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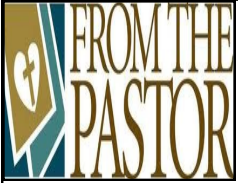
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 12, 2017



According to Google Trends data, as reported by Pew Research Center, more Americans search the internet for a church to attend on **Easter Sunday** than at any other time of the year. This means that many people—maybe even some of your relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, or classmates—are looking for a place to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this coming Sunday. Instead of “forcing” them to search the web and then go to a “strange” church by themselves and feeling like a stranger, personally ask them to come to church with you here at First Cumberland. Be sure to make it as easy as possible for them to say ‘yes’ to your invitation by asking if they need a ride or if they would prefer to meet you here. You might even want to invite them to share a meal with you afterwards. Once they accept your invite, pray that God will use our Worship Service to stir their heart; it may be just the invitation for which they have been “searching”.

Like the previous week, last Sunday evening’s joint-Choir presentation of the **Easter** musical, “*Because He Lives*”, was both well attended and extremely well received. I want to thank everyone who was here; I especially want to thank those who invited someone to attend with you. We had 132 people attend this service, with more than 120 people staying for the **Pot-Luck Dinner** and the fellowship. Though we had at least forty guests, the food you prepared was abundant; we could have fed another sixty people. We had guests from at least four other Cumberland Presbyterian congregations, with a few Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, and Evangelical Presbyterians attending as well. Truly, it was a great time to be in the house of the Lord! Once again I must say how blessed we are to have such gifted musicians here at First Cumberland; thank you **Sam** and **Karen Ware**, **Gene McCammon**, and **Choir**.

We received no donations for the **Lighting Fund** last Sunday. This fundraising effort will continue throughout the month of April. Again, every thousand dollars we raise during this campaign will reduce our monthly loan payment by more than \$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

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

- Our **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** is this Thursday, April 13th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Our **Community Good Friday Worship Service** is this Friday, April 14th, at 12:00 noon, at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**.
- Our **Easter SonRise Service** is this coming Sunday, April 16th, at 8:00 a.m., in our Chapel; **Breakfast**, in our Gym, will follow; the meal will conclude in time for everyone to attend **Sunday School** at 9:45 a.m.
- This coming Sunday’s **Easter Worship Service** will be at its regular time (10:45 a.m.); we will celebrate the **Lord’s Supper** during this service.

Egg Hunt

Our annual **Egg Hunt** is this coming Saturday, April 15th, at 11:00 a.m.; **Lunch** will be provided. We are still in need of a few more plastic eggs filled with candy for the **Egg Hunt**; please drop your donations off in the Church Office between now and this coming Friday, April 14th. Also, we need help in setting up tables and chairs in the Gym for the **Lunch**; if you can help, please be at the church this coming Saturday morning, at 8:30 a.m.; work will be completed in time to make it to the **FISH Food Pantry** to bag groceries.

FISH Food Pantry

We completed our first bagging session last Saturday morning. Our team of **Jimmy**, **Justin**, **Chris**, and **Patrick Curtis**; **Pastor Mike** and **Joanna Wilkinson**; and **Betty Hammill** filled 139 bags. Our next bagging session will be this coming Saturday, April 15th, at 9:30 at the Pantry site (Church of the Savior, 934 North Weisgarber Road). Our Youth are scheduled to work, but we will need other workers also. Thank you for your help in this way.

Youth News

- This coming Saturday, April 15th, our Youth will help bag food at the **FISH Food Pantry**. Parents please drop your youth off at the Pantry site (Church of the Savior, 934 North 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**.
- **Easter Sunday** morning (this coming Sunday, April 16th), our Youth will prepare and serve **Breakfast** as a fundraiser (donations accepted) between our **Easter SonRise Service** and **Sunday School**. Parents please have your youth at the Kitchen off the Gym by 7:00 a.m.

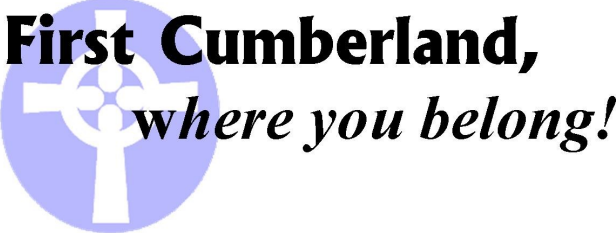
Friendship Club


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.

*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 12th-April 18th
12th — Eric Bachman



Our Faithfulness Record for April 9 nd	
Sunday School	51
Worship Service	80
Musical	132
Offering	\$2,529.25
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$305.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Building Reimbursement	\$300.00

Activities for April 12 th -18 th		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday:	12:00 noon	Good Friday Service
Saturday:	8:30 a.m.	Table and Chair Setup in Gym
	9:30 a.m.	FISH Bagging Day
	11:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt
Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	SonRise Service
	8:30 am.	Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See our website for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People


Ann and Mike Bachman both continue to recover from recent surgeries. ~ **Gordon Blaylock** will have outpatient surgery this coming Thursday, April 13th. ~ **Hailey Davis**, granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer, competed in the Region 8 Level 9 Gymnastics Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, on April 8th; she placed second on the beam and tied for sixth on the floor and eighth All-Around, and is the first alternate for the National Championships to be held in Lansing, Michigan, the weekend of April 28th. ~ **Jack Gaston** continues to recover at home from his recent illness. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

Special Guests

It was great having **Mason Atkins**, grandson of Susan Edwards; and **Jimmy and Leslie Emory**, brother and sister-in-law of Brack Emory; worshiping with us last Sunday morning. The guests worshiping with us Sunday evening were too numerous to list in the newsletter.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition


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.



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); **Family of 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.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Mary Anne Moncier**, aunt if Dianne Fielder, who passed away on Thursday, April 6th. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Pictures of Recent Events

Pictures of recent church events, including the joint-Choir presentation of the **Easter** musical, “*Because He Lives*” are on our church’s Facebook page.

Church’s Website

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