

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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SEMINARY SUNDAY

Memphis Theological Seminary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been training men and women for ministry for over 150 years. Periodically, we highlight that program in our local church. This Sunday will be **Seminary Sunday** as we pay tribute to this great institution. Be with us as we observe this event; a special offering for the seminary will be received. If you have gifts for this offering, place it in a pew envelope and mark "special".

PASTOR RETURNS

Pastor Hester has returned from his travels west. He was in hometown Paducah KY for 2 days visiting relatives. Sunday afternoon he was in Clarksville TN to participate in the ordination of Steve Shauf and Teresa Shauf as Nashville Presbytery ordained them to the gospel ministry.

Our thanks are expressed to B. Heath Harper for leading us in worship Sunday during the pastor's absence.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECTS

We have a great church facility! It is regularly used by many people. But, church "houses", like our houses, need regular up-keep (note work-day above). Equipment and furnishings must constantly be replaced or up-dated (remember that we, last year, raised \$190,000 to up-date our HVAC system).

The Building and Grounds Committee and the Session have indentified areas that are now in need of attention. We list them here for your consideration. Perhaps there are individuals or groups that would be interested in funding one of these needs: Gym kitchen counter door -----
Est. \$2000

Refrigerator for the gym kitchen ----- Est. \$2100 (Committed)

Lawn mower (to supplement tractor) ----- Est. \$1000-\$4000

7 Classrooms/Chapel/Choir room carpet --- Est. \$10,000

(room areas vary; from \$800 to \$1500 each)

If any of these projects interest you, contact our building manager, Tom Witmer, for further information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As we move forward toward our Vacation Bible School (June 2-5), we are in the process of completing our staff. Leaders of classes have been identified. But we are in need of volunteers who would work with these leaders in various responsibilities (nursery, snacks, set-ups).

If you are interested in being a part of this team, contact one of our co-directors, Judy Gwilliams or Bill Halbert.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - 5/5/5

The women of the church are reminded of the meeting this Sunday, May 5, at 5:00 pm. This will be held at Betty Hammill's home and all women are invited.

WORKDAY REPORT

Due to the wet weather, we will take another shot at a full workday this Saturday at 9 a.m. Thanks to those who did come out this past Saturday in the wet to get some of the outside work done until the rain set in.

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6-Joshua Rech
7-John Golliher



Activities for May 5-11, 2013

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Women of the Church
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report April 28, 2013

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	75
Offering	\$1,531.00
Refrigerator.....	\$2,100.00
Music.....	\$5.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Coke Box.....	\$30.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1222.26

Church Unity

When we are called to faith, a few things we can all be assured to have in common is that: we are sinners; we need to change ourselves & check our behavior daily; and none of us has perfect knowledge of God's plan for our church. We all know our own expectations based on our comfort zone, past, or personal desires for worshiping God. We must be very careful though if in trying to achieve our own vision for worship, we start looking at other church members that stand in our way as people we can view as adversaries. Or if we treat members we don't agree with in a disrespectful or mocking manner. When this line is crossed, the Bible makes it clear that we are at that point opposing not other members, but the Lord himself. We are not to look for things to constantly be offended about. If you are offended daily, this is a red flag. We are not to count heads at events to tempt us to express a lack of appreciation for God's provision. We should not measure the appropriateness of worship activities based on how things have always been done, but by whether it truly brings glory to God. We must embrace change in order to be sanctified. If God calls, we must be willing to comprise on matters of preference, whether traditional or modern, provided the doctrine is solid. To both preferences, in giving up expectations to provide another joy, we are serving and worshipping God with delight, even though our will wasn't done totally to our expectation. In doing so, we have worship that is not scored as a single repetitive note, but a masterful score of harmony that points to God's will, not ours being done.

~Donna Walker



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Mildred Acuff, Brakebill



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; 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); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); 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; Rufus Holbert, (Rhonda Wilson's father); Virginia Chesney.

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

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEETING

Will be meeting on Sunday, May 5, at 5 o'clock, at 505 Bardon Rd. (Betty Hammill's house). We will have a meal, enjoy fellowship, make plans for the future, and listen to our speaker, Wanda Moody as she talks about "Being a Christian in the World of Politics". If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board by the office. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us for this gathering.

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite the ladies of the church to join us.

Congratulations...

to **Stephanie Bridges** who was named to the softball All-Conference 2nd Team in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC).

A Shout out to **Heath Harper.**
GREAT PREACHING!!!!!!