

The Cumberland

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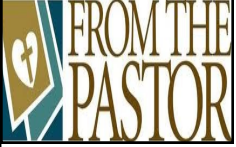
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 8, 2016



Last Saturday, I attended a **Share Your Faith Workshop** hosted by one of our sister congregations, the Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Maybe it is because I have been a Christian for nearly fifty years, or maybe it is because I have been a pastor for twenty-five years, but rarely do I go to a workshop, conference, or seminar that I learn something totally new. Nonetheless, it never ceases to amaze me how much I am reminded of when I attend one of these events; last Saturday was no exception. What I was reminded of, I want to share with you: **The power is in the message of the Gospel, not in the ability of the presenter.** I do not know about you, but that takes a lot of pressure off when I am preaching or sharing the Gospel in any manner. When it comes to sharing our faith, success is not my responsibility, nor is it yours. Our responsibility is simply to share our faith—to tell what Christ has done in our lives—with those around us and then trust God and the power of the Gospel to do the rest. Right before returning to His Father in heaven, the risen Jesus gave His disciples—both those present that day on the mountain and us today—a task to do; we know that task as the **Great Commission**. Guess what? The **Great Commission** is still in effect and our non-negotiable role as disciples of the risen Jesus is living out the **Great Commission** by sharing our faith and making disciples, teaching them everything Christ has taught us. Hence my remarks last Sunday about being back next week and bringing at least one person with you. You are not responsible for guaranteeing that someone comes with you, but you have been commissioned to invite someone to come with you and I encourage you to do so. By the way, I am not asking you to do something that I myself will not be doing. I look forward to seeing you at church this coming Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Summer Youth Camps

Presbytery has set the camping dates for Camp Chilhowee: **Middle School Camp** (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be this coming Sunday through Thursday, June 12th-17th; cost is \$150.00 per camper; and **High School Camp** (for those who have completed ninth through twelfth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 19th-24th; cost \$150.00 per camper. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Every year we try to give the big Kitchen by the Gym a deep cleaning. This year we plan to do this on Wednesday, June 22nd, starting at 9:30 a.m. We can use all the help (male and female) we can get. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to come if you can. We hope to finish by lunch time. Thank you for your support.—**Betty Hammill**

Vacation Bible School

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held Thursday evening, June 23rd, through Sunday evening, June 26th this year. The theme this year is **Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love**. There will be classes for all ages (nursery through adult). Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light Luau (Dinner) in the Gym. Then at 6:00 p.m., we will gather in the Surf Shack (Chapel) for Opening Assembly. Following the assembly, classes and activities begin, with a Closing Assembly in the Surf Shack at 7:55 p.m. **Rev. Greg Tucker**, Pastor of Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will be leading the Adult Class. Special speakers for the adults will be **Jessica Walker** (drug addiction/drug addicted infants), **Kate Trudell** (sex trafficking), and **Tom Walker** (scuba dive finds). Special speakers for the youth will be **Kate Trudell** (sex trafficking), **Lindsay Bridges** (health education), and **Jessica Walker** (drug addiction/drug addicted infants). Sunday evening, at 5:30 p.m., we will have a Luau Cookout Party and a little fun on the Big Kahuna Wave Slide in the front yard of the church. Invitations for you to give to your family and friends will be available this coming Sunday. **Our Vacation Bible School Team needs to borrow colorful beach towels and a surf board for decorations; all items will be returned.**

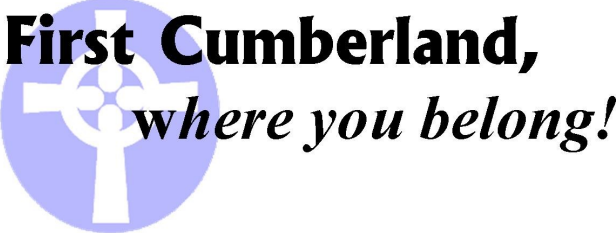
Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** is planning a church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social** Sunday afternoon, July 10th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A Talent Show sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the Church Office; so far, only two people have signed up, so make plans to participate with singing (solos, duets, quartets, etc.), playing musical instruments, magic tricks, dancing, twirling, stand-up comedy, or any other talents from our adults and children. Please bring ice cream, toppings, cookies, fruit, etc. to share. There will be a panel of judges for those bringing homemade ice cream! Invite your family and friends and come join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

Annual Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday and Saturday, July 22nd and 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We are now collecting donated items (antiques, clothing, electronics, books, toys, linens, sports equipment, estate items, furniture, office equipment, tools, costume jewelry, etc.). Simply bring the items you would like to donate with you to church on Sunday or call the Church Office (865-588-8581) to schedule a time to drop them off.

*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 8th-14th

8th - Kristi Summers
10th - Phil Bridges
10th - Greg Curtis



Stewardship Report June 5, 2016	
Sunday School.....	38
Worship Service.....	67
Offering.....	\$5,151.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for June 8-14, 2016	
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
	3:00 p.m. Middle School Camp Check-In
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

Dick Booher remains at his son’s home, in Morristown; he is undergoing additional physical therapy on his shoulder; he will not return home until sometime mid-June . . .

Ryan Haddox has started a new mobile automobile detail service . . . **Gene** and **Barbara McCammon** will be at a music camp for the next three weeks . . . It was great having **Taylor Rakes** (fiancé of Lindsay Bridges) worship with us last Sunday . . . **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts** are in Jamaica this week . . . **Donna Walker** continues to recover from her recent surgery . . . **Karen** and **Rebecca Ware** and **Sarah Grace Paschke** are at the beach in North Carolina this week . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to battle chronic anemia, but is slowly improving . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, June 15th, at **Litton’s Market, Restaurant and Bakery**, located at 2803 Essary Drive (Fountain City), at 11:00 a.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Chair Give-away

We only have a few **metal folding chairs** left to give away. Simply call the Church Office and schedule a time to pick some up. The chairs are free to anyone or any church that would like to have them and is willing to pick them up. All chairs not given away by July 21st will be placed in our annual **Garage Sale**.





Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns

 (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the world**; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina and Baby Girl Hinkle (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (friend of Joy Taylor); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Donna Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Lois Witmer

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, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

Thoughts to Ponder

“Trying to be happy without a sense of God’s presence is like trying to have a bright day without the sun.”
—A.W. Tozer

“What’s closest to your heart is what you talk about, and if God is close to your heart, you will talk about Him.”
—A.W. Tozer