

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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My hope is that you had as good a time at our **Spring Fling/Picnic** last Sunday afternoon as I did. The food, fun, and fellowship were outstanding. It was great witnessing so many people work together to make it a success; a special thanks to our **Mission and Outreach Committee**. It was also great having folks from **Classical Conversations** and **Thursday Connection** (the two homeschool groups that meet at our church) join us for this event. If you did not attend our **Spring Fling/Picnic** may you can attend next year as I am sure this will become an annual event.

As most of you know, courtesy of our denominational Board of Stewardship, I spent most of last week attending the North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy, in Kansa City. One of the workshops focused on positive motivations for giving generously. Some people give out of obedience—they understand that they have a biblical duty to give. Others give out of loyalty to their congregation—they love their church and want to support it. Yet others give out of a sense of responsibility—if they are going to belong to a church they are going to support it. Still others give out of a sense of gratitude—they are so thankful for what God has so generously given them that they want to give back. And some people are responsive givers—they see a need and try to meet it. Again, all of these are positive motivations for generous giving and most of us give out of a combination of two or more of these factors, and that is good. I would suggest to you, however, that there is at least one additional motivation for generous giving that is even better, and that is giving out of a generous heart—God has transformed us to be generous as He is generous. This is character-based giving; in other words, we give generously because God has molded us into generous givers. My prayer is that God will continue to mold each of us into His image.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Our month of stocking the **FISH Food Pantry** is over. Our final numbers are as follows: Bags packed – 685; Bags used – 602; Inventory of bags at beginning of month – 293; Inventory of bags at end of month – 376; People served – 1609; total cost - \$3,685.71. We want to thank the **Church of the Savior** for their partnership; we also thank **Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church** for their contribution. We thank **Steve McCurry** for taking care of the ordering and delivery of the food, and we thank **Jimmy Curtis** for picking up the free bread from the **FISH Hospitality Pantry** each week, and we thank all of you who stepped forward so willingly to unload the cases of food upon delivery and those who bagged the food each Saturday. It was truly a TEAM effort, as we helped to feed the hungry in our community. May our church be blessed in this undertaking.

—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. This book is NOT available at Cedar Springs Christian Book Store, but gently used books are available on Amazon, (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.

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 20th, at 11:00 a.m. We 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.

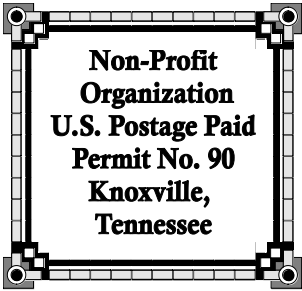
First Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Fellowship


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!**

Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be held Friday, July 17th, and Saturday, July 18th, this year. We will start accepting donations after Thursday, May 14th. So as you Spring clean, please think about things that you want to get rid of and donate them to the **Garage Sale**.

*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

May 10-16

We have no known birthdays this week.



Stewardship Report May 3, 2015	
Sunday School.....	37
Worship.....	74
Offering.....	\$3,748.93
Building Reimbursement.....	\$100.00

Activities for May 10-16, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday,	10:00 a.m.	CPWM Bible Study
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

The Tennessee Wesleyan Collage softball team, of which our own **Stephanie Bridges** is a member, just won the 2015 AAC Conference tournament; they are heading to regionals in May . . . **B.F. Daniel** is still under hospice care . . . **Hannah Davis** is moving up to competitive Level III in gymnastics . . . **Ada Ladd** is in Tennova Hospital, St. Mary’s . . . **Sarah Grace Paschke**’s cheerleading team placed third in the regionals and will be going to the state competition in June . . . **Becky Radar** has now been diagnosed with shingles . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . It was good having **Bryan Rogers** (son of Bonnie Bridge) worshiping with us last Sunday . . . **Tara Shelley** is expecting a baby girl . . . It was good having **Joy Taylor** and **Family** back worshiping with us last Sunday; **Joy**’s recovery from surgery is progressing well . . . **Lois Witmer** is in Pennsylvania visiting family . . .

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*.

Work Day

The women are planning a work day on Wednesday, May 13th, at 9 a.m. They are going to deep clean the Keene Room. Come if you can, stay as long as you can, and help us clean the Keene Room. We will have additional work days to target certain other areas in our church.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”
[Philippians 4:4, NIV]



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Ada Ladd @ Tennova, Hospital St. Mary’s



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 Byrd; 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; Tara Shelley and baby; 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, \$727.01 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**.

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.