

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 25, 2016



When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt during what we now know as the Exodus, I am sure that most of the two million people or so who began the journey were wondering, “How am I going to be fed? How am I going to survive in this wilderness?” Imagine the logistical nightmare—an incalculable quantity of food and water were needed each and every day for them to survive in the desert. Where would it all come from? Yet, in this seemingly impossible situation, God provided—He provided manna from heaven. When the people first saw the manna on the ground, they wondered in amazement saying to each other, “What is it?”, which is exactly what the word manna means in Hebrew. Though they did not realize it at the time, according to **Psalm 78:24-25**, they were receiving the food of angels, which sustained them the entire forty years they were in the desert. Manna was the very best God had to offer, but we know what happened as time passed—the people got used to this miraculous provision, they began to take it for granted, and they even became bored with it, and, of course, the wonder of God’s supernatural provision evaporated. The Israelites lost sight of the miracle that God was doing in their lives each and every day.

Each and every day is a miracle from God. Each day of our lives we walk through a world filled with the wonders and glory of the Lord, but we, too, can become dull and lose the wonder of all that He has done and provided for us, even our very salvation. Therefore, I want to encourage you to awaken to the daily miracles of life, and to the never ending opportunities the Lord is opening, to pour His love into us, and through us. As we do, may we always be saying to ourselves, “Wow! What amazing love is this that has been given to me!”

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Summer Youth Camps

Presbytery has set the camping dates for Camp Chilhowee: **Junior Camp** (for those who have completed third through fifth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$130.00 per camper; \$120.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; **Middle School Camp** (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>; cost is \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>; and **High School Camp** (for those who have completed ninth through twelfth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>; cost \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.

### Share Your Faith Workshop

Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church (725 Virtue Road, Farragut) is hosting a **Share Your Faith Workshop** Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person; this includes all materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch. Sign-in and breakfast start at 8:15 a.m. To register, contact **Elaine Sexton** at the church (865-966-1494) or **Rev. Steve Graham** via his cell phone (865-206-0012). For more information, you can checkout **Evangelism Explosion’s** website: [www.evangelismexplosion.org](http://www.evangelismexplosion.org). This coming Sunday’s bulletin will contain an insert with additional information about this workshop.

### Vacation Bible School

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held Thursday evening, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, through Sunday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup> this year. The theme this year is ***Hang Ten, and Catch the Perfect Wave***. 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. 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.

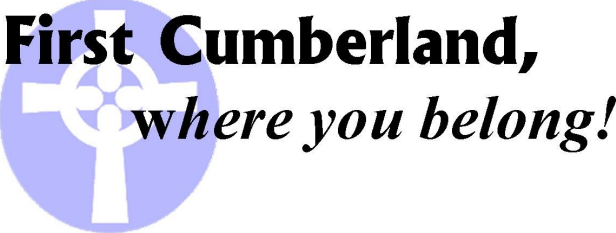
### Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Our **Outreach and Missions Committee** is planning a church-wide **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social** Sunday afternoon, July 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A talent sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the Church Office; so far, no one has 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!

*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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May 25th~31st

30th ~ Scott Roberts

Stewardship Report May 22, 2016	
Sunday School.....	42
Worship Service.....	74
Offering.....	\$4,543.25
Building Repairs (BSA).....	\$82.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for May 25-31, 2016

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(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 early to mid-June . . . Congratulations to **Conner Davis** (grandson of Tom and Lois Witmer) for winning the Knox County School System-wide *Nutrition Essay Contest* sponsored by Bush Beans; as the winner of the contest, he was presented a new bike, helmet, and Go Pro by the sponsor . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** returned to work last Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> . . . **Donna Walker** continues to recover from her recent surgery; it was great having her back teaching a Sunday School class last Sunday . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to battle chronic anemia, but is slowly improving . . . Congratulations to **Tom and Lois Witmer**, who celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary last Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> . . .

Friendship Club

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Quote of the Week

“Anything God has ever done, He can do now. Anything God has ever done anywhere, He can do here. Anything God has ever done for anyone, He can do for you.”  
—A.W. Tozer

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; 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); 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); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; 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); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Donna Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); **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](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

Second Harvest Food Drop

Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, near Dixie Lee Junction, is sponsoring a **Second Harvest Food Drop** on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 a.m., for those in need of help with food.