

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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As the *Season of Lent* continues, consider the things that come between you and God and corrode your connection to Him, and starting with the words below, hold them up to God as a confession. Confession causes us to face our nature, and can be a frightful thing, but it is also a bridge to God. Sincere confession is always followed by God's drawing near in forgiveness. As you read, do not be limited by what is written here; add your own words as you are moved to: "Holy and merciful Father: I confess to You that I have sinned by our my fault in thought, word, and deed; by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I have not forgiven others as I have been forgiven. I have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Christ served us. I have grieved Your Holy Spirit. . . . Father, by way of the cross and passion of Your Son our Lord, forgive me of my sins and teach me the joy of resurrection. Amen."

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Thank you for your contribution of \$330.00 last week and \$235.00 this week; this brings our total to \$565.00. Jimmy Curtis responded to my plea to pick up the bread and take it to the **FISH Food Pantry** the four Tuesdays in April. Thank you, Jimmy for your willingness to help in this way. Be sure to sign up on the **FISH** bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help bag groceries on March 28th and April 4th. Our Youth are taking care of April 11th. I still don't know when our groceries will be delivered, but I will let you know when I know. May our church be blessed as we help to feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, March 18th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Aubrey's Restaurant** (6005 Brookvale Lane, between North Weisgarber Road and Northshore Drive, near the interstate) 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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Church Office. It is not necessary to sign-up in advance, but it is helpful in making reservations.

Holy Week Activities

- ⇒ Sunday, March 29th, **Palm/Passion Sunday** — Our Choir will be presenting the Easter Musical, "*Written In Red*" during our morning Worship Service, at 10:45 a.m.
- ⇒ Thursday, April 2nd, **Maundy Thursday** — We will be celebrating *The Lord's Supper* during this special evening Worship Service, at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, April 4th, **Saturday of Holy Week** — We will hold our annual **Egg Hunt** (for children up to fifth grade), at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. We are in need of plastic eggs filled with candy; if you would like to donate candy-filled eggs, please drop them off in the Church Office.
- ⇒ Sunday, April 5th, **Easter Sunday** — We will begin our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ with a **SonRise Service** in the Chapel, at 8:15 a.m., followed by a **Continental Breakfast** in the gym, at 9:00 a.m. Next, we will be **Sunday School**, at 9:30 a.m., followed by our **Easter Worship Service**, at 10:45 a.m. where we will again be celebrating *The Lord's Supper*.

Legacy of Joy

Second Presbyterian Church is hosting "**Legacy of Joy – The life of Cliff and Billie Barrows**". Clif Barrows was the longtime Music Director for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. This approximately one hour program will be presented by two Barrows' daughters, Bonnie and Betty Ruth. The program will be on Tuesday, April 14th, and begins with a luncheon (\$10.00 per person – make check payable to Second Presbyterian Women), at 11:30 a.m. Betty Hammill has the sign up form; please see her if you want to go. The reservation deadline is March 31st. Though this event is sponsored by Second Presbyterian Women's Ministry, both men and women are invited to attend.

*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

March 15-21

15-Sarak Pipkin
19-Allen Gwilliams
19-Marikate Walker
21-Judy Gammon
21-Dianne Pipkin

| Stewardship Report March 8, 2015 | |
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| Sunday School..... | 38 |
| Worship..... | 107 |
| Offering | \$1,999.00 |
| FISH Food Pantry..... | \$235.00 |
| Building Usage..... | \$836.00 |

| Activities for March 15-21, 2015 | | |
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| Sunday, | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Christian Education |
| Wednesday, | 11:00 a.m. | Friendship Club |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| (See web site for complete calendar listings) | | |

Among Our People

Dick Booher remains at his son’s house in Morristown recovering from recent kneecap replacement surgery . . . **B.F. Daniel** had a MRI last week and is awaiting the results . . . **Hailey Davis** competed in the Nashville Nights gymnastics event last weekend . . . **Edna Fleenor** is still at NHC, Saint Mary’s for rehab following her recent hospital stay . . . **Gracie Hayes** received a great report from her recent medical tests at Vanderbilt Hospital; she will have additional tests in the near future . . . It was great having **Becky Rader** back worshipping with us last Sunday; she also sang in the Choir as well as attended Choir Practice last Wednesday night for the first time since her strokes last Fall . . . **Marlene Ritchey** continues under hospice care; you may contact **Marlene** via mail; her address is 475 Jacks Canyon Road; Apt. 222; Sedona, Arizona 86351 . . . **Lois Witmer** fell at the church last Sunday afternoon and broke her hip; she had surgery last Monday afternoon and remains in Parkwest Hospital . . .

Another Surprise Birthday Party

Mildred Acuff will turn 90 on March 30th. Her family will gather to celebrate her birthday on Friday, March 20th, with her. They want to invite friends and church members to an **Open House** at Mildred’s house – 520 Kendall Road – from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 21st. This takes precedence over the original plan to have an Open House at Betty Hammill’s house on Sunday, March 22nd. Mildred has not been told of this change of plan (She will get a special edition of *The Cumberlander*.), so please keep all this under wraps and go along with the Sunday plan.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Brenda Burk (Lois Witmer’s sister);
York (PA) Hospital
Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister);
York (PA) Hospital, ICU
Lois Witmer; Parkwest Hospital

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Roy Acuff (brother of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); **LINDA BRIDGES** (Phil Bridges’ cousin); **GREG BROWN** (friend of Mary Cregger); Brenda Burk (Lois Witmer’s sister); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston’s sister); 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 (Mary Wegman’s mother); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (Margaret Migas’s son); Jonathan Migas (Margaret Migas’s son); Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder’s aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); 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 (Justin Rech’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (friend of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (Betty Hammill’s great niece); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); 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

Committees

Our Missions and Outreach Committee welcomes two more new members—**Susan Edwards** and **Ryan Haddox**. This committee has recently grown from three members to eight. If you would like to serve on any of the church’s committees (*Building and Grounds; Christian Education; Mission and Outreach; Stewardship and Finance; or Worship*), please contact Pastor Mike.