

The Cumberland

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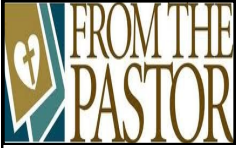
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 1, 2017



The **Season of Lent** begins with **Ash Wednesday**, which falls on March 1st this year. Traditionally, followers of the risen Jesus have made it a practice to give up something during this time of preparation for the celebration of **Easter**. Often, we give up some food item such as chocolate. I would like to suggest that we give up something more life-changing. With that in mind, I want to share a list of things for us to consider giving up for **Lent**: 1) **Fear**: God is on our side, so whom or what shall we fear? 2) **The need to please everyone**: We simply cannot accomplish this; God is the only One we need to strive to please. 3) **Envy**: Our value is not found in our possessions, but in our relationship with God. 4) **Impatience**: God's timing is perfect timing. 5) **Bitterness/Resentment**: Holding onto to these twin attitudes only hurts us. 6) **Blame**: Take responsibility for our own actions. 7) **Gossip/Negativity**: Think the best about other people, but if necessary, minimize contact with people who are constantly negative. 8) **Comparison**: Make our own unique contributions. 9) **The fear of failure**: The cost of success is often initial failure, just make sure we fail forward. 10) **A spirit of poverty**: Believe with God that there is always enough and never a lack. 11) **The feeling of unworthiness**: We are both fearfully and wonderfully made by our Creator. 12) **Doubt**: Believe God has a plan for us that is beyond anything we can imagine. 13) **Excuses**: If we desire an excuse, any excuse will do. 14) **A lack of counsel**: Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum. 15) **Pride**: Blessed are the humble. 16) **Worry**: God is in control and worrying will not help. Giving up any or all sixteen of these things will change our lives.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Water Angel Ministry

Thank you for your contribution of 470 bottles of water for the **Water Angel Ministry** this month. The men from the ministry picked up the water on Monday, February 27th, and were very appreciative of our help. Thanks for supporting this ministry of collecting water on the last Sunday of each month. Our next collection date is Sunday, March 26th.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be this Thursday, March 2nd, at **Aubrey's Restaurant, Papermill** (6005 Brookvale Lane), at 6:30 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, March 7th, 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 invited to attend.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, March 15th, at **LongHorn Steakhouse** (in the west side of the parking lot of West Town Mall), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.

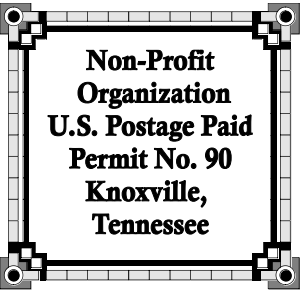
Easter Celebrations

- ⇒ The Choirs of **Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church** and the **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge** are joining together to present the **Easter** musical, "*Because He Lives*". The first presentation will be Sunday, April 2nd, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oak Ridge Church. The second presentation will be **Psalm Sunday**, April 9th, at 5:00 p.m., here at First Cumberland. More details to come.
- ⇒ Our **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** will be Thursday, April 13th, at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Our **Community Good Friday Worship Service** will be Friday, April 14th, at 12:00 noon, at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**.
- ⇒ Our annual **Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 15th, at 11:00 a.m.; lunch will be provided in our Gym.
- ⇒ Our **Easter SonRise Service** will be Sunday, April 16th, at 8:00 a.m., in our Chapel; breakfast in our Gym will follow. Breakfast will conclude in time for everyone to attend Sunday School.
- ⇒ Our **Easter Worship Service** will be at its regular time (10:45 a.m.); during this celebration of the Resurrection, our Choir will sing "*Hallelujah*", which is a rendition of the "*The Hallelujah Chorus*" from Handel's "*Messiah*".


From Our Mailbox

*Ladies of First Church,
Thank you for the wonderful meal you served during our Denomination Day Celebration. Everything was great and I heard many positive comments.
Blessings,
Robin Murray, Chair Heritage Committee*

*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

March 1st-7th

5th — Emma O’Neal



Our Faithfulness Record for February 26 th	
Sunday School	60
Worship Service	79
Offering	\$3,776.25
Building Reimbursements	\$6,554.95

Activities for March 1 st -7 th		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m.	West Circle Meeting
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		


Among Our People

It was great having **Mildred Acuff** back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Mike Bachman** continues to recover from heart bypass surgery; he has returned to work on a limited basis. ~ **Vera Boyatt**, mother of Kim Boyatt (our nursery attendant), had knee replacement surgery last Wednesday, February 22nd; she is now in physical rehab and doing well. ~ **Kathy Byers**, daughter of Betty Hammill and mother of Lisa Booker, continues to recover from hip replacement surgery. ~ **Maxine Curtis** is still receiving outpatient physical rehab. ~ It was great having **Mary Helen Daniel** back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Edna Hughes**, sister of Rue Dougherty, is still in a physical rehabilitation center recovering from a fall. ~ **Ruth McNabb**, mother of Tammy Eblen, had surgery last Friday, February 24th; she is now home and doing well. ~ **Tom Parrott**, son of Clift Parrott, continues to recover from a stroke. ~ **Dianne Pipkin** continues to recover from surgery on her thumb. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, began chemotherapy treatments last Tuesday, February 28th. ~ **Lois Witmer** had surgery last Wednesday, February 22nd; she is now home and doing well.

Special Guests

It was great having **Greg Greene**, friend of Allen and Sallie Cox, and **Sara** and **Nick McGill**, daughter and son-in-law of Dottie Small, worshipping with us last Sunday.


- Committee Meetings**
- ⇒ **Christian Education Committee:** Sunday, March 5th, at 12:15 p.m., in the Keen Room
 - ⇒ **Missions and Outreach Committee:** Sunday, March 12th, (notice the change of date) at 4:00 p.m., in the Keen Room
 - ⇒ **CPWM Planning Committee:** Sunday, March 12th, at 12:30 p.m., at the home of **Betty Hammill**



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; Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; **VERA BOYATT** (mother of Kim Boyatt); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); **FAMILY OF RUBY BROCK** (aunt of Emily DeLozier); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Kathy Byers (daughter of Betty Hammill and mother of Lisa Booker); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Maxine Curtis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); James Fritz (school bus driver of Jonathon Spencer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Mark Hester; Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); **PAT HOUSLEY** (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Edna Hughes (sister of Rue Dougherty); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Jewell Kerr; **our Kids Hope USA ministry**; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrot (son of Cliff Parrott); Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Dianne Pipkin; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marilyn Ritchey (daughter-in-law of Marlene Ritchey); Andy Rufo (nephew of Alice Montgomery); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); 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 Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer

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

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Ruby Brock**, aunt of Emily DeLozier, who passed away on Friday, February 24th. Please remember 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**.