

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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PROGRAM OF ALTERNATE STUDIES

This program (PAS) is a program for educating prospective ministers in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It is reserved for those who, because of age, family, work, cannot attend seminary. This is an "alternate" route – and the candidate must be recommended for this program by the Presbytery.

The program was begun in 1984. Summer sessions are held on the campus of Bethel University, McKenzie TN. This year's program is July 13 – 26. I have taught in this program since its inception. This year I teach two courses: "Evangelism" and "Spiritual Gifts". Remember me as I participate in this program for training future ministers.

– J. David Hester

GUEST MINISTER

In the pastor's absence Sunday, leading our morning worship will be B. Heath Harper. He is teacher of the Gleaner's Sunday School Class – sings in the choir.

We encourage you to be present for this worship experience.

GOODBYE TO BONNIE

The church's oldest member died on July 5. Bonnie Holbert was 102 years old; she joined our church in 1949. She's lived in her apartment on 4th Street for over 70 years.

We said goodbye to Bonnie in her funeral service on Sunday afternoon; Rev. Kevin Wood and Pastor Hester were the officiates. Sam Ware was the organist.

Though unable to be in worship for many years, Bonnie regularly sent her church offering envelope to the church office. We received the final one last week.

FOOD GIVE-AWAY

This Saturday, July 13, beginning at 8:30, a tractor trailer load of food from Second harvest will be given away at the Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 14025 Highway 70 E (just west of the 70/11 junction).

The church has purchased this food for the purpose of giving it to people of our community who are in need.

If you know of anyone who could use this assistance, tell them about this event. There will also be school supplies available to give away. Perhaps you will know of someone who has no transportation; you might offer to drive them there.

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

"Understanding forgiveness is one thing; doing it is an entirely different matter. As philosopher C.S. Lewis said, 'Everybody says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive.' How do you move from definition (understanding forgiveness) to application (practicing forgiveness)? Making this transition requires your personal initiative.

Forgiveness begins with you even though it ought to begin with the other person. Seldom will the person who offended you come to you to ask your forgiveness, so you must take the first step.

Jesus reinforced this idea in His teaching; 'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift' (Matthew 5:23-24)."

~Edward G. Dobson

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Good to see the **Eugene McCammons** back Sunday after a few weeks away teaching in music schools ... **Cliff Parrott** battling a nasty eye infection ... **Dianne Fielder** gone to Dyersburg this week checking on her mother's house ... **Harold Stone**, former member and Elder (and former husband of Mildred Stone) is still in extended care following a debilitating stroke in January ...

Lee Barron visited his parents over the week end ... **Heath Harpers** home after visiting friends and relatives in west Kentucky ...

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Happy Birthday

July

14-Carol Long
19-Richard Booher

Activities for July 14~20, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report July 7, 2013

Sunday School.....39
Worship.....69
Offering\$5,099.29
Building Fund.....\$5.00
Memorial Fund.....\$25.00
Building Usage.....\$800.00

GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 26 and 27. The sale will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Please start bringing your donated items for the sale to the church. Please contact the office to arrange a time to deliver your items.

If you need help bringing items to church call us and we will arrange to pick up your items.

If you know of anyone who has left over items from a personal garage sale, ask them if they would like to donate those items to the church.

Any items left from estate sales or items from a deceased friend or relative would make good donations to the sale.

We are providing tax receipts for those who want or need one for their taxes.

DO NOT miss this opportunity to help the church.

Sorting, arranging and pricing will begin this Friday, July 5 and will continue every Friday until sale starts. We will need lots of help doing this. Please contact the office if you want to help; CALL—Tom Witmer (742-9377); Maxine Curtis (357-0441) or Jewell Kerr (690-8903), if you can help with these tasks.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP 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; Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming’s mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry’s mother); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges’ neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); the Search Committee; Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; Sarah Price, (friend of Alice Montgomery); Phil Bridges (job situation); Curt Hammill (Betty’s son); the family of Bonnie Holbert.

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

Lay Ministry Corner

Would you describe your life as light and joyful? Do your external circumstances rarely wreak havoc with your overall emotional state? If your answer is yes to these questions, you probably have a knowing grin on your face and a long fascinating story on how God has transformed you and made you stronger through His strength, not leaning on your own understanding. You are most probably thankful God didn't leave you where He found you. If the answer is no, be confident that God would not call us to behavior He is not able to accomplish in us! Know that even mature Christians will have periods of turmoil, if they slip and depend on their own strength and understanding. The things that are stealing our contentment are the very places that God is trying to work in your life! This discontentment is a sign we are being called to grow, but be prepared that with growth often comes pain, but know the result will be worth it!

Donna Walker