

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 1, 2015



Since Joanna and I both sing in our Choir, I am always a little hesitant to brag on them too much; nonetheless, from all the comments heard following last Sunday's presentation of the Easter musical, "Written in Red", they did an outstanding job! We are truly blessed to have such gifted leaders, musicians, and singers who can overcome a voice like mine and still present a wonderful praise offering to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Allow me to quote from the title song of the musical:

"In letters of crimson, God wrote His love on a hillside so long, long ago. For you and for me Jesus died, and love's greatest story was told. . . . Down through the ages, God wrote His love with the same hands that suffered and bled. Giving all He had to give, a message so easily read. I love you, I love you that's what Calvary said. I love you, I love you written in red."

Jesus us loves me this I know, for the Cross tells me so! The Cross of Calvary clearly demonstrates the love God has for us, however, the redemptive power of that love is made available to us through the Resurrection of Jesus three days after the Cross. Have you allowed the redemptive power of the Resurrection of Jesus save you from your sins? If not there is not better time than right now to confess you sins and through the mercy and grace of a Self-sacrificing God receive the salvation He so freely offers.

In closing, I want to encourage you to take advantage of as many of the remaining *Holy Week* activities as possible (see the schedule below). It is in worshiping the Risen Christ that we are fully connected to the redemptive power of God. I can hardly wait to see you Thursday night, and then again on Friday at noon, and once again Saturday morning, and still again on Sunday morning. **Christ has risen! He is risen indeed!**

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Thank you for your contribution of \$500.00 last Sunday. This brings our total to \$2,800.00. Our partner church, Church of the Savior, will be sending us \$1,000.00 this week. Many thanks to the team who helped unload 310 cases of food into the pantry last Thursday – Steve McCurry, Pastor Mike, Jimmy Curtis, Bill Halbert, and Joel and Owen from the Church of the Savior. This next Saturday morning (April 4th) at 9:30 a.m. at the pantry site we will have our first bagging session. Come if you can to help us with this task – children are welcome. We may even have some Krispy Kreme doughnuts to spur us on. We will be out in time to attend the Easter Egg Hunt at the church. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community. —Betty Hammill

Holy Week Activities

- ⇒ Thursday, April 2nd, **Maundy Thursday** — We will be celebrating *The Lord's Supper* during this special evening Worship Service, at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Friday, April 3rd, **Good Friday** — Bearden Sequoyah United Ministries will hold a Worship Service focusing on "The Last Seven Words of Christ", at 12:00 noon, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Pastor Mike will be one of the speakers.
- ⇒ Saturday, April 4th, **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 5th, **Easter Sunday** — Community Sunrise Service at East Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery Rotunda, at 7:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, April 5th, **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.*

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Happy Birthday

April 1-11

2-James O’Neal
3-Michael Bachman
5-Elijah O’Neal
11-Karen Ware

Stewardship Report March 29, 2015	
Sunday School.....	49
Worship.....	86
Offering	\$1,423.75
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$500.00
Music Fund.....	\$1,860.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$125.00
Kroger Rewards.....	\$228.82

Activities for April 5-11, 2015		
Sunday,	8:15 a.m.	SonRise Service
	9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday,	9:30 a.m.	FISH Food Pantry
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Among Our People

Dick Booher remains at his son’s house in Morristown recovering from kneecap replacement surgery . . . It was great having **Allison, Hailey, Conner, and Hannah Davis** back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Hailey Davis** will have surgery for a herniated hernia this coming Friday, April 3rd . . . It was great having **Eric Esterl** worshipping with us last Sunday . . . While remaining at NHC, Saint Mary’s, **Edna Fleenor** has moved from rehab to long-term care . . . It was great having **Rev. Carlton Harper** and his wife, **Margaret**, worshipping with us again last Sunday . . . It was great having **Rev. Don McConnell** and his wife, **Joyce**, worshipping with us again 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 . . . **Tara and Josh Shelley** are expecting their second child; big sister Brooklyn and grandparents Tammy and Danny Eblen are extremely excited . . . **Joy Taylor**’s has a herniated disc in her back and will have surgery sometime in April . . . It was great having **Rebecca Ware** worshipping with is last Sunday . . . It was great having **Rev. Carl Ware** worshipping with us last Sunday . . . It was great having **Leonette Ware** worshipping with us last Sunday . . . It was great having **Lois Witmer** back worshipping with us again last Sunday; **Lois** continues to go to outpatient rehab following surgery to repair a broken hip . . .

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Brian Migas; Centerpointe Hospital
Rev. Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike);
University of Tennessee Hospital

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); 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; 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; 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 l1st. 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, \$430.00 has been contributed to this fund. Though this is a Classical Conversations 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**.

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Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the cards, visits, phone calls, delicious food, and the abundance of prayers during this past month. I have definitely felt God's presence through it all—the broken hip and then the loss of my sister while I was in the hospital. It was wonderful to have such a supportive church family in times such as these. We are truly blessed!

—Lois Witmer

West Circle

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 7th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are both invited and encouraged to attend.

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 Cumberlander*.

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 on 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 of us to invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and classmates to join us. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberlander*.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter **Egg Hunt** is this coming Saturday, April 4th, at 11:00 a.m. The **Egg Hunt** is for kids from birth to fifth grade. Please bring at least 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 candy-filled eggs; you bring them the day of the event. There will be games and crafts, lunch, and of course an **Egg Hunt**! If you

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Invites You To Our

Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Saturday, April 4, 2015
Time: 11:00 a.m.

The egg hunt will be for kids from birth to 5th grade.

There will be games and crafts for children of all ages, lunch, and of course an Egg Hunt!

Everyone is invited to come and have fun!

Please bring one dozen filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt.
You may also drop off eggs in the church office.

