

The Cumberland

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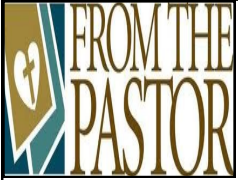
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 19, 2017



"Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"—for the follower of the risen Jesus, this traditional **Easter** acclamation is always appropriate. As a pastor, this past **Holy Week** was the most blessed one I can remember; perhaps, it was the intense preparation for the celebration of **Easter** on our journey through the Season of **Lent**. It all began with a wonderful **Palm Sunday** Worship Service followed by the presentation of the joint-choirs that Sunday evening. Our **Maundy Thursday** Communion Service only heightened my anticipation for **Easter**. In spite of my participation, the Community Worship Service on **Good Friday** was simply outstanding. Our SonRise **Easter** Service was the best attended in my tenure here, and the high point was celebration of the resurrection of Jesus during our **Easter Sunday** Worship Service; I love it when we have the trumpet and flute contribute to our musical worship of the risen Jesus. I mention all these things to both express my appreciation to those who attended and participated in these worship opportunities and to encourage those who missed out on these opportunities to participate next year. I can hardly wait!

I would be amiss if I did not thank everyone, especially **Laura Paschke** and **Julie Rech**, who made this year's Egg Hunt a huge success. We had lots of kids present, plenty of candy-filled eggs to be found, a great lunch to enjoy, and an abundance of fun and fellowship.

Last Sunday, we received \$8,700.00 for the **Lighting Fund**. When we take out a loan to complete this project, last week's donations will lower our monthly payment by \$152.51; coupled with previous donations, our monthly savings is now \$185.46. This fundraising effort will continue throughout the month of April. Again, every thousand dollars we raise during this campaign will reduce our monthly loan payment by more than \$17.00. If you would like to contribute any amount—above and beyond your regular giving—to this project, simply note your check or offering envelop with the words "**Lighting Fund**". Every gift, no matter its size, will simultaneously reduce our debt and increase our savings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

Please take the time to read "*The Message from Classical Conversations*" at the bottom of this page.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of John Edward (Jack, the "Candy Man") Gaston, Sr.**, who passed away Thursday, April 13th. Jack was a part of the Knoxville First Cumberland Church Family for more than eighty-eight years. Please remember Jin and the family in your prayers.

FISH Food Pantry

Our second bagging session brought out lots of good workers who filled 119 bags in a short time. These workers were **Tom, Donna, and Marikate Walker; Jimmy, Chrissy, Justin, Chris, and Patrick Curtis; Steve and Kristi Summers; Amanda and Scott Roberts; Gracie Hayes; Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson; and Betty Hammill**. The next two bagging sessions will be handled by our partner church, Church of the Savior. Thank you for your help. We will have the final numbers for you at the end of the month.

Homeschool Sunday

On April 30th, we will host our second **Homeschool Sunday**. On this day, children who attend the two homeschools that meet here at First Cumberland and their parents will be in attendance at our Worship Service. The purpose of our annual **Homeschool Sunday** is for the students and parents to express their appreciation for us making our facility available to them and it gives us an opportunity to meet some of those to whom we minister to as a congregation.


A Message from Classical Conversations

Have you ever felt like you need to do something to change the world? Did you feel like no one else was doing anything about the problem you were presented with? Have you ever felt like God was calling you to make a difference? That's how we felt when Charlie Spaulding was diagnosed with leukemia. Charlie, who was only three-years-old at the time, was having to go through intense treatments for her cancer. Our idea first came from Charlie's older sister, Caitlin. She sells artwork at a farmer's market to raise money for Charlie's cause. So we came up with an idea. What if we hosted a talent show? What if any kid could perform, and anyone could watch? Could we raise enough money to help Charlie? (Cost is \$5.00 per person; maximum of \$30.00 per family; donations accepted.) We know we can do it! At first, we just invited the kids in our homeschool group, Classical Conversations, to perform. It was only going to be those kid's friends and families watching us perform. Then, the staff at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where our homeschooling community takes place, stepped in. We are so excited for this event on Friday, April 28, 2017, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Gym at First Cumberland. The more people who come, the better! Various talents will take place including musical numbers, soloists, jokes, skits, instrument performances, martial arts demonstrations, and dance routines. Kids from first grade through high school will be performing their talents. "No matter how big, no matter how small, we accept all talents, for God gave them all." [Look for additional information on both the church's website and Facebook page.]

*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.*




First Cumberland,
where you belong!



Happy Birthday

April 19th-April 25th

25th — Steve McCurry



Our Faithfulness Record for April 13 th and 16 th	
Maundy Thursday.....	47
Egg Hunt.....	75
SonRise Service.....	41
Sunday School.....	60
Worship Service.....	109
Offering.....	\$5,682.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	\$155.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$400.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$989.90
Youth Fund.....	\$278.00
Lighting Fund.....	\$8,700.00

Activities for April 19th-25th

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People


It was great having **Ann and Mike Bachman** back worshipping with us last Sunday. ~ **Cliff Parrott** has traveled to Vermont for the funeral of his brother-in-law. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments. ~ The cheerleading team (Sand Sharks from Premier West) that **Laci Witmer**, granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer, is on took place in their division at Atlanta’s One Up national competition.

Special Guests

It was great having **Danny Casteen**, friend of Allen and Sallie Cox; **John and June Givens**, parents of Crissy Collins; **Paul, Sarah, P.J., Vesper, and Morgan Hutchison**, friends of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson; **Nick and Sara McGill**, daughter and son-in-law of Dottie Small; **Rhonda and Mike McKinnon**, sister and brother-in-law of Sam Ware; **Lesa, Mike, and Zach Medley**, daughter, son-in-law, and grandson of Mary Helen Daniel; **Rachel and James Tunnel**; **Carl Ware**, father of Sam Ware; **Le-onette Ware**, sister of Sam Ware, worshipping with us last Sunday morning. (These were all the guests that signed the Registration Pads.)

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition


The next Dutch-treat dinner for the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, May 4th, at **Wright’s Cafeteria** (5403 North Middlebrook Pike), at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.



Prayer Concern List

In the Hospital

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



Prayer Concerns

Mildred Acuff; Ann and Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Hannah Davis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; **FAMILY OF JACK GASTON**; **FAMILY OF LAWRENCE HALVORSON** (brother-in-law of Cliff Parrot); Mark Hester; Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Pat Housley (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Edna Hughes (sister of Rue Dougherty); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Cliff Parrott; Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Rick Rufo (nephew of Alice Montgomery); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); **CHARLIE SPAULDING** (homeschool student); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Shane Thompson (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codee Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards)

Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Lawrence Halvorson**, brother-in-law of Cliff Parrott, who passed away Tuesday, April 11th. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, April 19th, at **Sam and Andy’s Restaurant** (2613 Adair Drive, Fountain City), at 11:00 a.m.

Church’s Website

The church’s website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four **Worship Services**.