

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 7, 2023



Once again, I want to thank **Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw** for preaching in my absence last Sunday. I was away on General Assembly Moderator business. I attended the initial meeting of the Presbytery for the Midsouth in Medina, Tennessee, last Saturday. I then journeyed south to Alabama and preached at the Gadsden Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sunday. While I still have several Moderator trips to make before my tenure is up, as my schedule currently stands, I will miss only one more Sunday this Spring and then probably one in June. As I wrote just two weeks ago, it is a great blessing having someone you can trust to fill the pulpit in my absence.

This coming Sunday, our Lenten journey to the cross of Jesus continues. Again, the *Season of Lent* is a time for believers to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on *Easter Sunday*. I encourage each of us to take full advantage of this time of preparation by participating in our Worship Services each Sunday.

Still learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### "The Chosen"

A viewing of Episode Five of Season One of "The Chosen" will be held this Thursday, March 9<sup>th</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) if you have any questions.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **Lois Witmer Circle** of our women's ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring your own lunch – drinks and dessert will be provided. All the Ladies of the church are invited to attend.

### Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship

The next meeting of our **Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship** will be this coming Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of **Ray and Lauren McDonnell**, 6318 Cate Road; Knoxville, TN 37849. Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP to Lauren at 865-223-3511.

### Spring Outside Work Day

All hands on deck; volunteers needed! Our *Building and Grounds Committee* is planning an **Outside Work Day** to beautify our church grounds for *Psalm Sunday* and *Easter*. The plan is to work on 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 9:30 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 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. Resurrection Presbyterian Church maintains the landscaping in the back of the church and the courtyard. For more information contact Tom DeLozier (865-414-2215).

### 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.

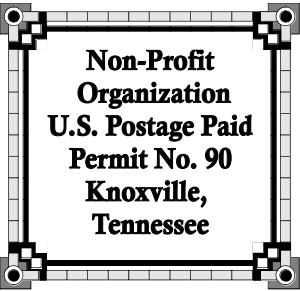
### Easter Lilies

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.*



First Cumberland,  
where you belong!



Happy Birthday

March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Aceti

9<sup>th</sup> – Jewell Kerr

13<sup>th</sup> – Christina Curtis



Our Faithfulness for March 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School	32
Worship Service	67
Offering	\$6,088.75
Music Fund	\$50.00
Youth Fund	\$50.00
Building Reimbursements	\$450.00

Calendar for March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday:	11:00 a.m.	Lois Witmer Circle
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	“The Chosen”
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

It was great having **Bonnie Bridges**; **Susan Edwards**; and **Larry** and **Dianne Fielder** all back worshiping with us last Sunday ~ **Jin Gaston** spent the end of last week in the hospital having various tests run; the doctor has changed some of her medications and she is doing better; she hoped to move to physical rehab on Monday. ~ **Ryan Haddox** has cellulitis in one of his legs and is improving. ~ **Amanda Roberts** is awaiting the results of a resent breast biopsy. ~ **Elaine Winter** tested positive for COVID.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at **Sami’s Café** (9700 Kingston Pike, in Franklin Square), 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.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will gather for a Dutch-treat dinner Thursday evening, April 6<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.

Be joyful  
in hope  
Be patient  
in affliction  
Be constant  
in prayer  
Romans 12:12



Prayer List

In the Hospital

Jin Gaston @ Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center



Prayer Concerns List

Gary Allender (uncle of Lauren McDonnell); Mary Faye Allender (mother of Lauren McDonnell); 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); Bonnie Bridges; 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); **Ryan Haddox**; 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); Joe Kerr (son of Jewell Kerr); Bob Lawson (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Barbara and Gene McCammon; 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); **Amanda Roberts**; Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Andrea Sherrod (daughter of Harry Sherrod); 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); Millard and Janet Summers (parents of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); Geri Vurganov (cousin of Rose Wilkinson); Christine Wade (daughter of a friend of Dianne Fielder); Susan Watson; Lee Wells (mother of a co-worker of Susan Edwards); Brenda Whisenhunt (friend of Elaine Winter); Rose Wilkinson; Joey and Kaci Wilson and unborn baby girl (cousin and family of Lauren McDonnell); 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.  
“O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.” [Psalm 54:2, ESV]

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.