

# The Cumberland

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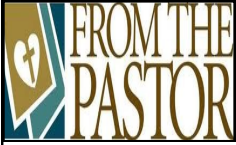
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 24, 2017



**Memorial Day**—to some, it is merely a holiday marking the beginning of Summer; to others, it is just a day off from work, a three-day weekend; to still others, it is day for family fun (cookouts, swimming parties, boating, etc.); and to yet others, it is a solemn day to remember all those who have died during the previous year. To the war veteran and to the families of fallen soldiers,

**Memorial Day** carries significance so deep that words cannot express their hearts. Those who are personally affected by war understand and appreciate this day of remembrance in a way that many of us cannot. What should we say to those who have lost a loved one while in service to this country? “Happy Memorial Day” does not seem fitting; “I am sorry for your loss” may be closer to appropriate. The American soldier who gave his or her life for you and I to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness will not be telling us how to observe this special day, but I would suggest that we do so by giving praise to God for those who gave their lives so that we might enjoy ours. If you personally know someone whose family member gave his or her life in service to our country, I would further suggest that you express your appreciation to them because their loved one’s sacrifice follows the example of Jesus Christ laying down His life for our freedom; it is a selfless love for others, and that is something worthy of celebrating this coming Monday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Presenting this Spring’s Graduates

Congratulations to **Dawn Curtis** upon her graduation with honors from West High School; she graduated with awards in web development and English. **Dawn** will be attending Pellissippi State Community College this Fall, majoring in web development.

Congratulations to **Rachael Owen**, a regular visitor, upon her graduation from Bearden High School; she was a four-year member of the Marching Band. **Rachel** will be attending Pellissippi State Community College this Fall.

Congratulations to **Nicole DeLozier**, daughter-in-law of Tom and Emily DeLozier, upon her graduation from the University of Tennessee’s College of Veterinary Medicine; **Nicole** finished in the top ten percent of her class.

### Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner for the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at **Peros on the Hill** (7706 Northshore Drive, Rocky Hill), at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

### Vacation Bible School

The theme and dates for this year’s **Vacation Bible School** here at First Cumberland are as follows: The theme is “**Camp Out: Getting S’more of Jesus**” and the dates are Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Dinner on Friday evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. and lunch on Saturday will begin at 12:00 noon. A **Vacation Bible School Pool and Ice Cream Party** will be held that Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dianne and Paul Pipkin (1725 Covey Rise Trail).

### Summer Camps

**Registration Forms** for **Camp Chilhowee** are available in the Church Office. **Junior Camp** (completed grades 3-5) is Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>; cost is \$120.00 per camper if paid before Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and \$130.00 if paid after this date. **Junior High Camp** (completed grades 6-8) is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$140.00 per camper if paid before Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, and \$150.00 if paid after this date. **High School Camp** (completed grades 9-12) is Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$140.00 per camper if paid by Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and \$150.00 if paid after this date. Make checks payable to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and send both the Registration Forms and the fees to the following address: Presbytery of East Tennessee, P.O. Box 1767, Greenville, TN 37744. **The High School Camp is in need of both a female and male counselor.** If you are interested in filling one of these volunteer positions, contact Pastor Mike.

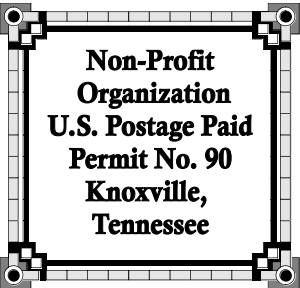
### Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies’ ministry will meet on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. This is a change from their usual Tuesday morning meeting. They will be having a **Pot-Luck Luncheon**; and all the ladies of the church are invited to attend.


### Water Angel Ministry

This coming Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, is once again our time to support the **Water Angel Ministry**. Please bring your case(s) of bottled water to the hallway by the overhead entrance. Ask for help unloading, if you need it. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

*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.*




First Cumberland,  
where you belong!



Happy Birthday

May 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

30<sup>th</sup> – Scott Roberts



Our Faithfulness Record for May 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Sunday School	46
Worship Service	72
Offering	\$16,782.00
FISH Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Memorial Fund	\$300.00

Activities for May 24 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Monday:	Office Closed for Memorial Day
(See our website for complete calendar listings)	

**Among Our People**


**Ann Bachman** had the cast removed from her foot and the pins removed from her toes on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Mike Bachman** had two arterial stents implanted on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>; he is out of the hospital and doing well. ~ **Phil, Bonnie, and Stephanie Bridges** are in Chicago this week. ~ **Peggy Bradshaw**, mother of Dianne Fielder, is at Tennova Residential Hospice. ~ **Danny Eblen** will have a stress test on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Bill, Kim, and Robyn Halbert** are in Pawley’s Island, South Carolina, this week. ~ Congratulations to **Lindsay Rakes** and her Powell High School softball team for placing first in their region, thus qualifying to go to state tournament next week in Murfreesboro. ~ **Amanda Roberts** will have a carotid ultrasound (Doppler) on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. ~ **Millard Summers**, father of Steve Summers, had surgery on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>; he received a great report—no cancer! ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments; she received a great report from her CT Scan last week—the tumors have shrunk significantly. ~ **Tom and Lois Witmer** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Special Guests**

It was great having **John and June Givens**, parents of Crissy Collins; and **Sarah and Nick McGill**, daughter and son-in-law of Dottie Small; worshiping with us last Sunday. (These were the guests who signed the Registration Pads.)

**Friendship Club**


The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at **The Chop House** (4870 Harvest Mill Way, off Broadway), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.



Prayer Concern List

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time.



**Prayer Concerns**

Mildred Acuff; Ann and Mike Bachman; Lee Barron; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Hannah Davis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); **DANNY EBLEN**; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Mark Hester; Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Pat Housley (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Keith Lunsford (cousin of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Peter McNamara (friend of Hannah Haddox); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Cliff Parrott; Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); **AMANDA ROBERTS**; Pauline Sherrod (friend of Lois Witmer); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spaulding (homeschool student); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); **MILLARD SUMMERS** (father of Steve Summer); Shane Thompson (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codee Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike)

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](#).

**Garage Sale**

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are now accepting donated items; you can bring them with you on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights and place them in the church’s basement, or you can call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your item(s).