

The Cumberland

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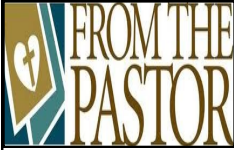
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 14, 2017



Last Sunday evening, Joanna, Rebecca, and I were sitting on our patio enjoying the beauty of the sunset. While sitting there, Rebecca was looking at some “yard sale” websites on her cell phone. As she scanned the pages, she asked me questions like, “Do you want a 1955 John Deere tractor and bush hog for Father’s Day”, or “How about this 32-foot camper?” When I replied no to each of her queries, she “complained” about how hard I was to buy for. Rebecca was having fun asking me if I wanted these items that I had no need for and that she could not afford to buy if I had wanted any of them. With **Father’s Day** being this coming Sunday, June 18th, our conversation caused me to think about what I really wanted for **Father’s Day**. While store-bought and even yard-sale-bought presents are nice, I think most fathers would agree with my desired gifts. First, I want all my children to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Second, I want all my children to know that I love them unconditionally. And third, I want all my children to know that I will always be there for them anytime, anywhere. With the birth of our first daughter more than thirty-two years ago, I learned that “. . . ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” [Acts 20:35, NRSV] Up until then, these words made no sense to me; now, I am sure that most every father reading this would agree. Happy **Father’s Day**, guys!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Lighting Project

Work on updating all of our interior and exterior lighting with new energy efficient fixtures and/or lamps and bringing our emergency lighting up to code has begun. The work actually began on Monday, June 5th, as a crew of electricians began to replace lamps in the original fixtures that will remain (Sanctuary, Chapel, etc.). The new fixtures were delivered on Monday, June 5th; the electricians are scheduled to begin the installation process sometime this week. Hopefully, this project will be completed in a few weeks with little or no interruption to our daily schedule, and then the savings begin! Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this perpetual money-saving project!

Summer Camps

Registration Forms for the remaining Presbyterial Summer Camp at **Camp Chilhowee** are available in the Church Office. **Junior Camp** (completed grades 3-5) is Sunday, June 18th, through Thursday, June 22nd, cost is \$130.00 per camper. Make checks payable to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and send both the Registration Forms and the fees to the following address: Presbytery of East Tennessee, P.O. Box 1767, Greenville, TN 37744. **The Junior Camp is still in need of two male counselors**; if you are interested in filling one of these volunteer positions, contact Pastor Mike.

Vacation Bible School

The theme for this year’s **Vacation Bible School** here at First Cumberland is “**Camp Out: Getting S’more of Jesus**”, and the dates are Friday, June 23rd, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 24th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. A light dinner will be served on Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. in our Gym, followed by the Opening Assembly at 5:30 p.m. in our Chapel. Saturday’s Opening Assembly will begin at 11:30 a.m. in our Chapel and be followed by lunch at 12:00 noon in our Gym. This year’s **Vacation Bible School** does not include our traditional class for adults where we have both a guest teacher and special speaker each class period; however, if any adults who have not volunteered to help with **Vacation Bible School** would like to attend, Pastor Mike will facilitate a class where students can discuss various biblical topics of their choosing. In lieu of our traditional waterslide party and cookout here at the church, a **Vacation Bible School Pool and Ice Cream Party** will be held that Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the home of Dianne and Paul Pipkin (1725 Covey Rise Trail); please bring your own towel and a dry change of clothes to the pool party.

Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be Friday, July 21st, and Saturday, July 22nd. We are now accepting donated items; you can bring them with you on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights and place them in the church’s basement, or you can call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your item(s).

Dinner on the Grounds: A Congregational Appreciation Event

Date: **Sunday, September 17, 2017**
Time: immediately following our Worship Service
Location: Gym
Menu: fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, bread, and dessert
Cost: free

*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!



We have no known birthdays this week.

Our Faithfulness Record for June 11th

Sunday School	50
Worship Service	72
Offering	\$5,962.41
Memorial Fund	\$240.00
Youth Fund	\$52.00
Music Fund	\$50.00

Activities for June 14th-20th

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

Ann and Mike Bachman traveled to Michigan last weekend. ~ **Susan Edwards** traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for a conference this week. ~ **Nathaniel Hester**, nephew of Dianne Pipkin, will have surgery on Thursday, June 15th. ~ **Josh Rech** is attending Senior High Camp this week. ~ **Rebecca Rech**, mother of Justin Rech, is back in the hospital in serious condition; she is in the ICU. ~ **Elaine Stapleton** is in Arizona this week visiting her grandkids. ~ **Rose Wilkinson**, mother of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike, continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

Special Guests

It was great having **June Givens**, mother of Crissy Collins; **Jewel Stallions**, a lady Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson met in Israel a few years ago—she has recently moved into our area; and **Elaine Winter**, friend of Crissy Collins, worshipping with us last Sunday. (These were the guests who signed the Registration Pads.)

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, June 21st, at **The Chop House** (4870 Harvest Mill Way, off Broadway), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.

Downed Tree

A tree on the back lawn of the church fell over the weekend. Since it is not in our parking lot and not interfering with anything, it will be a few weeks before it is cut-up and disposed of.



Prayer Concern List
In the Hospital
Prayer Concerns



Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Gordon Blaylock; **RICHARD BRIDGES** (cousin of Phil Bridges); Charlotte Byrd; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**; Janie Curberson (friend of Kim Boyatt); Hannah Davis; Mary Helen Daniel; Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Danny Eblen; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Mark Hester (brother of Dianne Pipkin); Nathaniel Hester (nephew of Dianne Pipkin); Betty and Bud Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Pat Housley (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Betty Kennedy (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); **BRENDA LEE** (cousin of Phil Bridges); Alexi Llewellyn (granddaughter of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Keith Lunsford (cousin of Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Peter McNamara (friend of Hannah Haddox); 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**; Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); David Rech (father of Justin Rech); the **Family of REBECCA RECH**, mother of Justin Rech; Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Amanda Roberts; Pauline Sherrod (friend of Lois Witmer); 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 (grand-daughter 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 Susan Edwards and Pastor Mike); Leah Witmer (daughter-in-law of Tom and 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](#).

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The next Dutch-treat dinner for the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, July 6th, at **Naples Italian Restaurant** (5500 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.