# The Cumberlander

# Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People"

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It dawned on me last Monday morning as I was in the shower that I left out a very important application in my sermon last Sunday. The promise for God to take care of our needs (**Philippians 4:19**) is not merely for individual Christians who meet the premise of being generous. The original promise of God was to meet the needs of the Philippian congregation

that had so generously given to the Apostle Paul to help him share the Gospel. This tells me that as long as First Cumberland remains generous in helping those in need and supporting various ministries that help spread the love and Gospel of Christ, God will meet our needs. I do not know about you, but I find this assurance to be comforting, and when I am comfortable, it is just easier for joy to surface in my life. May God ever increase our generosity in the giving of our time, talents, and treasure!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

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## **Garage Sale**

Our annual **Garage Sale** is a two weekend event this year—this coming Friday and Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, and Friday and Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>; the sale begins at 8:00 a.m. each day. All hands are needed this week to help organize and price the donated items; Come when you can; **Maxine Curtis** will be here every day this week, except Thursday. Donations to our **Garage Sale** are **tax deductible**; receipts are available in the Church Office. The proceeds from the **Garage Sale** will help fund the redecorating/updating of the Keene Room. To this end, most of the existing furnishings in the Keene Room have been priced to sell. The renovation of the Keene Room is underway.

### Youth BBQ Fundraiser

In conjunction with the **Garage Sale**, our **Youth Group** will be holding a **BBQ Fundraiser**. **Scott Roberts** will be smoking Boston butts. Pulled pork barbeque can be preordered for \$12.00 per pound, including an eight-pack of buns. Preordering will allow **Scott** to know how much meat to cook, so please let either **Scott** or **Pastor Mike** know how many pounds you want. Extra BBQ beyond that which is preordered will be available on a first-come-first-served basis to those shopping at the **Garage Sale**; individual BBQ sandwiches will also be available the days of the sale for \$3.00.

# Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

- ⇒ The next meeting of our **Ladies' Bible Study** will be Saturday morning, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 6 (Self-examination) in "**Soul Feast**". The final three dates are as follows: Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>; and Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. All ladies of the church are welcome and invited to attend.
- ⇒ This Summer we will again collect various things for the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry. They need school supplies, socks and underwear for kids, plus yarn and craft things (which we will donate what is left from the Garage Sale.) There will be a box in the Narthex to deposit what you bring. Thank you for helping in this very important ministry.

# Sunday School Teacher Needed

This September, we plan to divide our current **Youth Sunday School Class** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) into two classes: a **Middle School Class** taught by **Bonnie Bridges** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and a **High School Class** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) taught by **Phil Bridges**. This means that we need a teacher for **Bonnie**'s current class, **Juniors**, (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades); if you would like to volunteer to teach this class starting in September, see **Pastor Mike** or **Amanda Roberts** (the Chair of our *Christian Education Committee*).

### **Homecoming 2015**

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church was established in 1885, and moved to our current location in 1975. With this in mind, our Session has set Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, as **Homecoming 2015**. This is going to be an exciting event, so mark your calendar and make your plans to be here and invite all the former members you know, as well as all your family and friends. We will have "dinner on the ground" (i.e., pot luck in the Gym), special music, historical displays, and a whole lot more. Look for additional details in *The Cumberlander* over the next few weeks and share the information with everyone you know.

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.



# First Cumberland,

where you belong!



# Happy Birthday



July 15th-21st

19th – Richard Booher



### Stewardship Report July 12, 2015

Sunday School	52
Worship	
Offering	\$3,698.86
Building Reimbursement	\$920.00
Chapel Carpet	\$100.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00

### Activities for July 15–21, 2015

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Garage Sale Work Day 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club Garage Sale Work Day Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Garage Sale Friday: 8:00 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Garage Sale Sunday School Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



Mark Hester is consulting with a surgeon in Virginia today (Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>) about his brain tumor; it is thought to be operable, but it is still unknown if the tumor is cancerous or benign . . . It was good have Mindy and Gene Landry (Jewell Kerr's daughter and son-in-law) worshiping with us last Sunday . . . It was also good having Bill and Steven Ritchey (Marlene Ritchey's son and grandson from Arizona) worshiping with us last Sunday . . . Marlene Ritchey is still under hospice care . . .

#### **Chapel Carpet Fund**

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to replace the pew cushions in our Chapel. The old cushions have now been disposed of and since the wood pews are in such good shape, the decision has been made not to purchase pew cushions at this time, and to instead purchase muchneeded new carpet for the Chapel. Our Session's hope is to have this and the Keene Room refurbishing completed before our upcoming Homecoming/Anniversary Celebration on September 27<sup>th</sup>. To date, \$927.01 has been contributed to this fund and Classical Conversations will continue to raise funds for this project. Anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Carpet Fund**.

#### Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is today (Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>), at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at the **Lakeside Grill** (Concord Marina) for a Dutch-treat lunch.

### Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

#### **Christian Sympathy**

Our sincerest Christian sympathy is extended to the **Family of B.F. Daniel**, who passed away last Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. At the time of printing this newsletter, the arrangements are still pending; nonetheless, the funeral and burial will be in McMinnville, Tennessee. Please keep Mary Helen and the family in your prayers.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." —  $Psalm\ 23:4$ , RSV