

# The Cumberland

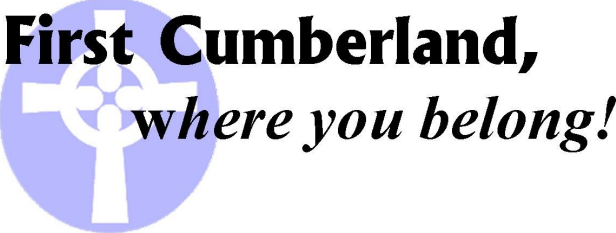
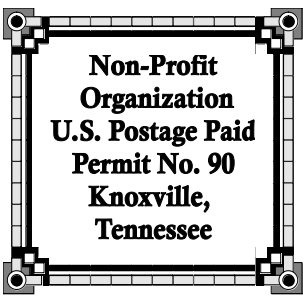
## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.


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Our Weekly Newsletter		"Loving God, Loving People"	May 11, 2016
	<p>I want to begin by wishing all the ladies of the church a belated happy <i>Mother's Day</i>. Though the time and place are debated, generally the first <i>Mother's Day</i> is recognized as having been celebrated in West Virginia, back in 1912. The premise behind this special day of honor is that mothers should be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. I would suggest to you that the heart of a godly mother is like a rare jewel; they love their children during the worst and best of times. Yet all mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." All mothers are different, but they can love unlike any other person. God created families and gave mothers a unique place in the home. Mothers love, give of themselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, and put Band-Aids on scrapes; mothers are often the first one up in the morning and the last one in bed at night; mothers juggle a lot of things including raising children, running a "taxi service", holding down a job, managing the home, and sometimes finding time for themselves. Godly mothers find the strength to face each day in the assurance that God loves them. This Scripture seems to be written especially for mothers. <i>"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."</i> [Philippians 2:1-4, NLT] All children need the unselfish love of a mother, and I can truly say that our three children have received this love all the days of their lives. Long life is promised to all who show honor to their mother. <i>"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. 'Honor your father and mother.' This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, 'things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.'"</i> [Ephesians 6:1-3, NLT] Without a doubt, mothers make up a crucial part of our lives, so whether it is a with a card, a meal that she does not have to prepare and clean up, a hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care, but always remember, time with us is the gift mothers cherish most. It is so important to give our love and honor to these dedicated women in our lives and to show that we do not take them for granted. <i>"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."</i> [First John 3:18, NLT]</p> <p>This coming Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, is <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> on the Church calendar. The liturgical color for <i>Pentecost</i> is red, so in recognition of this special day in the life of our congregation, I am requesting that each of us wear something red when we come to church this Sunday. Will everyone wearing something red mystically enhance our worship experience? No, but it will give us a visual representation of the unity that the Holy Spirit brings to the Church. It is the Spirit of God that unites followers of Christ together. To quote a chorus from my youth: "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity May one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians By our love, By our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians By our love."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Learning the unforced rhythms of grace, <i>Pastor Mike</i></p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Youth News</u></b></p> <p>On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, our <b>Middle School Youth</b> will have lunch at the church following our Worship Service. After the meal, they will work on making visitor packets for our first-time guests, and then have time for archery lessons/practice. Parents need to pick up their youth at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Summer Youth Camps</u></b></p> <p>The Presbytery of East Tennessee has set the camping dates for Camp Chilhowee; they are as follows: <b>Junior Camp</b> (for those who have completed third through fifth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$130.00 per camper; \$120.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; <b>Middle School Camp</b> (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; and <b>High School Camp</b> (for those who have completed ninth through twelfth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>; cost \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Share Your Faith Workshop</u></b></p> <p>Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church (725 Virtue Road, Farragut) will host a <b>Share Your Faith Workshop</b> (a truly "Hands On" approach to easily share your faith), featuring <b>Randall Wood</b> from <b>Evangelism Explosion International</b>, on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person; this includes all materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch. Sign-in and breakfast start at 8:15 a.m. To register, contact <b>Elaine Sexton</b> at the church (865-966-1494) or <b>Rev. Steve Graham</b> via his cell phone (865-206-0012). For more information, you can checkout <b>Evangelism Explosion's</b> website: <a href="http://www.evangelismexplosion.org">www.evangelismexplosion.org</a>.</p> <div><p><i>For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to <b>worship</b> Christ, <b>evangelize</b> the lost, <b>love</b> one another and our neighbor, and <b>learn</b> more about our God.</i></p></div>		






## Happy Birthday

May 11th~17th

We have no known birthdays this week.



Stewardship Report May 8, 2016	
Sunday School.....	42
Worship Service.....	72
Offering.....	\$3,216.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1,200.00
Memorials.....	\$125.00

### Activities for May 11-17, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our web site for complete calendar listings)

*Among Our People*

**Mildred Acuff** spent a few days in the hospital last week; she is now back at Elmcroft of West Knoxville and was at church last Sunday . . . **Dick Booher** remains at his son’s home, in Morristown; he is undergoing additional physical therapy on his shoulder and will now not return home until sometime in June . . . Congratulations to **Stephanie Bridges** for ending her Tennessee Wesleyan College softball career with AAC conference awards: *All-Conference Team, All-Defensive Team, All-Academic Team, AAC Champions of Character Team* . . . **Ruth McNabb**, mother of Tammy Eblen, had four medical procedures done the last two weeks; she is doing well . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** remains off work recovering from her recent surgery . . . **Donna Walker** had outpatient surgery last Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>; she is doing well . . . **Susan Watson** had surgery to remove her gall bladder last Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>; she is doing well . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to battle chronic anemia, but is slowly improving . . . At its annual meeting last week, **Pastor Mike** was elected Moderator of the *Synod of the Southeast of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church* . . .


### Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at **Lakeside Tavern**, located near the Concord Marina off of Northshore Drive, at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

### Chair Give-away

We still have metal folding chairs to give away. Simply call the Church Office and schedule a time to pick some up. The chairs are free to anyone or any church that would like to have them and is willing to pick them up.


*“Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,”—Psalm 33:18, NRSV*



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!



### Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina and Baby Girl Hinkle (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); **FAMILY OF ROBERT LINNABERRY**; Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); **DONNA WALKER**; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); **SUSAN WATSON**; Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Lois Witmer

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

### Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of former member **Dr. Robert Linnaberry**, who passed away last Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Church’s Website

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