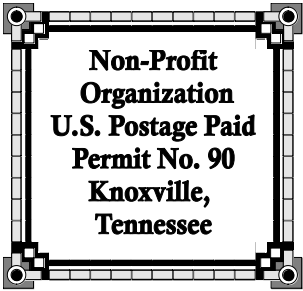
### Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry


The **West Circle** of our ladies ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are both invited and encouraged to attend.

### Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Ada Ladd**, who passed away Monday morning, February 22<sup>th</sup>. The funeral arrangements are incomplete as this newsletter goes to print; the Church Office will send out an e-mail with the arrangements once they are confirmed. Please keep this family in your prayers.

*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

February 24th-March 1st

28th ~ Sam Ware



Stewardship Report February 21, 2016	
Sunday School.....	46
Worship Service.....	73
Offering.....	\$2,523.85
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1,230.00

Activities for February 24 ~ March 1, 2016	
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	4:30 p.m. Missions/Outreach Committee
	6:00 p.m. Session
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m. West Circle
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

*Among Our People*

**Dick Booher** is still at his son’s home, in Morristown, recovering from surgery . . . **Hailey Davis** (granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer) competed in the *Everest Classic* gymnastics event, in Concord, North Carolina, last week-end; she placed first in the beam and second all around in Level 9 . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** has a doctor’s appointment this Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, to find out about a cyst discovered on a recent scan . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at **Aubrey’s Restaurant** located at 6005 Brookvale Lane (near the intersection of Northshore Papermill Drives). 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.

**Missions and Outreach Committee**


Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** will meet this coming Sunday afternoon, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m., in the Keene Room. The committee would like to welcome its newest member, **Emily DeLozier**.

**Session**

Our **Session** will meet for its regular monthly meeting this coming Sunday evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.

**A Point to Ponder**

“God answers our prayers not because we are good, but because He is good.” — **A.W. Tozer**




## 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); **FAMILY OF ADA LADD**; 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.

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.” - Romans 13:8, NIV