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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 21, 2014



As you read this newsletter, most, if not all, of the schools in our area have just let out for the Summer. This coming Monday is *Memorial Day*, which is the official start of the Summer vacation season. Everyone needs an occasional vacation from work and the routines of everyday life—that is a good thing, but our need for a vacation should not result in our not attending wor-

ship services and Bible studies. Even if you are out of town on a Sunday this Summer, as will inevitably be the case for many of us, I want to encourage you to attend a church wherever you happen to be and take the time to worship our Lord and Savior.

Speaking about Summer, on Sunday, June 15th, I will be starting a Summer sermon series entitled, "Good News about God's Grace". Grace is one of the things we talk about a lot in the Church, but how many of us really understand what God's grace really means for our everyday lives? Make it a point to be here this Summer and perhaps, just perhaps, God will reveal some of the wonders of His grace to us through this series of messages. Grace,

Pastor Mike

Automated External Defibrillator

Our Session wants to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church. An AED is a portable computerized device that can analyze a person's heart rhythm, and then deliver an appropriate electric shock to restore the heartbeat. The sooner a shock is given, the better the chance of survival. The cost of this potentially lifesaving device is approximately \$1,800.00, including both adult and pediatric electrode pads and supplies, and a wall cabinet for safe storage. Last Sunday, \$75.00 was given toward this purchase, leaving a balance of \$1,725.00. Remember, together we can do this!

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **The Original Louis' Drive-in Restaurant**, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 11th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. The restaurant is located at 4661 Old Broadway (near Fountain City). Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

Confession of Faith Study

The study of what Cumberland Presbyterians believe as found in our *Confession of Faith* has begun. It is not too late for you to join this study—simply show up for class this coming Sunday. The class, led by **Dr. Hester**, is meeting in the classroom across from the Library.

Vacation Bible School

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is Arrowhead Island, and the dates are Sunday night, June 8th, through Wednesday night, June 11th. Each night will begin with a light supper, at 5:30 p.m., in the gym. Opening Assembly for everyone will begin at 6:00 p.m., in the chapel. VBS will conclude at 8:00 p.m. In addition to classes for children ages three through fifth grade, we will have both youth (sixth through twelfth grades) and adult classes with a special speaker each night. The adult classes and speakers are as follows: Sunday—Drugs and Senior Concerns, led by Sergeant Tom Walker; Monday—Financial Considerations, led by Toby Strickland; and Tuesday—Nutrition and Health, led by Mark Pendergrass, D.C. The youth classes and speakers are as follows: Sunday—Bullying, led by Lindsay Bridges; Monday—Street Gangs, led by Sergeant Tom Walker, and Tuesday—Teenage Abstinence, led by Lucus Herd. All ages groups are invited to Wednesday's Closing Ceremony and Family Cookout, which will include a waterslide. As part of VBS, we, along with our women's ministry, will be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls. We will also be collecting money for the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home.

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



May

26-Brian Migas
27-Maximus Haddox
29-Earl Hillen
30-Norma Frye
30-Soctt Roberts



Activities for May 25-31, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12:15 p.m. VBS Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Session

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report May 11, 2014

| Sunday School | 41 |
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| Worship | 74 |
| Offering | |
| Project Offerings | |

Among Our People

Mary Jane Blaylock continues as a patient in Parkwest Hospital ... Marlene Ritchey spent last week in the hospital as result of fall at home; nothing broken; she is now at NHC Oak Ridge for some therapy ... Pastor Mike & Joanna Wilkinson were in Memphis Saturday for graduation of daughter Jennifer Hayes from Memphis Theological Seminary ... Congratulations to Dawn Curtis upon her receiving of the Girl Scout Silver Award in a ceremony last Sunday afternoon ... Congratulations to Jerry Scott & Dorothy Bradshaw upon the birth of William Cooper Bradshaw on May 17; Jerry Scott is nephew of Dianne Fielder ...

Our ??th Annual Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale date has been set for July 25 and 26. If you have items that you would like to donate to the church to sell, we will begin taking items as soon as our schools that use the building break for their summer vacations.

If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine or the church office.

Soles4Souls

The Women's Ministry's drive to support the Soles4Souls Ministry has begun. Please bring in your new; lightly used; or used shoes and place them in one of the boxes either in the gym or church office. Your donation may be used to help a child to attend school, to support disaster relief, or to provide African craft artists with raw materials to work and provide for their families. The Soles4Souls organization wants ANY old pair of shoes to recycle and repurpose the old shoes. If you have any questions, please email Donna Walker at thetwwalkers@att.net.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Marlene Ritchey, NHC Oak Ridge Mary Jane Blaylock, Park West Hospital Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); 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 and David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Mr. Hopkins (a patient of Amanda Roberts); Rex Hayes (Pastor Mike's and Joanna's grandson); Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Larry Taylor (Joy's husband)

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

Summer Church Camp News

The schedule for church camps has been announced:

Middle School Sunday June 1st—6th

Cost is \$150

High School Sunday June 8th—13th

Cost is \$150

Junior Sunday June 15th-19th

Cost is \$130

Save \$10 on all camps by registering by May 24

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for more information and registration forms. Registration forms are also in the Church Office.





VACATION
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2014

Reregister for Classes and for Dinner!