

The Cumberland

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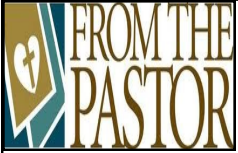
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 5, 2017



Last Sunday evening's joint-Choir presentation of the **Easter** musical, "*Because He Lives*", was both well attended and well received. I want to thank, not only our Choir, but everyone who traveled to Oak Ridge for this special musical worship service. The second presentation of the **Easter** musical will be this coming Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, April 9th, at 5:00 p.m., here at our church. Following the musical, we will be hosting a **Pot-Luck Dinner**. As you prepare food for the meal, keep in mind that we hope to have several guests eating with us.

Just a quick note on the **Lighting Fund** that I introduced in last week's newsletter: \$1,880.00 was donated to this fund last Sunday. When we take out the loan to complete this project, last week's donation will lower our monthly payment by \$32.95. This fundraising effort will continue through the month of April. Again, every thousand dollars we raise during this campaign will reduce our monthly loan payment by more than \$17.00, which in turn increases our monthly cash flow by \$17.00. If you would like to contribute any amount—above and beyond your regular giving—to this project, simply note your check or offering envelop with the words "**Lighting Fund**". Every gift, no matter its size, will simultaneously reduce our debt and increase our savings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Spring Work Day

We will have a second **Spring Work Day** this Thursday evening, April 6th, at 5:30 p.m.; if you cannot make it that early, then come when you can as work will take place until dusk. One of the projects this week will be spreading pine straw in our flower and shrubs beds. Please bring your yard tools and help us prepare our church grounds for our upcoming **Holy Week** and **Easter** celebrations.

Holy Week Activities

- The Choirs of **Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church** and **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge** will join together to present the **Easter** musical, "*Because He Lives*", this coming Sunday evening, **Palm Sunday**, April 9th, at 5:00 p.m., here at First Cumberland; a **Pot-Luck Dinner** will follow the musical.
- 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. This meal will conclude in time for everyone to attend **Sunday School** at 9:45 a.m.
- Our **Easter Worship Service** will be at its regular time (10:45 a.m.); as part of this celebration of the Resurrection, our Choir will sing "*Hallelujah*", which is a rendition of the "*The Hallelujah Chorus*" from Handel's "*Messiah*"; we will also celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during this service.

FISH Food Pantry

Many thanks to those who helped unload more than 300 cases of food last week; this includes **Jimmy Curtis**, **Betty Hammill**, **Steve McCurry**, **Steve Summers**, and **Pastor Mike**, as well as five people from the Church of the Savior. Since the Pantry was filled from the March stockers, we did not need to bag groceries last Saturday as originally planned; however, the next two Saturdays, April 8th and 15th, we will need to bag, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Pantry site (Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road). Thank you to all who can help in this way.

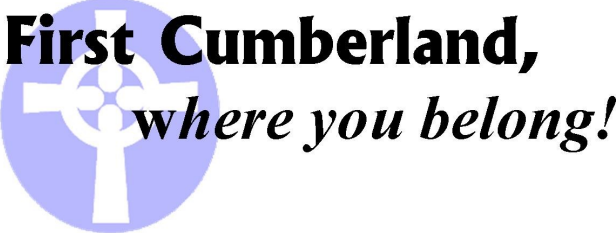
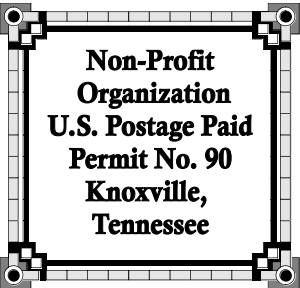
Youth News


- On Saturday, April 15th, our Youth will help bag food at the **FISH Food Pantry**, then they will return to our church to help set up for our **Egg Hunt**. Parents please drop your youth off at the Pantry site (Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Road) by 9:15 a.m. After the bagging is completed, **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** will transport them to our church to help with the **Egg Hunt**.
- On **Easter Sunday**, April 16th, our Youth will prepare and serve **Breakfast** between our **Easter SonRise Service** and **Sunday School**. Everyone is encourage to attend as this will be a fundraiser (donations requested) for our Youth Group! Parents please have your youth at the Kitchen off the Gym by 7:00 a.m.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

Due to the **Spring Work Day** falling on its scheduled date, the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will not meet on Thursday, April 6th, as originally planned. Instead, the next Dutch-treat dinner of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, May 4th, at **Wright's Cafeteria** (5403 North Middlebrook Pike), at 6:30 p.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 us on these outings.

*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 5th-April 11th

5th — Eli O’Neal
11th — Karen Ware



Our Faithfulness Record for April 2 nd	
Sunday School	56
Worship Service	77
Offering	\$5,739.05
Building/Lighting Fund	\$1,880.00
Music Fund	\$50.00
Youth Fund	\$50.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
FISH	\$2.00
Building Reimbursement	\$144.90

Activities for April 5 th -11 th		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	5:30 p.m.	Spring Work Day
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.	FISH Bagging Day
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	Joint-Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Easter Musical
	6:15 p.m.	Pot-Luck Dinner
(See our website for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People


Ann Bachman continues to recover from recent surgery on her foot. ~ At the meet in which she severely injured her ankle (an MRI will soon be preformed to further assess her injury), **Hannah Davis**, granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer, placed seventh All-Round and first on the Beam in the Level 4 Tennessee State Gymnastics Competition. ~ **Larry** and **Dianne Fielder** and extended family traveled to Arkansas for several days to visit Dianne’s aunt and her family. ~ **Jack Gaston** continues to recover at home after his recent hospitalization. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments; she has tolerated the first four treatments extremely well.

Special Guests

It was great having **Ethan Hinkle**, grandson of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson; **Harriet Thompson**, friend of Allen and Sallie Cox, and **Rebecca Wilkinson**, daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson, worshiping with us last Sunday.

Friendship Club


The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, April 19th, at **Sam and Andy’s Restaurant** (2613 Adair Drive, Fountain City), 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.



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; Ann and Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Hannah Davis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); 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); **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; Cliff Parrott; Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **persecuted Christians around the world**; 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); Rick 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)

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

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you need assistance signing up for or renewing your membership in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, see **Kim Halbert**. If you are registered in this program, at no cost to you, every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, the company will make a donation to our church.

Egg Hunt

We are in need of plastic eggs filled with candy for our annual **Egg Hunt**. Please drop your donations off in the Church Office between now and Friday, April 14th.

Church’s Website

The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four [Worship Services](#).