

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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Recently, I read an anonymous quote that I want to share with you: ***"Church attendance does not save you. But life is found in God's house. It's where encouragement is found; friendships are formed; lives are changed."*** Many of you reading this article fully agree with this quote, and as a result, are very faithful in your attendance here at First Cumberland.

Others of you agree on the surface with this quote, but you do not agree with it enough for you to be fully faithful in your attendance; oh, you attend on the high holy days of **Easter** and the Sunday before **Christmas**, and maybe for a special event, but by-and-large, you are absent here at First Cumberland. Still others of you reject this quote and see no real value in church attendance here at First Cumberland, or anywhere else for that matter. If either of these last two categories describes you, I want to encourage you to take time to ponder this quote; I mean let it soak in for several days. While you are pondering ask God to open you heart and mind to the benefits of being actively and regularly involved in the life of First Cumberland. I close with this thought: ***"You cannot fully love Jesus and neglect His Bride—the Church."***

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Our Youth did a fantastic job of filling 133 bags last Saturday morning. This team consisted of **Josh Rech; Jimmy, Dawn, Chrissy, Justin, and Chris Curtis; James, Sydney, Emma, and Eli** (who has been working in the pantry for 10 of his 11 years) **O'Neal; Jon Spencer; Scott and Amanda Roberts; Tom Walker, Gracie Hayes** (who also worked last week); and **Betty Hammill**. On Tuesday, **Jimmy Curtis** picked up a load of free bread from the Fish Hospitality Pantry to refill our freezers. Thank you one and all for all your hard work. Church of the Savior will be bagging this Saturday, April 18th. There is a good possibility that we will have to bag on April 25th – I will let you know next week for sure. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community.

—**Betty Hammill**

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Planning Meeting

Six ladies met on Sunday to hammer out some plans for the ladies of our congregation. Details will follow, but here is a general outline of what was decided. A Bible study on the spiritual disciplines will meet at the church from 10:00-11:00 a.m., on Saturdays, May 16th, May 30th, June 13th, and June 27th. A work day to deep clean certain areas of our church is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th, at 9⁰⁰ a.m. till whenever. An inventory will be taken the week before to determine our course of action. We will be devising a new list to take food for funerals and sicknesses. In the Narthex there is an "Idea Box" for suggestions for any women's activities. Presbyterian CPWM at the Beaver Creek Church has been postponed to next fall in September or October. More details will follow next week.

—**Betty Hammill**

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, April 15th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Sullivan's at Rocky Hill** for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is already a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore automatically invited to attend this and all monthly outings.

Spring Fling/Picnic

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a church-wide **Spring Fling/Picnic** Sunday, May 3rd, following our Worship Service. Thanks to a gift certificate from Archer's BBQ (given to the church back on Scout Sunday), the church will provide the meat (pulled pork and chopped chicken) and the drinks; you are asked to bring your favorite side-dishes and/or a dessert. Since the **Spring Fling/Picnic** will take place right after our Worship Service, you are encouraged to wear casual clothes to church that day. This is a great opportunity for each us to invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and classmates to join us. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberlander*.

Vacation Bible School

Our with **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, through Sunday, June 14th (note the change of the traditional format from Sunday through Wednesday to Thursday through Sunday). **VBS** will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. with a "light supper" with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. The kids will be singing during our Worship Service Sunday morning, June 14th, and we will have a closing cookout that Sunday evening. Look for more details in future editions of *The Cumberlander*.

*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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Happy Birthday

April 19-25
25~Steve McCurry

Stewardship Report April 12, 2015	
Sunday School.....	49
Worship.....	73
Offering.....	\$2,370.50
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	\$45.00
Chapel Cushion Fund.....	\$85.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$885.00

Activities for April 19-25, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Outreach and Mission
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

Dick Booher is now back at home following a prolonged stay with his son . . . **B.F. Daniel** is under hospice care . . . **Hannah Davis** received a good report from her stress test last week . . . It was great having **Kelly, Benjamin,** and **Baylor Hollingsworth** worship with us again last Sunday; the **Hollingsworths** also attended Sunday School . . . It was also great have **Rev. Carlton Harper** and his wife, **Margaret,** worshipping with us again last Sunday . . . It was great having **Patsy Pinkerton** worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Becky Radar** is now at Patricia Neil Rehab Center; **Becky** will be there for two weeks before returning the independent living facility . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is under hospice care . . . **Joy Taylor** has a herniated disc in her back and will have surgery Wednesday, April 29th . . . **Karen Ware** had cataract surgery last week and is doing well . . . **Lois Witmer** has completed her rehab following hip surgery . . .



Our Youth Group’s trip to Abrams Falls last Saturday following bagging groceries for the FISH Food Pantry.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)
the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (mother of Mary Wegman); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (coworker of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); **KAREN WARE**; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Lois Witmer; Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox)

Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns List.; call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net

Chapel Cushion Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to reupholster the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$585.00 has been contributed to this fund. Though this is a homeschool initiated project, anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.

New Sunday School Class

We are starting a **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so). A planning meeting over lunch at a local restaurant will be held Sunday, May 24th, following our Worship Service.