

# The Cumberland

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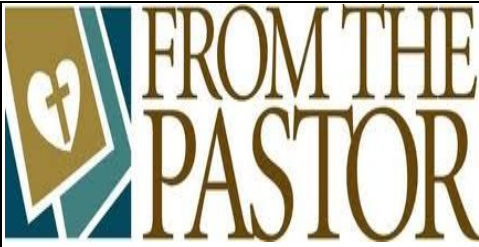
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

February 19, 2014



Last Sunday, I preached about how I and the leaders of our congregation (Session, staff, teachers, and committee members) need your prayers. The one thing I failed to do in the sermon was to thank those of you who consistently lift us up in your prayers. I know that many of you pray for us daily, and for that I am grateful. For those who have not yet developed the pattern of praying for us daily, I can think of no better time to start than today.

This coming Sunday, in the next to last message of the ongoing sermon series, "I Am a Church Member", I hope to inspire you to fall deeply in love with the Bride of Christ. Clearly, the Bride of Christ is a reference to the universal Church, but I will be focusing my remarks on falling in love with First Church. I am in complete agreement with Ed Stetzer (President of Lifeway Research), I am confident that you cannot love Jesus and neglect His wife, the Bride of Christ. Stetzer is referring to the local church because the local congregation is our connecting point to the Church universal, or as *The Apostles Creed* puts it, "the holy Christian church". I hope to see you Sunday.

Grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Triple "D" — 'D'inner, 'D'ance, and 'D'essert

The **Youth Group** would like to thank everyone who came out to the "DDD" and supported their fundraiser. It was a wonderful night with a lot of great memories made. A special thank you to **Dianne Pipkin** for the fabulous food, to all the **ladies** with the wonderful dessert, **Paul Pipkin** for help with the kitchen clean up and **Jimmy Curtis** for manning our music and sound during the dancing. As always, the Youth appreciate your wonderful generosity (\$525.00 was raised) and a great night of fun and fellowship.

—Stephanie and Daniel Saults

### Friendship Club

The next outing of the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone who receives this newsletter, and anyone you would like to invite to join you, is invited to meet at The Lakeside Grill, at the Concord Marina, for this Dutch treat lunch.

### Session Meeting

Our **Session** will meet this coming Sunday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Please keep our elders and Pastor in prayer at all times, especially when they are meeting to conduct the business of the church.

### Sow Generously for FISH

We are beginning our **FISH Campaign** today (Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>). As most of you know, April is the month that we stock the **West Knox FISH Pantry**. Our goal this year will be \$5000.00. We have on hand approximately \$3000.00. **Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church** assisted us again by sending a check for \$1400.00, and our partner church, **Church of the Savior**, has raised a little over \$1500.00, so we must raise, by the first of April, \$2000.00 (\$1,250.00 was given last Sunday). If you wish to contribute to this cause, make your check out to the church and mark it for **FISH**.

The dates for bagging are Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 12<sup>th</sup>. We start at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry site and usually work for about an hour. Sign up on the **FISH Bulletin Board** in the Narthex if you can come any of these dates. We will also need 6 or 7 people to help unload the cases of food when **Second Harvest** delivers the food. I don't know the exact date but it will be during the last week of March. I will let you know when this date is confirmed. Last, but not least, I ask for your prayers to cover our campaign. I thank you in advance for your support. May God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

*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

February  
23-Becky Rader  
26-Tiffany May  
28-Sam Ware

Activities for February 23-March 1, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Session

Wed., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 16, 2014	
Sunday School.....	36
Worship.....	79
Offering .....	\$1,971.55
FISH.....	\$1,250.00
Youth Fund.....	\$625.00
Music Fund.....	\$30.00

Among Our People

Hailey Davis placed 2nd All-Around in The Presidential Classic Gymnastics meet last Friday... Thomas Jefferson visited the church today... Rex Hayes was visiting his grandparents over the weekend. A very proud Mike and Joanna Wilkinson introduced him to everyone. Rex has found a girlfriend here at the church, Hannah Davis... Richard Booher is still at NHC Farragut for knee surgery rehab... Becky Rader is home after surgery last week...

A THOUGHT ABOUT LIFE

As you get older you find out that true happiness is not in how much you make our how many degrees you have or how big your house is or how fancy your car is. It's finding peace and joy and a calmness in our life that will soon become the most important thing to you. Your family are what matters to you, love is what matters to you. Things the are of quality, not of quantity.  
(copied, author unknown)

Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital  
Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman's mother); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Debbie & David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack Gaston; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer's); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston's sister is facing surgery); Dick Booher; Becky Rader; Brandon Hargutt; the Family of Doug Hayes (Jin Gaston's cousin's husband); Alice Montgomery  
*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)*

We need your help with The Prayer Concerns List. Please check the persons that you may have requested to be added to this list and make sure the Prayer Concern is still valid. If it is not, please inform Tom or Mike about it and we will remove.

We have always added Prayer Concerns as they come in with the "Family of" being on the end. Would it be helpful if we changed this list to being alphabetical and a separate list for deaths? Please let the office know your opinion.

A SPECIAL VISIT  
~Dawn Curtis

On Monday, February 17 one of our Founding Fathers came to visit us and Classical Conversation at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our third President, Thomas Jefferson, stopped by our gym. He introduced himself and told us a general history of his life, starting with his childhood and going on to how he became president. The children loved him.  
(Please look at the church's FaceBook page and web site for more information about this visit)