

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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FROM THE PASTOR

I want to begin this article by expressing my appreciation to **Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer** for serving faithfully as the *Elder Class of 2013*. History will record, for better or for worse, that they were a part of the *Session* that called me to be the Pastor of First Church; for that I am eternally grateful. Next, I want to congratulate **Jimmy Curtis, James O'Neal, and Amanda Roberts** on being installed as the *Elder Class of 2016*. My prayer is that as members of this class, they will not be faced with the responsibility of having to issue a call to someone else to be the Pastor of First Church. This means that I hope to serve here for a long, long time.

This coming Sunday, January 19th, I will be beginning a sermon series on church membership. I have titled this series, "I Am a Church Member" and I hope that each of you will join me on this journey of discovering, or rediscovering as the case may be, the privilege and the joy of church membership. For those of us who make this journey together, two things will likely take place. First, we will have a new, or renewed, attitude about First Church; that is, we will become excited about God being in the midst of our congregation. And second, First Church will begin to change; it will become healthier because its members are healthier, and as our congregation gets healthier (understood as W.E.L.L.—worshiping Christ, evangelizing the lost, loving one another and our neighbor, and learning more about of God), we will have a greater impact for Christ in our community. However, there are a couple of requirements for these two things to happen. First and foremost, we must diligently pray, asking God to lead us in this process. And two, we must all make every effort to be here the next six Sundays so that we will all be on the same page.

I want to close by taking a personal privilege; I hope you do not mind. Last Saturday, January 11th, our middle daughter, **Jennifer Wilkinson Hayes**, was ordained as a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. I was blessed to have served as the Chair of the *Commission to Ordain*. She completed her studies at Memphis Theological Seminary this past December, and begins the CPE Program at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga this week. Her calling is to serve the Lord through hospital chaplaincy. Please join us in keeping **Jennifer** in your prayers.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of Suzan Kerr Smith**, the daughter of **Jewell Kerr**, who passed away Monday, January 6th. The memorial service was held last Sunday afternoon, January 12th, in Jefferson City.

Session Meeting

Our monthly **Session Meeting** will be this coming Sunday evening, January 19th, at 6:00 p.m. If you did not know, any church member is welcome to attend these meetings.

Denomination Day Celebration


February 4, 2014 marks the 204th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In honor of this event, the Presbytery of East Tennessee will host its annual **Denomination Day Celebration** Sunday afternoon, January 26th. This celebration will take place at the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, beginning at 3:30 p.m. There will be congregational singing, special music (First Church has been asked to provide this), and a Communion Service. There will also be a showing of the revised version of the video, "God So Loved" about the beginning of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Since this service is sponsored by our presbyterial Heritage Committee, a "love offering" will be received for our denominational Historical Foundation.

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



January

17-Alice Montgomery
20-Ryan Hoy



Activities for January 19-25, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Session

Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report January 12, 2014

Sunday School.....46

Worship.....80

Offering\$2,097.75

Building Fund.....\$60.00

Music Fund.....\$50.00

Memorial Fund.....\$25.00


Among Our People

Kim and Bill Halbert were in Nashville for the wedding of Bill’s nephew... Lindsay Bridges has moved from home into an apartment.... Hailey Davis competes in the Ozone Invitational gymnastics meet at the Knoxville Convention Center this Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Friendship Club


The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be Wednesday, January 22nd. We will gather at Mimi’s at Turkey Creek, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a Dutch-treat meal and a wonderful time of fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Young at Heart



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our youth will be going to Gatlinburg this Saturday to attend a portion of the Grace Presbytery’s Winter Youth Convocation. They will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. For more information, contact Stephanie Saults at 310-6129 or by email at s.saults@gmail.com.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

P Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Jewell Kerr and family; Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo, (Scott Robert’s Uncle); Tom Williams, (friend of Cliff Parrott); Vicki Dilly, (Erin Pipkin’s mother); Carl Kissiah, (Joanna Wilkinson’s father); the family of Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); the family of David Rikeron, (Kathy Hammill’s young neighbor).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net

THANK YOU!!!

Dear God,
Thank you for this church! The “prayer crosses” gave me 2 miracles! Praise God!
~ Placed in offering plate 1/12/14

TRIPLE ‘D’ IS COMING SOON!!!

‘D’inner

‘D’ance

‘D’essert

Did we get your attention? Dinner; Dance; Dessert. Well get ready for a fun evening while you support the youth of our church in raising money for their ministry.
This event, and this will be an ‘EVENT’, will be held Saturday, February 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost: Donation of your choice.
You will eat a meal with a choice of two entrees. That will be served with salad,
You will dance to of both slow romantic music and moderately non-slow music.
You will then be treated to what you all look forward to. Dessert to make your tongue slap your brains out.