

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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FROM THE PASTOR

This week, I want to share with you a devotional by **Greg Laurie** that was sent to me by **Cliff Parrott**. **Laurie** is the Senior Pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship, in Riverside, California.

Saved Soul, Wasted Life

"No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is Jesus Christ."—First Corinthians 3:11

A poll was taken not long ago that asked Americans what they thought was their main purpose in life. . . . You would think that some would maybe say, "To make a contribution to society" or "To have a meaningful life." But what most people said was, "The main purpose in life is enjoyment and personal fulfillment." It's interesting to note that 50% of those polled identified themselves as born-again Christians. According to the Bible, the purpose of life is not enjoyment and personal fulfillment. The Bible teaches that we are put on this earth to bring glory to God. We need to mark that well in our minds and hearts. . . . we are to glorify God in all we do with our lives.

Are you using your resources and talents for His glory? Sometimes we think God has given us this life to do with what we will. We will say, "Lord, this is mine. This is my week. Here is Your time on Sunday morning. The rest belongs to me." or "Here is the plan for my life, Lord. Here is what I want to accomplish." or "This is my money. Here is your 10%, Lord. I give my waitress more, but 10% is all You get." The fact is that it's possible to have a saved soul but a wasted life. If you were asked today, "What is the main purpose of Life?" what would you say? If you ask God that question and keep on asking Him every morning of your life, He will lead you into His purpose, which is the best place you could ever be.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Sow Generously for FISH

Last Friday and Saturday were busy days for our church at the **FISH** Food Pantry. Friday we had 353 cases of food delivered by the **Second Harvest Food Bank**. It took exactly 30 minutes to unload. This efficient and "strong-arm" team consisted of **Steve McCurry**, **Bill Halbert**, **Mike Wilkinson**, **Jimmy Curtis**, **Brack Emory**, and **Betty Hammill** from our church, and **Joel** and **Pat Zibelin**, plus five others from the **Church of the Savior**. On Saturday we packed over 100 bags of food, completely filling up the shelves. This hard working team consisted of **Tom**, **Donna**, and **Mari Kate** (Musles) **Walker**; **Mike** and **Joanna Wilkinson**, **Carl Kissiah** (Joanna Wilkinson's father), **Rue Dougherty**, **J. David Hester**, **Tammy Eblen**, **Steve McCurry**, and **Betty Hammill**. Our next bagging session will be this coming Saturday, April 5th, at 9:30 a.m., at the pantry site. We could use so more helpers this Saturday—other than those who have already signed up. Contact **Betty Hammill** (690-8739) if you can help. Thank you and may God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

We wish to thank **Pastor Mike** and **Joanna Wilkinson** for their program given at our meeting last Sunday night. We women are duly inspired to work for the Lord in this way. A good time was had by all.

It's Egg Hunt Time in Tennessee!

Make plans and mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 19th, at 11:00 a.m. The **Egg Hunt** will be for kids from birth to fifth grade. Please bring one dozen candy-filled plastic eggs to the church for each child in your family that will be participating. Even if you don't have children involved, we would like for each family to donate a dozen candy-filled plastic eggs. You can drop them off at the Church Office, or bring them the day of the event. There will be games and crafts, lunch, and of course an **Egg Hunt**! If you would like to help in any way, please see **Julie Rech** or **Laura Paschke**.

"Testimony of Life"

On **Palm Sunday** (April 13th), our choir will be presenting the Easter musical, **"Testimony of Life: A Service of Lessons and Carols Celebrating the Life of Christ"** during the morning worship service.

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

April

6-Angie Missimer
7-Bob Metts
11-Karen Ware
12-Eric Bachman



Activities for April 6-12, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	9:00 a.m.	Work Day
	9:30 a.m.	FISH Pantry
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report March 30, 2014	
Sunday School.....	45
Worship.....	76
Offering	\$5,285.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$42.50
Music Fund.....	\$75.00

Among Our People

Edna Fleenor has returned home from about a month in hospital following a fall ...

MILDRED WAS SURPRISED!

I want to thank everyone for my surprise birthday party after the Women’s meeting Sunday. It was truly a special birthday, one that I won’t soon forget. Thank you for all the cards showering me with so much love and honor. It is a real privilege to be a part of such a loving and caring Christian fellowship.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mildred

Lay Ministry Corner

Live Lent ~ Week 5

Lent is a good time to worship. This week - for seven days - you will notice how the season of Lent is reflected in your worship service. This is a good opportunity for daily discussions with our family about the significance of lent and Easter. Some worship scriptures we could use to stimulate discussion include: John 4:24, Luke: 4:8, Psalm 95:6, Psalm 46:10.

I challenge you to research the history of one of the following services each day and their significance to our faith:

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

Palm Sunday

The Lord's Supper

Maundy Thursday

Easter



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital
Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack Gaston; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo (Scott Robert’s uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Becky Rader; Brandon Hargutt; Alice Montgomery; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Mary Safewright

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net

Plans for Workday April 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Playground Area: Replace rotted or damaged landscape timbers.
Rake mulch and dig up or spray unwanted vegetation.
Repair bench back.

Picnic Area: Spread mulch (try to level mulch piles)
Remove or cut fallen branches.
Stack firewood.
Remove broken concrete bench legs.
(Repair if possible)

Walkway Area: Spray unwanted vegetation behind kitchen.

Please bring any tools you may have available:

Rakes, Shovels, Pitchforks, wheelbarrows or lawn carts, chainsaws, Axes, blowers, chemical sprayers,

NOTE: Long pants, long sleeves, and gloves are recommended as a precaution against possible exposure to poison ivy.