

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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While perusing Facebook last Sunday night, I ran across a post from a friend of mine from Millbrook, Alabama. Part of her post said: ***"Don't just come to church . . . BECOME the church!"*** It gave me great joy, as your pastor, to watch this congregation ***BE the Church*** for one of our own families last Sunday morning. This is not the first time this congregation has done something like this, nor will it be the last, and I am thankful this is true. While again looking at Facebook last Monday morning, I saw a post by Rev. Kevin Wood, my predecessor here at First Cumberland, who is now serving in McKenzie, Tennessee. Kevin wrote: "Some people find it easy to criticize the church for preaching platitudes on Sunday and ignoring real needs the rest of the week." Kevin went on to describe how the congregation he now serves reached out to meet the pressing needs of a family in their church following an auto accident. Again, it gives me great joy to serve a congregation that does not ignore the real needs amongst us. Thanks to your generosity, \$528.00 was donated to a family in great need; groceries from the FISH Food Pantry were given to them as well. Thanks for **BEING the church!**

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

We thank the Church of the Savior for bagging last Saturday. We **WILL** be bagging this Saturday, April 25th, at 9:30 a.m., at the pantry site. Come if you can—we will probably have a lot to fill as there are 4 delivery days next week. This will be our last time to bag. **Jimmy Curtis** will be picking up more bread for our freezers this week—thank you, **Jimmy**. 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.

Work Day: The women are planning a work day on Wednesday, May 13th, at 9:00 a.m. The week before, Maxine Curtis and Betty Hammill will inventory the needs and supplies to determine our course of action. Come if you can to help in this ministry. We will probably have additional work days in the future, to be determined at a later date.

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.

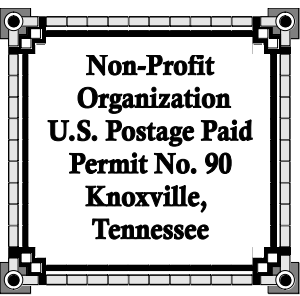
Spring Fling/Picnic

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** is sponsoring a church-wide **Spring Fling/Picnic** 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

On 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!**

*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

April 26-May 2
29-Jin Gaston
29-Barbra McCammon
2-Ann Bachman
2-Amanda Roberts



Stewardship Report April 19, 2015	
Sunday School.....	56
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$6,170.50
Benevolence Fund.....	\$528.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$50.00


Activities for April 26-May 2, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

Eric Bachman recently received the 2014-2015 East Tennessee State University Federation of Schools of Accountancy Outstanding Student Award . . . **B.F. Daniel** is still under hospice care . . . **Warren Luhn** (one of our regular visitors) will have cataract surgery this week . . . **Georgia Moore** (sister of Jewell Kerr) is undergoing several medical tests . . . **Becky Radar** 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 Wednesday, April 29th . . . **Karen Ware** will have her second cataract surgery this Wednesday, April 22nd; it was great having **Karen** back leading our music last Sunday . . . **Pastor Mike** will be out of town Monday, April 27th, through Thursday, April 30th, attending the North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy . . .


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.



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 Bird; 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, \$585.00 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
“Today, will we choose to be grumbly hateful or humbly grateful? Our behavior is a choice that we make each day.”
—submitted by **Donna Walker**