

The Cumberland

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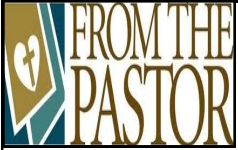
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"*Loving God, Loving People*"

May 18, 2016



With the passing of **Pentecost Sunday** last week, we have come to an end of the **Great Fifty Days of Easter**. The obvious question to me is—**Where do we go from here?** Actually, that is a great question for us as individual followers of the risen Jesus, and as a congregation committed to following Him, to ask ourselves everyday—**Where do we go from here?** In spite of all the baggage of Church history and the problems facing the modern Church, I remain an idealist in regards to the possibilities that await an authentic community of believers; therefore, I have great hope for the future that God has planned for First Cumberland (read **Jeremiah 29:11**). I do not know what the future holds, but I remain confident in the One who holds our future and I am certain that God will work it for our good if we remain faithful to His purpose for us (read **Romans 8:28**). As a reminder, that purpose is to **worship Christ**—we need to gather every Sunday to praise the risen Jesus; that purpose is to **evangelize the lost**—we need to consistently and lovingly share the Gospel of Christ with those whom God places in our lives; that purpose is to **love one another and our neighbor**—we need to allow “love” of others to be action verb in our lives and not merely a noun; and that purpose is to **learn more about our God**—we need to be engaged in regular Bible study; Sunday School is a great place to begin our study.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

This coming Sunday, May 22nd, our **Middle School Youth** will have lunch here at the church following our Worship Service. After the meal, they will work on making Visitor Packets for our first-time guests, and then have time for archery lessons/practice. Parents need to pick up their youth at 2:00 p.m.

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 5th-9th; cost is \$130.00 per camper; \$120.00 if preregistered by May 28th; **Middle School Camp** (for those who have completed sixth through eighth grades) will be Sunday through Thursday, June 12th-17th; cost is \$150.00 per camper; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28th; 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; \$140.00 if preregistered by May 28th. Camp registration packs are available in the Church Office.

Share Your Faith Workshop

Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church (725 Virtue Road, Farragut) will host a **Share Your Faith Workshop** Saturday, June 4th, 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.

Barbara House Lancaster Fund for Ministry to Children

We have received a card from Bethel University acknowledging First Cumberland's donation to the **Barbara House Lancaster Fund for Ministry to Children**. This card is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. As a reminder, if you would like to make a contribution to this fund in memory of **Barbara Lancaster**, simply send a check to Bethel University; P.O. Box 127; McKenzie, TN; be sure to note on the memo line of your check that the donation is for the **Barbara House Lancaster Fund for Ministry to Children**.

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 sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board beside the Church Office. 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 fun and fellowship!

From Our Mailbox

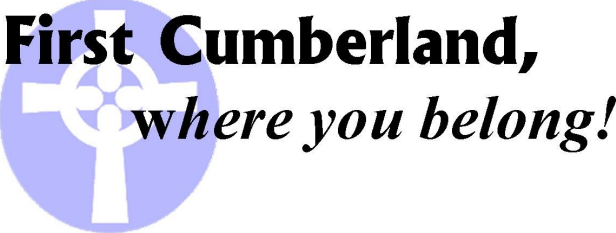
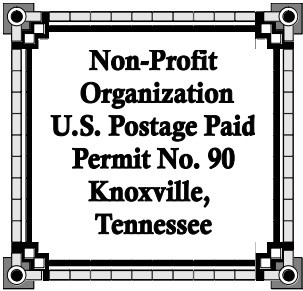
Dear Pastor Mike and Congregation,


On behalf of the entire Cregger and Lee families, THANK YOU so very much for the care you provided Mary—our sister and aunt—during these past months and years. And thank you for the care you provided to us during this difficult time of losing her. . . (This card in its entirety is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.)

In Christ,

The Family of Mary Elizabeth Cregger


*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

May 18th-24th
20th - Max Haddox
21st - Robyn Halbert



Stewardship Report May 15, 2016	
Sunday School.....	43
Worship Service.....	70
Offering.....	\$1,990.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$60.00


Activities for May 18-24, 2016	
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. Friendship Club 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
(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 **Stephanie Bridges** for graduating *Magna Cum Laude* from Tennessee Wesleyan College on Saturday, May 7th . . . It was great having **Alice Montgomery** back worshipping with us last Sunday following her prolonged illness . . . Congratulations to **Sarah Grace Paschke**; the Dean Hill Cheer Squad, of which she is a member, placed second in the state competition last week . . . Congratulations to **Dr. Kristi Summers** for graduating with high honors from the University of Tennessee’s College of Pharmacy on Thursday, May 12th . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** continues to recover from her recent surgery; she meets with her surgeon this coming Wednesday morning and may go back to work on Thursday . . . **Donna Walker** continues to recover from her recent surgery . . . **Susan Watson** continues to recover from her recent surgery; it was great having her back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Lois Witmer** continues to battle chronic anemia, but is slowly improving . . .

Friendship Club
The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, May 18th, at **Lakeside Tavern**, located near the Concord Marina off of Northshore Drive, 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 thirty-one 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.



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); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); 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); Susan Watson; Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Lois Witmer

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

Vacation Bible School
Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held Thursday evening, June 23rd, through Sunday evening, June 26th this year. There will be classes for all ages (nursery through adult).

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