

# The Cumberlander

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 21, 2023



My thoughts today are related to last Sunday's sermon. As you know, life can be full of so much noise, so many distractions, so much busyness. There are meetings to be at, functions to attend, demands to be met, and if we are not careful, we can drift away from our Lord. **Psalm 23** reminds us of a bygone era when the pace was a bit slower and the noise was a bit less as the psalmist invokes an image of peace, rest, and tranquility next to a stream of quiet beauty. Although I do not always have the opportunity to travel to a location where this image can be physically experienced, I do have the ability of reading this psalm, closing my eyes, and imagining myself in the place it reveals. On many occasions, even in the midst of the busyness and distractions of life, I have recalled the words of the psalmist, imagining myself in this place of tremendous beauty and peace, and there I center my spirit and quiet my soul. I encourage you, in this season of **Lent**, to take a moment each day and ask our Good Shepherd to lead your spirit next to a place of green pastures and quiet waters, so that He may restore your soul.

Still learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

**Pastor Mike**

## "The Chosen"

A viewing of Episode Seven of Season One of "The Chosen" will be held this Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the home of Rebecca Prenshaw (1100 Albemarle Lane). A short discussion will follow the viewing, with a lite lunch served afterwards. Please bring your Bibles for the discussion. Feel free to contact Rebecca (865-661-8626) with questions.

## Spring Outside Work Day

All hands on deck; many volunteers are needed! Our *Building and Grounds Committee* is holding an **Outside Work Day** to beautify our church grounds for **Psalm Sunday** and **Easter**. The plan is to work this coming Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m., weather permitting. The rain date will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 10:30 a.m., following the bagging session for FISH. At this moment, the work load is not too heavy; we will need to weed the flower/plant beds and spread some mulch; we will need to pick up a few tree limbs/sticks from the front lawn; and we may have to lightly trim a few hedges on the side and front of the church. For more information contact Tom DeLozier (865-414-2215).

## West Knox FISH Food Pantry

April is our month to stock the **West Knox FISH Food Pantry**. This involves buying the food and bagging the groceries. Last year we spent \$4,344.59 on food. We currently have \$2,750.00 on hand (\$2,150.00 in reserve and \$600.00 donated so far this year). Our best guess is that we need an additional \$1,600.00. Please clearly mark your contribution for FISH. The food will be ordered this week and is to be delivered on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, between nine and ten o'clock that morning. We need a few volunteers to help unload 300 plus cartons into the pantry on that day; contact Betty Hammill (865-690-8739) to volunteer. We need baggers to work on the first 3 Saturdays of April – 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., for about an hour. You can sign up to unload or bag on the FISH bulletin board in the narthex, or let Betty Hammill know.

## Weekly Prayer Time

If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class, you are invited to join in a new **Prayer Time** for the church each Sunday, at 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel. Contact Mary Wegman for additional information (865-363-6815)

## Monthly Prayer Night

Our next monthly **Prayer Night** will be Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will gather in the Keene Room, at 6:30 p.m. The prayer focus will be families in our congregation with adult children.

## Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship

The next meeting of our **Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship** will be Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of **Scott and Amanda Roberts**, 540 Bull Run Road; Clinton, TN 37716. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP to Amanda at 865-382-5344.

## Easter Lilies

We will once again be decorating our Sanctuary with **lilies** on **Easter Sunday**, which is April 9<sup>th</sup> this year. The cost will again be \$10.00 per plant and, as always, they can be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms will be in the bulletin this coming Sunday through **Palm Sunday**, which is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can also either email ([FirstCPC@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net](mailto:FirstCPC@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net)) or call (865-588-8581) the Church Office to place your order.

## Church Website

Our church website ([www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org)) includes a secure "Donate" tab. Donations can be designated to one of four options: 1) Contribution (general church expenses); 2) Music; 3) Youth; or 4) Memorial. There is a small transaction fee (2.9% plus \$0.30) for all online donations; the giver has the option of covering that fee when making a gift to the church.

*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland  
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 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> – Judy Gammon  
21<sup>st</sup> – Dianne Pipkin  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Pritchard  
26<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Booker



## Our Faithfulness for March 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School	34
Worship Service	70
Offering	\$4,125.00
Building Reimbursements	\$300.00
FISH Food Pantry	\$500.00
Easter Lilies	\$150.00

## Calendar for March 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. “The Chosen”  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Outside Work Day  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:00 noon Session Meeting

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

## Among Our People

**William Barron**, father of Lee Barron, is now out of the hospital. ~ It was great having **Tammy Eblen** back worshiping with us last Sunday. ~ **Jin Gaston** is remains in physical rehab on the ninth floor of Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. ~ The Altar Flowers last Sunday we given by Julie Rech and Sarah Saxton in honor of the seventieth birthday of **Dianne Pipkin**. ~ After nearly a three-year illness, **Andrea Wilson**, daughter of Harry Sherrod, is finally scheduled for surgery in May.

## Egg Hunt

Our annual **Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. We need multiple dozens of candy-filled plastic eggs. Some empty eggs are available in the Church Office during the week and in the Narthex on Sundays.

## Session Meeting

Our **Session** will meet for its regular monthly meeting this coming Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Keene Room, immediately following our Worship Service.

## Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

**Change of Date:** Due to our Maundy Thursday Worship Service, the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will now gather for a Dutch-treat dinner Thursday evening, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at **Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que** (208 Advantage Place, just off Cedar Bluff Road), at 6:30 p.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

## Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at **Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen** (8390 Kingston Pike), at 11:00 a.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

## Prayer List

### In the Hospital



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

### Prayer Concerns List

Margaret Bacon (friend of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson); William Barron (father of Lee Barron); Dick Booher; Angela Bowen (daughter-in-law of Elaine Winter); Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Faye Bridges (mother of Phil Bridges); Jimmie Lynn DeLozier (mother of Tom DeLozier); Rue Dougherty; Jim Dyer; Jimmy Emory (brother of Brack Emory); LaRue Everette (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mike Fannin (brother of Judy Gwilliams); Doris Farley (mother of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); LaRhonda Forsyth (friend of Hannah Haddox); Brittany Fouson; Judy Gammon; Jin Gaston; June Givens (mother of Crissy Collins); Bernard and Carol Grubbs (friends of Rose Wilkinson); Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); Rodney Holloman (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Dorothy Johnson (friend of Elaine Winter); Kimberly Jones (friend of Amanda Roberts); Bob Lawson (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); **Suzanne Lenhart** (friend of Dianne Fielder); Barbara and Gene McCommon; Steve McCurry; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Angela Mooneyhan (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Sara Paul (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Judy Powell (mother of Jeanine Rickards); Betty Prince; Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Donna Stallions (sister-in-law of Jewel Stallions); Jewel Stallions; Millard and Janet Summers (parents of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); Geri Vurganov (cousin of Rose Wilkinson); Susan Watson; Lee Wells (mother of a co-worker of Susan Edwards); Brenda Whisenhunt (friend of Elaine Winter); Andrea Wilson (daughter of Harry Sherrod); Elaine Winter; Tom Witmer; Gina Turner Wood (friend of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson); Nancy Worley (mother of Rebecca Prenshaw); Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries around the globe; persecuted Christians around the world; our local, state, and national political leaders; the people of Ukraine; Unspoken Requests

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

*“I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.” [Psalm 141:1-2, NRSV]*

## Church Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.  
Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.