

# The Cumberland

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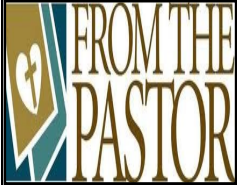
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 4, 2016



On occasion, I have said that we need to do more than take a bath/shower and put on clothes in preparation to worship the risen Jesus on Sunday mornings. A pastor-friend of mine expressed this same thought in his newsletter article last week; I would like to share it with you: ***"What if church members begin their own form of sermon preparation? For many decades, stress has been given to the role of pastors in sermon preparation. The pastor has been encouraged to study deeply, prayerfully, for hours to prepare to preach on Sunday. But what if church members prepared for each Sunday's sermon? What if they believed their roles as recipients of the word needed deep, prayerful preparation? I want to challenge you to prepare for next Sunday's Sermon. How? 1) Pray for the sermon; ask God to put in your pastor's heart the message you need to hear. 2) Pray for your pastor; ask God to fill your pastor with the Holy Spirit both in preparation and delivery of the message. 3) Pray for yourself as you prepare to hear the sermon; pray that God will help you stay focused as your pastor preaches; ask God to speak to you. 4) Take notes; this will help you stay focused. Review the notes later on and you'll be surprised how much more you will remember about the sermon. 5) Seek an application to your life; how might this message change you? 6) Share with your pastor 'one thing'. If the message makes a difference, what was it; what will take away from the sermon that has touched you? By the way, this will also work for Sunday school teachers and Bible study leaders. They need us to prepare for the lesson they are preparing to teach as well."***

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### **2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign**

Our month for stocking the **West Knox FISH Food Pantry** is over. Here are the numbers: We were left 394 bags by the church stocking the month before us; we packed 546 bags during April; there were 773 bags used during April; we left 137 for the church following us; and we served 2,134 people. We spent \$2,508.24, plus the donated food estimated to cost \$1,250.00, totaling \$3,758.24. Our total contributions (including Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Church of the Savior United Church of Christ) amounted to \$6,517.00, which means we have \$4,008.76 to fund next year's campaign. I want to thank all who contributed to the success of this ministry of helping to feed the hungry in our community. Till next year!—**Betty Hammill**

### **Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry**

We thank **Sally Cox** for the inspiring story of both her and her daughter's healing at our **CPWM Meeting** last Sunday evening. The program, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you, **Sally**, for coming and sharing what God has done in your life.

The number 1 and 2 groups of the **Women's Care Ministry** have recently provided food for the Ritchey and Cregger families. Group number 3, with **Bonnie Bridges** and **Leigh Ann Summers**, is up next.

### **Youth News**

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, our **Middle School Youth** will have lunch at the church following our Worship Service. After the meal, they will work on making visitor packets for our first-time guests, and then have time for archery lessons/practice. Parents need to pick up their youth at 2:00 p.m.

### **Summer Youth Camps**

The Presbytery of East Tennessee has set the camping dates for Camp Chilhowee; they are as follows: **Junior Camp** (for those who have completed third through fifth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$130.00 per camper; \$120.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; **Middle School Camp** (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; and **High School Camp** (for those who have completed ninth through twelfth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>; cost \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.

### **Share Your Faith Workshop**

Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church (725 Virtue Road, Farragut) will host a **Share Your Faith Workshop**, featuring **Randall Wood** from **Evangelism Explosion**, on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person; this includes all materials and lunch. To register, contact **Elaine Sexton** at the church (865-966-1494) or **Rev. Steve Graham** via his cell phone (865-206-0012). For more information, you can checkout **Evangelism Explosion's** website: [www.evangelismexplosion.org](http://www.evangelismexplosion.org).

*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

May 4th~10th

6th ~ Joshua Rech

Stewardship Report May 1, 2016

Sunday School.....38

Worship Service.....64

Offering.....\$6,534.00

Building Reimbursement.....\$434.70

Youth Fund.....\$50.00

Music Fund.....\$350.00

Activities for May 4-10, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Mildred Acuff

Dick Booher

Gracie Hayes

Ruth McNabb

Kristi Summers

Joanna Wilkinson

Donna Walker

Sam Ware

Lois Witmer

Tom Witmer

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at **Lakeside Tavern**, located near the Concord Marina off of Northshore Drive, at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Chair Give-away

We still have metal folding chairs to give away. Simply call the Church Office and schedule a time to pick some up. The chairs are free to anyone or any church that would like to have them and is willing to pick them up.

“Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,”—Psalm 33:18, NRSV

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); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world*; 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); 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); **FAMILY OF GEORGE IRISH**; 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); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew 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

Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of George E. Irish**, who passed away April 14<sup>th</sup>, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Church’s Website

The church’s website, **www.first-cumberland.org**, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.