

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 7, 2017



Welcome new member! At the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, **Rebecca Wilkinson** officially joined our First Cumberland Family. **Rebecca** is Joanna's and my youngest daughter who has recently moved to Knoxville from Birmingham. She joins by *transfer of membership* having been a member of the Grace Community Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Millbrook, Alabama (my immediate previous pastorate). **Becca** has applied for transfer/admission to the University of Tennessee; hopefully, she will begin class in the Fall. She is employed by Chick-fil-A as a trainer and will be working out of their soon-to-open restaurant adjacent to West Town Mall.

Driving in an air-conditioned car on a hot Summer day can be fun—that is, if your car's motor does not overheat. I once had a pickup truck that tended to do that, particularly if I was stuck in traffic. When this occurred, on the advice of my mechanically inclined friends, I would turn off the air conditioner and turn on the heater. This technique generally worked, but once, on a very hot day, it did not help—in fact, the overheated motor died and I was stranded for several hours. The mechanic who repaired my truck told me that I should have paid closer attention to the temperature gauge since the weather was so hot. Every pastor knows that Summer weather can be detrimental to church attendance. A day at the lake or in the mountains is great, but are you ever tempted to skip going to church for those activities? Most of us are. It is both good and necessary to spend time resting and relaxing, but do not forget to let God renew your weary soul. We have to pay close attention to our "spiritual temperature gauge". Just like our body, our soul needs regular maintenance—worship of Christ, study of God's Word, and fellowship with other believers. Though it is Summertime, I look forward to seeing you in church this coming Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. This is a permanent change from their traditional Tuesday morning meetings. They will be having a **Pot-Luck Luncheon**; all the ladies of the church are invited to attend, and are requested to bring a picture of their father to this meeting.

### Summer Camps

**Registration Forms** for the remaining two Presbyterian Summer camps at **Camp Chilhowee** are available in the Church Office. **Junior Camp** (completed grades 3-5) is Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>; cost is \$120.00 per camper if paid before Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and \$130.00 if paid after this date. **High School Camp** (completed grades 9-12) is Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$140.00 per camper if paid by this coming Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and \$150.00 if paid after this date. Make checks payable to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and send both the Registration Forms and the fees to the following address: Presbytery of East Tennessee, P.O. Box 1767, Greenville, TN 37744. **The Junior Camp is in need of two male counselors and the High School Camp is in need of both a female and male counselor**; if you are interested in filling one of these volunteer positions, contact Pastor Mike.

### Vacation Bible School

The theme for this year's **Vacation Bible School** here at First Cumberland is "**Camp Out: Getting S'more of Jesus**", and the dates are Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. A light dinner will be served on Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. in our Gym, followed by the Opening Assembly at 5:30 p.m. in our Chapel. Saturday's Opening Assembly will begin at 11:30 a.m. in our Chapel and be followed by lunch at 12:00 noon in our Gym. In lieu of our traditional waterslide party and cookout here at the church, a **Vacation Bible School Pool and Ice Cream Party** will be held that Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dianne and Paul Pipkin (1725 Covey Rise Trail); please bring your own towel and a dry change of clothes to the pool party.

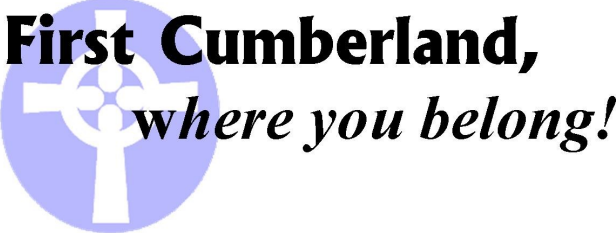
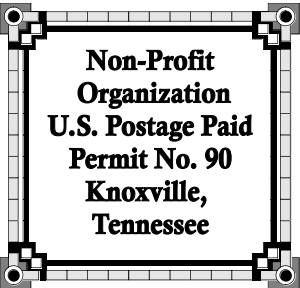
### Garage Sale


Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are now accepting donated items; you can bring them with you on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights and place them in the church's basement, or you can call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your item(s).

### Dinner on the Grounds: A Congregational Appreciation Event

Date: **Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
Time: immediately following our Worship Service  
Location: Gym  
Menu: fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, bread, and dessert  
Cost: free


*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

**June 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**  
8<sup>th</sup> – Kristi Summers  
10<sup>th</sup> – Phil Bridges  
10<sup>th</sup> – Greg Curtis



Our Faithfulness Record for June 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday School	42
Worship Service	70
Offering	\$4,977.00
Memorial Fund	\$175.00


Activities for June 7 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
(See our website for complete calendar listings)		

**Among Our People**  
**Mike Bachman** is slowing improving and plans to return to work on a limited basis this week. ~ **Danny Eblen** received a good report from the additional medical test he recently underwent; no blockage and no heart disease. ~ **Rebecca Rech**, mother of Justin Rech, was released from the hospital on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. ~ The **Julie Rech Family** went to the beach last week. ~ **Amanda Roberts** received a good report from her recent carotid ultrasound (Doppler). ~ **Scott and Amanda Roberts** are at the beach this week. ~ **Elaine Stapleton** is traveling to Arizona this week to visit her grandkids. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

**Special Guests**  
It was great having **Brent Hariman**; **Maude Volk**, classmate of Donna Walker; and **Jan Willkite**, daughter of Mary Helen Daniel, worshiping with us last Sunday. (These were the guests who signed the Registration Pads.)


**Church Office Intern**  
**Maude Volk** will be serving as an office intern over the next several weeks. This is part of her graduation requirements from Pellissippi State Community College.

**Friendship Club**  
The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at **The Chop House** (4870 Harvest Mill Way, off Broadway), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside 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; Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Janie Curberson (friend of Kim Boyatt); Hannah Davis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Danny Eblen; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Mark Hester; **NATHANIEL HESTER**; Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Pat Housley (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Keith Lunsford (cousin of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Peter McNamara (friend of Hannah Haddox); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin 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**; Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Amanda Roberts; Pauline Sherrod (friend of Lois Witmer); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spaulding (homeschool student); 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 Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike)

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

**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](#).

**Friendship Club, P.M. Edition**  
The next Dutch-treat dinner for the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at **Naples Italian Restaurant** (5500 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

**Session Meeting**  
Our **Session** will meet this coming Sunday evening, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.