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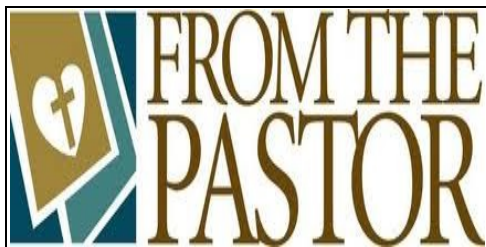
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 26, 2014



This coming Sunday, I will be preaching the sixth and final message in the sermon series, "I Am a Church Member". The title of the concluding message is, "A Gift to Be Treasured". During this message, I plan to ask our regular visitors (we have several at this time) to officially unite with First Church. If you are one of these regular visitors, please make this a matter of prayer throughout the week. As the title of my upcoming sermon indicates, church membership is a gift to be treasured; my prayer is that each of us fully embraces this joyous gift. In the words of Pete Wilson, "Being a member of a local church is more than merely having a church to belong to. It's your way of committing to the work God is doing in us and through us as a community of believers."

It has been a while since I mentioned this, but Joanna and I still need your prayers regarding the sale of our house in Millbrook, Alabama. Please pray that a qualified buyer will soon make an acceptable offer on our house. It is our desire to soon be living closer to the church so that we can become more involved in our community and a better witness for First Church. If you do not know, we currently spend four nights a week at my mom's (Alcoa), two nights a week at Joanna's dad's (near Knoxville Center), and one night a week at my sister's (Karns). While we love our family and they love us, and graciously open their homes to us, it is time for us to have a home of our own, which can only happen after our house in Millbrook sells.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Sow Generously for FISH

I want to thank you for your generous giving for **FISH**. Last week we received \$1,250.00 and this week \$955.00, totaling **\$2,205.00** (our goal was raise \$2,000.00). Added to the \$3,000.00 we have on hand, this puts us over our goal of \$5,000.00. For now, we need no more monetary contributions. You are really to be commended – we have never received this much money in just two weeks before. Please sign up on the **FISH** Bulletin Board in the Narthex if you can help with the bagging on any or all of the three Saturdays – March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th. This is done at the pantry site at 9:30 a.m. and usually lasts about an hour. May God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

New Carpet

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, new carpet is being installed in the Choir Room this week. Be sure to check it out next Sunday. The carpet that is being replaced was installed when the building was built back in 1974. A special thanks to all who helped move the contents of the Choir Room out into the hallway in preparation of the carpet installation.

Ronald E. Jones, Sr.

Former long-time member, Ronald E. Jones Sr., died on February 20th at the age of 85. He and Mary were members at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. Ron served as an elder and Sunday School teacher. But his greatest service to our church was as chair of the Building Committee that produced our current facilities. Ron leaves his wife of 63 years, Mary; three children: Rhonda and husband Bob Holloway; Kathryn Jones, and Ronald Jones, Jr., and wife Allison and 7-year old grandson, Mac of Huntsville AL. Our expressions of sympathy are extended to this family.

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

3-Rebecca Ware
4-Katie Hill
5-Ada Ladd
5-Emma O’Neal

Activities for March 2-8, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Building & Grounds
Wed., 3:00 p.m. Outreach Committee
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 23, 2014

Sunday School.....43
Worship.....84
Offering\$4,083.75
FISH.....\$955.00
Memorial Fund.....\$625.00

Among Our People

Hailey Davis will be competing in the Greensboro Gymnastics Invitational this Thursday... Tom and Lois Witmer along with Hailey will see the AT&T American Cup Gymnastic Championships on Saturday, featuring world class and Olympic class gymnasts from around the world... Becky Rader was back at church after recovering from surgery...

If we try to go through our lives on our own strength, we will be destined to bob up and down like a swimmer trying to keep his head above water. We will be fighting the currents trying to pull us under and be thrown about and disoriented as the winds of life pick up. But if we, like Peter in Matthew 14:29, focus on Jesus and have faith that He is strong and has dominion over the things of this world, He will fulfill His promise to us, picking us up and leaving the waves of life beneath our feet as we continue to walk daily with God. Have faith, God's strength is sufficient to sustain you, no matter what comes!

~Donna Walker

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 11 am in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite the ladies of the church to join us.

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital
Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; 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); 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; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo (Scott Robert’s uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston’s sister is facing surgery); Dick Booher; Becky Rader; Brandon Hargutt; Alice Montgomery; the Family of Ronald Jones

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

This is your last chance to give us your input and to update The Prayer Concerns List. We will be making changes next week and removing persons that have been on the list for a long time. Please let us know who should remain on the list or they will be removed.

We need your help with The Prayer Concerns List. Please check the persons that you may have requested to be added to this list and make sure the Prayer Concern is still valid. If it is not, please inform Tom or Mike about it and we will remove.

We have always added Prayer Concerns as they come in with the “Family of” being on the end. Would it be helpful if we changed this list to being alphabetical and a separate list for deaths? Please let the office know your opinion.

Invite
a
Friend