

# The Cumberland

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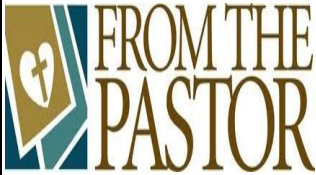
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 18, 2015



As I said in last Sunday's sermon: "... Jesus did not come to earth and die on the Cross of Calvary merely to help us reach our potential as human beings, or to make us nicer people, or even to make bad people good—instead, Jesus came to the earth and died on the Cross of Calvary and rose from the grave to give dead people life." My question for each of us formerly dead-in-our-sin-people is: ***Is there a noticeable difference between our new life in Christ and our old one?*** Remember, "We were not made to live a life shackled by the regrets [of our past]—instead, we were made for an abundant life of fellowship with God and service to each other. . . . let us start living as truly alive people." "Jesus said that He has come so that those who trust Him ' . . . may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.' John 10:10, NKJV]" My prayer for each of us this ***Lenten Season*** is that our new life in Christ be one that brings glory and honor to our Lord and Savior in all that we say and do.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,  
***Pastor Mike***

### **Thank You**

Thanks to my church family for helping me celebrate the beginning of my 8<sup>th</sup> decade. Thanks to my children for making it possible. I appreciate so very much all the cards and well wishes. Please know that I love each and everyone of you.

—Jewell Kerr

### **Christian Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is expressed to the **Family of Ben Shockley** (Phil Bridges' cousin's husband) who passed away last Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and to the **Family of Brenda Burk** (Lois Witmer's sister in Pennsylvania) who passed away last Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Continue to remember both of these families in prayer.

### **FISH Food Pantry Campaign**

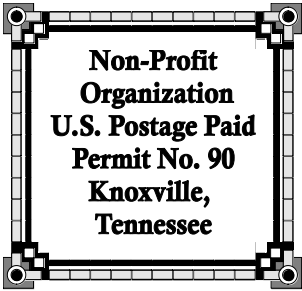
Thank you for your contribution of \$170.00 last week; this brings our total to \$735.00. With the \$1,500.00 from the Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church, we now have \$2,235.00 of the approximately \$3,000.00 needed from our two churches. The food will be delivered to the **FISH Food Pantry** site on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.; see me if you can help moving the food into the pantry. Sign-up on the **FISH** bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help bag groceries on either or both March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., at the pantry site. Our Youth are taking care of April 11<sup>th</sup>. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

### **Holy Week Activities**

- ⇒ Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, **Palm/Passion Sunday** — Our Choir will be presenting the Easter Musical, "***Written In Red***" during our morning Worship Service, at 10:45 a.m.
- ⇒ Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Maundy Thursday** — We will be celebrating ***The Lord's Supper*** during this special evening Worship Service, at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, **Saturday of Holy Week** — We will hold our annual **Egg Hunt** (for children up to fifth grade), at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. We are in need of plastic eggs filled with candy; if you would like to donate candy-filled eggs, please drop them off in the Church Office.
- ⇒ Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, **Easter Sunday** — We will begin our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ with a **SonRise Service** in the Chapel, at 8:15 a.m., followed by a **Continental Breakfast** in the gym, at 9:00 a.m. Next, we will be **Sunday School**, at 9:30 a.m., followed by our **Easter Worship Service**, at 10:45 a.m., when we will again be celebrating ***The Lord's Supper***.

*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

**March 22-28**  
22-Amy Fielder Pritchard  
26-Lisa Hayes

Stewardship Report March 15, 2015	
Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	74
Offering .....	\$1,281.75
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$170.00
Chapel Cushion Fund.....	\$430.00

Activities for March 22-28, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Youth
	4:30 p.m.	Missions and Outreach
	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

*Among Our People*

**Dick Booher** remains at his son’s house in Morristown recovering from recent kneecap replacement surgery . . . **B.F. Daniel**’s MRI revealed that he has “bubbles” in his lungs caused by COPD . . . **Edna Fleenor** is still at NHC, Saint Mary’s for rehab . . . It was great having **Melanie Hester Kuhhenn** worship with us the last two Sundays; **Melanie** travels back to Minnesota this week . . . It was also great having **Melissa Golden** (Becky Rader’s niece) worship with us the last two Sundays; **Melissa** sang in the Choir last Sunday . . . **Marlene Ritchey** continues under hospice care; you may contact **Marlene** via mail; her address is 475 Jacks Canyon Road; Apt. 222; Sedona, Arizona 86351 . . . **Joy Taylor** will have a MRI this week; **Joy** has been out of work and church for the last few weeks with back and hip pain . . . **Lois Witmer** is now at home recovering from her recent hip surgery; **Lois** is going to outpatient rehab . . .

**Another Surprise Birthday Party**

The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday **Open House** for **Mildred Acuff** will be this coming Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. The **Open House** will be at Mildred’s home—520 Kendall Road. (This is an extension of Montvue Road which borders West Town Mall.) Mildred knows that her daughter and her husband will be here Friday, but she does not know that many other family members will also be coming, so please keep all this a big secret. (Mildred still thinks her celebration will be at Betty Hammill’s house on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>; Mildred will get a special edition of *The Cumberlander*.)

## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister);  
York (PA) Hospital, ICU

**Health and Prayer Concerns** (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Roy Acuff (brother of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Linda Bridges (cousin of Phil Bridges); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); **FAMILY OF BRENDA BURK** (sister of Lois Witmer); 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); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); 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); 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); 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; **FAMILY OF BEN SHOCKLEY** (relative of Phil Bridges); Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam 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](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*

**Chapel Cushion Fund**

Classical Conversations (one of the homeschool groups that meet in our facility) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to reupholster the pew cushions in our Chapel. The fund just started last week, and already they have donated \$430.00. This is a Classical Conversations’ project, but if you would like to help you can, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.



## **Friendship Club**

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Aubrey's Restaurant** (6005 Brookvale Lane, between North Weisgarber Road and Northshore Drive, near the interstate) 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.

## **Legacy of Joy**

Second Presbyterian Church is hosting "**Legacy of Joy – The Life of Cliff and Billie Barrows**". Cliff Barrows was the longtime Music Director for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. This approximately one hour program will be presented by two Barrows' daughters, Bonnie and Betty Ruth. The program will be on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and begins with a luncheon (\$10.00 per person – make check payable to Second Presbyterian Women), at 11:30 a.m. Betty Hammill has the sign up form; please see her if you want to go; she will take your reservations **ONLY** through this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Though this event is sponsored by Second Presbyterian Women's Ministry, both men and women are invited to attend.

## **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Kroger has informed us that First Cumberland will soon receive a check for **\$228.82** from its Community Rewards Program for this quarter. This check is made possible because eighteen of our families have registered their Kroger Cards so that Kroger, at no cost to their customers, can make a donation to the organization of their choice. If you have not yet registered your Kroger Card in this program, you can do so by going online to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). If you need help, please contact Kim Halbert.

## **Youth News**

Our **Youth** will meet this coming Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, following our Worship Service. Lunch will be provided.

## **Missions and Outreach Committee**

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** will meet this coming Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:30 p.m., in the Keene Room.

## **Session**

Our **Session** will meet this coming Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Our **Christian Education Committee** would like to invite anyone who would like to volunteer to help (teachers, crafts, cook, music, etc.), or explore volunteering, with **Vacation Bible School** this year to attend a **Planning Meeting** following our Worship service on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our **VBS** is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. **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.

## **Egg Hunt**

Time to make plans and mark your calendars now for our annual Easter **Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. The **Egg Hunt** will be for kids from birth to fifth grade. Please bring one dozen candy-filled eggs to the church for each child in your family that will be participating. Even if you do not have children involved, we would like to ask each church family to donate a dozen candy-filled eggs. You can drop them off in 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**. Thank you!

