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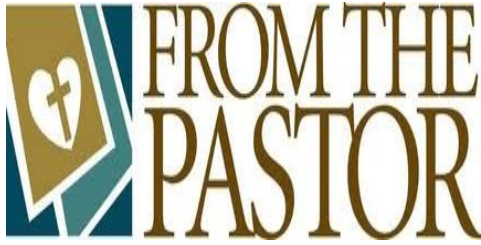
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 13, 2013



God Is Faithful!

First Corinthians 1:9 tells us that “*God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.*” [New Century Version] The question I still have for you is: “**Do you believe, I mean truly believe, that God is faithful?**”

Do you desire to experience financial freedom? If you do, then put into practice all five of the principles for that I shared last Sunday morning. #1: *The Principle of Accounting*—keeping good financial records. #2: *The Principle of Budgeting*—planning our spending. #3: *The Principle of Investing*—saving for our future. #4: *The Principle of Tithing*—returning to God at least 10% of our income. #5: *The Principle of Contentment*—enjoying what you have instead of longing for what you do not have. Taken together, these God-given principles will create financial freedom and peace in our lives as individuals and as families, as well in our congregational life.

Sunday, November 24th, will be *Dedication Sunday*, when each of us will have the opportunity to come forward and express our firm conviction that **God is faithful** by simply placing our Estimate Giving Card on the altar as an act of worship. If you cannot be present that day, you can put your Estimated Giving Card in an envelope and give it to a friend or family member to turn it for you or you can mail it to the Church Office. In the words of Amie Streater, “Giving to the local church isn’t merely one good option among many. It’s an imperative for every Christian.” Simply stated, we cannot formulate a responsible budget without every family turning in an Estimated Giving Card, so please make this a matter of much prayer.

God’s Grace,

Pastor Mike

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 8th, at the close of our morning worship service, we will hold a **Congregational Meeting** to elect the *Elder Class of 2016*. At that time, our Session will nominate Jim Curtis, James O’Neal, and Amanda Roberts for the three open positions (Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer will be rotating off the *Session*). Additional nominations can be made from the floor providing the person nominated both meets our constitutional requirements and has agreed to be nominated.

Our Building Note

As you know, we are attempting to raise at least \$25,728 by *Thanksgiving* so that we can restructure our debt (building note for major repairs taken out in 2008) and lower our monthly payments by securing a lower interest rate, saving us slightly more than \$101,000 in interest over the next 15 years. If you would like to contribute to this cause, over and above your tithe, please write the word “Note” on the memo line of your check. \$19, 335 has been given to date; thank you for your generosity! We are nearly there; we can do this!

Children’s Message

Our *Worship Committee* is requesting help with the *Children’s Message* each Sunday. If you would be willing to prepare and lead the children, please let a *Worship Committee* member (Sam Ware, Karen Ware, Julie Rech, Shelia Emory, Lois Witmer, Dianne Pipkin, Tammy Eblen, or Brent Witmer) know of your interest. A rotating schedule, which will include Pastor Mike, will be developed so that everyone will be aware of their opportunity well in advance. Thank you in advance for responding to this very important ministry of our Church.

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

November
20-Hunter Witmer
21-Patrick Curtis
23-Kian Pipkin

Activities for November 17-23, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 10, 2013

Sunday School.....41
Worship.....75
Offering\$3,157.96
Payment on Church Note.....\$8,635.00
Building Fund.....\$5.00

BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

Will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 24**, in the Library beginning at 9am. Ladies, bring your baked and craft items to the Library, and plan to stay and shop. This has always been CPWM’s biggest fund raiser of the year. Thank you in advance for your support in this annual sale. We invite all the ladies of the church to participate - to bake, make crafts and to shop. All proceeds will go to the Building Note.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Tom is re-organizing our office volunteers. Back in August Tom voluntarily changed his status from a full-time position to a part-time position (Mondays and Fridays) to make it financially possible to call a full-time pastor. The volunteers will help answer the phones, do office work for Tom and Pastor Mike. They will help organize the office and clean it up. Some volunteers will need to learn the church’s computer software and aid in its use for the missions of the church. We have identified things that need to be done and we are now looking for volunteers who would like to help in the office for 3-4 hours a day once or twice a week. Thanks to those who already help and to those who will help, but do not know it yet. Please contact Jewell Kerr or Maxine Curtis if you are interested in VOLUNTEERING.

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

John Smith, Park West 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; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); 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; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Jewell Kerr and family; Earl Hillen; Cliff Parrott; Scott Robert’s Uncle; the Whaley family, (friends of Kathy Hammill’s); Pattie Derreberry, (Maxine Curtis’ sister).

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

Girl Scouts
Troop 20959

We have been asked to organize the **Girl Scout Christmas Parade** the first Friday in December. In order for us to get as many **Girl Scouts** to participate as possible, (all girls under the age of 9 must ride the float. Older girls can walk.) we require some help, and as such we are seeking two – longer – trailers. Can you help us out? Contact Dianne Fielder or the church office.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

At **UT Homecoming** last Saturday, three people from our congregation were a part of the band: **Leigh Ann Gammon Summers**, and daughters **Kristi Summers & Kari Summers**. Each was/is a majorette – with Kristi being the head majorette a few years back ... **John Harvey Smith** is home from a couple of days in hospital; he will go back this week for a surgical procedure ... Congratulations to **Brack & Sheila Emory** as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this week in Mexico ...

An invitation:

You are invited to a sing-along production of “**The Messiah**” on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, at 5:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in downtown Knoxville ...