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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 6, 2024



As I said at the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, it is very difficult for me to trust the pulpit to another preacher. This is true when I am going to be out of town on a Sunday and even more true when I will be sitting in the pew like I was last Sunday. So again, I give thanks to the Lord for **Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw**; I can always trust her to rightly divide the Word of God. The rationale for me not preaching last Sunday was that I would arrive back home well after midnight after spending three intense days at a prayer summit and you deserve to hear a fresh word and not a mumbled word from an exhausted preacher. Joanna and I, along with Doug and Mary Wegman, were in the Sacramento, California area attending the aforementioned prayer summit. I am confident that you will hear more about our trip as time goes on.

We will observe **Holy Communion** this coming Sunday during our Worship Service. As I said last Sunday, I want us all to focus on what the **Lord's Supper** means to us this week. If you have a brief comment about what this sacrament means to you, you will have the opportunity to share it with the congregation.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **Lois Witmer Circle** of our women's ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 6th, 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 Sunday, February 18th, at 5:00 p.m., at the home of **Scott and Amanda Roberts** (840 Bulls Run Lane; Clinton, TN 37716). Dinner and childcare will be provided. RSVP to Amanda at 865-382-5344.

Monthly Prayer Night

Our next monthly **Prayer Night** will be Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Keene Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mission and Outreach Committee Updates

As you are hopefully aware, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has missionaries in twenty countries around the world. Our Mission and Outreach Committee has been working on some ideas to help our congregation establish relationships with some of these missionaries in order to provide them support through prayer, communication, and other methods. **Rev. Justin Richter**, the Director of Global Missions for our denomination, provided us with an email address for **Rev. Marja del Socorro Pejendino** in Guatemala; she attended the Missions Conference that was held at our church back in June of 2022. Socorro has responded to our email and she is very appreciative of our prayers and would welcome communication from our members. In her email, she wrote, "**I ask you to please pray for the children of the hot food project for needy children in the community located near the church** (the focus of this year's denominational *Loaves and Fishes Offering*)." Socorro's email is pastorasocorro@hotmail.com. Our committee would like to encourage you to join us in praying for her and emailing her with encouraging words. We have also begun discussion with the Rev. Richter about plans for a pilot program to run about three weeks before Pentecost. Stay tuned for details!

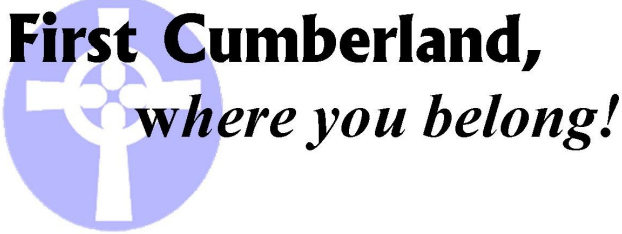
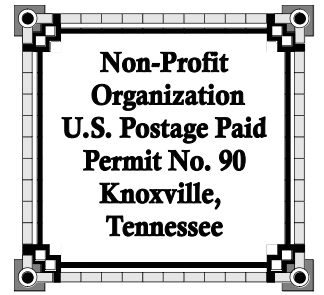
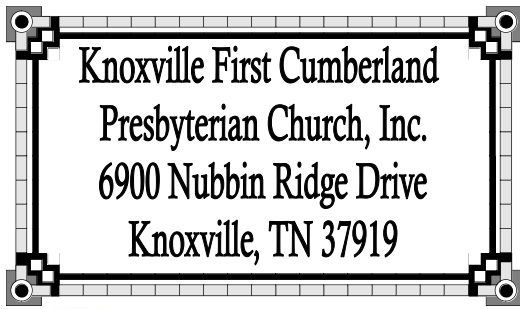
Church Website

Our church website (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.

Inclement Weather Policy

For activities during the week, such as Choir Practice or Friendship Club outings, if the Knox County School System cancels school or dismisses early for snow and ice, our activities are automatically canceled. Hopefully, those typically involved in these activities will receive a telephone call, text, or email confirming that cancelation. If the actual weather, not the forecast, on a Sunday morning is snowy and icy, Sunday School is automatically canceled and there will be no notifications sent out. However, our Worship Service will be held for those who are able to safely travel to church, unless the roads are impassable and our parking lot is hazardous. Please only travel to church if you can do so safely. If the weather is severe enough that we do not have a Worship Service, we will cancel and an email notification will be sent out. We then need your help to contact family and friends that do not have email.

*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.*



Happy Birthday

February 6th-12th

- 6th – Samantha Robinson
- 9th – Stephanie Saults
- 10th – Lindsay Rakes
- 12th – James Searcy



Our Faithfulness for February 4th

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| Sunday School | 33 |
| Worship Service | 65 |
| Offering | \$6,435.00 |
| Music Fund | \$50.00 |
| Children/Youth Fund | \$50.00 |
| Denomination Day | \$20.00 |

Calendar for February 6th-12th

- Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. Lois Witmer Circle
- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 noon Leadership Lunch

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

It was great having **Danny Eblen** back worshipping with us last Sunday; the doctor has now released him to drive following his hip surgery.

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition

The **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will gather for a Dutch-treat dinner Thursday evening, February 8th, at **Copper Cellar West** (7316 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, February 21st, at **Aubrey's Papermill** (6005 Brookvale Lane), at 11:00 a.m. These social gatherings are for anyone who wishes to attend; feel free to invite someone to join you. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Church Office.

Quotes for the Week

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”—**John Piper**

“True faith means holding nothing back. It means putting every hope in God’s fidelity to His promises.”—**Francis Chan**

“When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.”—**James Hudson Taylor**

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”—**Saint Augustine**



Prayer List

In the Hospital

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

Prayer Concerns List

David Aiken; Deliahla Bailey (infant granddaughter of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); Dick Booher; Angela Bowen (daughter-in-law of Elaine Winter); Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Faye Bridges (mother of Phil Bridges); Wanda and Troy Cox (sister and brother-in-law of Danny Eblen); Maxine Curtis; Jimmie Lynn DeLozier (mother of Tom DeLozier); Dale Dixon (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Jim Dyer; Danny Eblen; Harrison Evans (grandson of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); LaRue Everette (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mike Fannin (brother of Judy Gwilliams); Doris Farley (mother of a friend of Rose Wilkinson); Judy Gammon; Bernard and Carol Grubbs (friends of Rose Wilkinson); Wayne Haddox (father of Ryan Haddox); Rodney Holloman (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Colin Jones (son of a friend of Amanda Roberts); Mary Kemp (friend of Dianne Fielder); Andrea Knight (friend of Dianne Fielder); Bob Lawson (pastor-friend of Pastor Mike); Suzanne Lenhart (friend of Dianne Fielder); Hayden Long (son of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Sarah Pass (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Maggie Rickards (daughter of Jeannine Rickards); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Nellie Romines (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Miranda Scott; Macey Sheppard (friend of Elaine Winter); Dottie Small (daughter of Sallie Cox); 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); Janet Summers (mother of Steve Summers); Shannon Thackston (sister of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); Susan Watson; Andrea Wilson (daughter of Harry Sherrod); Richard Wines (brother-in-law of Bonnie Bridges); Tom Witmer; 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 Israel and 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.

