

The Cumberland

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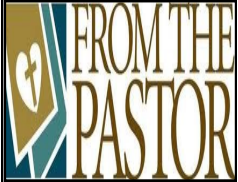
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 30, 2016



I hope that your **Holy Week** experience this year was as meaningful as mine was. It simply does a pastor's heart good to see the people of the congregation come together in work, worship, and fellowship. Though the attendance was not overwhelming, the spirit of our **Maundy Thursday** Worship Service was outstanding. Then, fifteen or so connected to First Cumberland attended the Community **Good Friday** Worship Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral. It is always special when the Family of God gathers in a ecumenical service to worship the risen Christ. This year's **SonRise** Worship Service was the best attended early service in my tenure here, and the **Continental Breakfast** that followed was delicious and the fellowship was sweet. All this leads me our **Easter Sunday** Worship Service; it was simply wonderful as our **Choir** presented the finale of our Easter musical, "Behold the Lamb". By the way, the Easter lilies were beautiful; thank you for purchasing them. In my mind, both the excitement and attendance last Sunday is a foreshadowing of our future every Sunday if we put forth the effort, on a more consistent basis, to be present and to invite others to join us like we did last week; I know we can do this! We also celebrated **Communion** last Sunday for the second time during **Holy Week**. We normally observe **Communion** of the first Sunday of each quarter, but since we observed this sacrament twice last week, we will not observe it again this coming Sunday, April 3rd, as scheduled; instead, we will celebrate it on *Mother's Day*, May 8th.

Saturday's **Egg Hunt** was the best attended outreach event in my tenure here, with more than one-hundred people gathered for fun, food, and fellowship. An exact count was impossible to obtain because people were constantly on the move. At least sixty children participated in the hunts; and the majority of those present were not regular attenders of First Cumberland. Kids were everywhere (it was a wonderful site), and thanks to your generosity, candy-filled eggs were abundant. A special thank-you to those responsible for making this event such a success.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign

This is the week our **FISH Food Pantry** work begins. This coming Friday, April 1st, around 9:30 a.m., Second Harvest will be delivering the food we purchased to the Pantry site. We still need a few additional workers to help unload this food; come if you can help. Church of the Savior United Church of Christ will have a few workers there also. And then on Saturday, April 2nd, at 9:30 a.m., we will have our first bagging session at the Pantry site on Weisgarber Road. Some of you have signed up on the **FISH** bulletin board to help on this date, but come even if you have not signed up. As most of you know we use an assembly line to bag our groceries. At this time we do not need any more contributions for this year's campaign. We had \$47.00 contributed last Sunday, and this brings our total to \$5,490.00, which includes the contribution from Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your support. May our church be truly blessed as we help to alleviate hunger in our community.—**Betty Hammill**

Youth News

All our **Youth** will help bag groceries for the **FISH Food Pantry** on Saturday, April 9th, at 9:30 a.m. Following the Bagging Session, our **High School Youth** will hike at Ijams Nature Center; bring a sack lunch.

Tables and Chairs Give-away

New tables and chairs for the Gym have been donated to the church. This means that we have a few eight-foot long folding tables and several metal chairs to give away. If you would like one or more of these items, simply call the Church Office and schedule a time to pick them up. They will be stored in the hallway next to the Gym until they are gone. These table and chairs are free to any church member/regular attender who wants them; they are also free to any Cumberland Presbyterian Church that receives this newsletter.

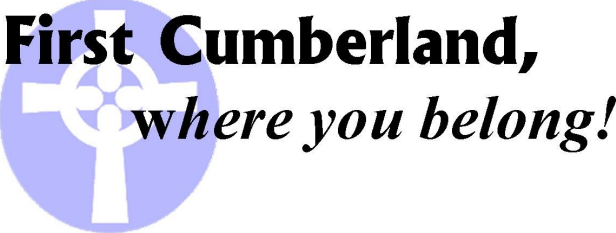
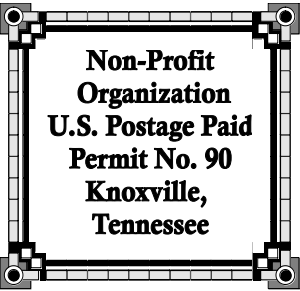
Homeschool Sunday and Potluck Lunch

As most of you know, First Cumberland hosts three Christian homeschools during the school year. After working with our **Missions and Outreach Committee** and the leaders of these homeschools, we have decided to host our first-ever **Homeschool Sunday** on April 10th. Various homeschoolers will be participating during the Worship Service, and we will have a **Potluck Lunch** following the service. With our new table and chairs, we now have the capability of seating 160 people for a meal; therefore, the goal is to have at least 160 present that day for the service and lunch. Make you plans now to attend.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, April 5th, 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.

*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

March 30th-April 5th

30th - Mildred Acuff
2nd - James O'Neal
3rd - Mike Bachman
5th - Eli O'Neal



Stewardship Report March 27, 2016	
Maundy Thursday.....	52
SonRise Service.....	32
Sunday School.....	54
Worship Service.....	122
Offering.....	\$4,908.37
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$47.00

Activities for March 30-April 5, 2016	
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday:	11:00 a.m. West Circle Meeting
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

It was great having the following people visiting with us last Sunday: **Gary Aceti**; **Kathy Byers** (daughter of Betty Hammill); **Melissa, James, Zachary, and Zoey Cooper** (daughter and family of Jim Dyer); **Cody Hawn** (friend of Kristi Summers); **Seiria Henshaw** (granddaughter of Tom Chesney); **Rhonda and Mike McKinnon** (sister and brother-in-law of Sam Ware); **Lesa, Mike, and Zach Medley** (daughter and family of Mary Helen Daniel); **Deanna Lane Russell** (friend of Tom Chesney); **Andrew and Misty Ryan**; **Kenan Saxton** (fiancé of Sarah Pipkin); **Gina Seavers** (friend of Greg Curtis); **Carl Ware** (father of Sam Ware); **Leonette Ware** (sister of Sam Ware); and **Jamie, McKaylee, and Jessica Wright** (daughter and family of Jim Dyer); a few other visitors did not sign the registration pads, but it was great having them worship with us as well . . . It was so great having **Eric Bachman**; **Corey Booker**; **Robyn Halbert**; **Amy and Sadie Hue-ther**; **Alice Montgomery**; **Kevin, Erin, Kian, and Kinsey Pipkin**; **Justin Rech**; **Tara and Audry Shelley**; and **MariKate Walker** back worshiping with us again last Sunday . . . **Dick Booher** remains at his son's home, in Morristown, recovering from surgery; he is undergoing additional physical therapy on his shoulder and will not return home until mid-April . . . **Mary Cregger** is out of the hospital and back at home . . . **Cliff Parrot** continues to recover from an infection in his leg . . . **Tom Parrott** (son of Cliff Parrott) continues to recover at home from a stroke . . . **Becky Rader** had additional outpatient surgery on her foot on Tuesday, March 29th . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Joanna Wil-kinson** will have surgery on Friday, April 8th; at that time they will remove and biopsy the apparently benign cyst/mass . . . **Lois Witmer** is out of the hospital and back at home . . .



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital. PLT!

Health and Prayer Concerns

 (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Pat Beeler (friend of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLosier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries*, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); 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); Mary Beth Hazelwood's baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby Girl (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); Marlene Ritchey; Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Lois Witmer; Tom 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.

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, April 20th, at **S&S Cafeteria** located at 4808 Kingston Pike, at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.