

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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Wow! **Easter Sunday** was truly a great day to be at First Cumberland! As I glanced over the congregation from the pulpit, I saw what our Worship Service could look like in the very near future, as 133 people gathered on this special day to worship the risen Christ. What would it take for this to be our attendance for a "normal" Worship Service? It would only take two commitments on our part. This first commitment is to remain faithful in our attendance. Nearly all of our regular attenders were present last Sunday. The second commitment is to continually invite our family, friends, co-workers, and classmates to join us to worship the risen Christ. To my knowledge, we only had two people present last Sunday who were not either regular attenders or invited guests. Noticed that I used the term "invited guests". I know it is easier to invite someone to a special Worship Service like **Easter**, but are not all our Worship Services here at First Cumberland special? I would suggest that they are because we gather to worship the risen Savior! I can hardly wait to see you and your invited guests in our Worship Service this coming Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

We have had two bagging sessions this last week. On Tuesday morning, **Jimmy Curtis, Jewell Kerr, Rue Dougherty, and Betty Hammill** gathered to fill 38 "#2" bags; on Saturday morning, our team made quick work of filling 239 bags in about an hour. The team consisted of **Jimmy, Greg, and Patrick Curtis; Jewell Kerr; Rue Dougherty; Phil, Bonnie, Lindsay, and Stephanie Bridges; Tom, Donna, and Marikate Walker; Pastor Mike, Joanna, Rebecca Wilkinson, and supervisor Ethan Hinkle** (at three-months-old, our youngest worker yet), **Steve McCurry, and Betty Hammill**. Thank you one and all for all your hard work. This next Saturday morning, at 9:30, our Youth will gather at the pantry to do our bagging chores. There is a good possibility that we will have to bag on April 25th; I will keep you informed about this. I have adjusted our goal to \$3,800.00 [We have met our goal!], as this should be enough to fulfill our financial obligations for the month. We have this much on hand. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community.

—**Betty Hammill**

Youth News

Our Youth will be bagging groceries at the FISH Food Pantry this coming Saturday, April 11th, at 9:30 a.m. After packing the bags, our Youth will be going to Cades Cove and will hike to Abram's Falls. Please notify **Amanda Roberts** if you plan to participate so adequate transportation can be arranged. Parents, when our Youth are dropped off at the FISH Food Pantry, **you will need to sign a permission slip for the trip.**

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, April 15th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Sullivan's at Rocky Hill** 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 one the bulletin board near the Church Office.

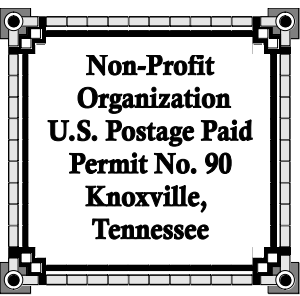
Spring Fling/Picnic

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a church-wide **Spring Fling/Picnic** Sunday, May 3rd, following our Worship Service. Thanks to a gift certificate from Archer's BBQ (given to the church back on Scout Sunday), the church will provide the drinks and the meat (pulled pork and chopped chicken); you are asked to bring your favorite side-dishes and/or a dessert. Since the **Spring Fling/Picnic** will take place right after our Worship Service, you are encouraged to wear casual clothes to church that day. This is a great opportunity for each us to invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and classmates to join us. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberland*.


Vacation Bible School

Our with **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 Cumberland*.

*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.*




First Cumberland,
where you belong!



Happy Birthday

April 12~18

12~Eric Bachman
18~Dain Shelton




Stewardship Report April 5, 2015	
SonRise	25
Sunday School	53
Worship	133
Offering	\$6,513.78
FISH Food Pantry	\$1,300.00
Chapel Cushion Fund	\$70.00
Building Reimbursement	\$307.70

Activities for April 12~18, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

Dick Booher is still at his son’s house recovering from knee surgery . . . **Stephanie Bridges** was awarded the 2015 *Champions of Character* award for the Tennessee Wesleyan College softball team; this award is presented to the player who best demonstrates the core values of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship, and Servant Leadership . . . **B.F. Daniel** is now under hospice care . . . **Hailey Davis** had surgery for a herniated hernia last week and is doing well . . . **Hannah Davis** had a stress test Tuesday, April 7th (results pending) . . . **Becky Radar** fell last week and spent several days in the hospital; **Becky** will go to a skilled nursing facility before returning the independent living facility . . . **Joy Taylor** has a herniated disc in her back and will have surgery sometime in late April . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to go to outpatient rehab following hip surgery ~~~~~ It was great having the following folks back worshiping with us this past Sunday: **Kathy and Gary Byers** . . . **Mary Helen Daniel** . . . **Jim and Cooky Dyer** and two of their granddaughters . . . **Robyn Halbert** . . . **Jon, Amy, and Sadie Huether** . . . **Kevin, Erin, Kian, and Kinsey Pipkin** . . . **Sarah Pipkin** . . . **Rusty and Linda Rose** . . . **Jeff Seeman** . . . **Tom and Amy Seeman** . . . **Joy Taylor** and her sons, **Jonathan, Lee, and Zackary Spencer** . . . **Jack Walker** . . . **Leah, Hunter, and Laci Witmer** ~~~~~ It was also great having the following folks visiting this past Sunday: **Jacob Allen** . . . **Kayla and Eldon English** [Carol Seeman’s family] . . . **Kel Harris** . . . **Sierra Henshaw** (Tom Chesney’s granddaughter) . . . **Ethan Hinkle** (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s grandson) and **Rebecca Wilkinson** (Ethan’s aunt and Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter) . . . **Ben, Kelly, Maddie, Benjamin, Baylor, and Cole Hollingsworth** . . . **Leslie, Kiliaen, Grange, Ben, and Riggs Ludlow** (B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel’s family) . . . **Mike, Lisa, Daniel, and Zachary Medley** . . . (B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel’s family). . . **Bryan Rogers** (Bonnie Bridges’ son) . . . **Kenan Saxton** ~~~~~ Apologies if anyone’s name was missed due to our large number of guests.



Prayer Concerns


In the Hospital

Becky Rader; Parkwest Hospital

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 Bird; 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 Gange (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; **FAMILY OF 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; 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); 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, \$500.00 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.