

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YEAR

Sunday we enter our new Christian Education year. What a great time for you to give thought about being a part of our great Sunday School classes! They begin each Sunday at 9:30.

Here is a list of the leaders for the various classes this year:

Pre K - Is this you?

Grades 1 to 3 – Lois Witmer

Grades 4 to 5 – Bonnie Bridges and Judy Gwilliams

Middle School – Phil Bridges and Bill Halbert

Cornerstone Adult – Donna Walker and Tom Witmer

Bereans Adult – Steve Summers

Friendship Adult – Betty Hammill

An installation period for these teaches will be a part of our Sunday morning worship hour.

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

We are pleased to invite you to be present Sunday to hear our guest preacher. Rev. Jere Scott Bradshaw, Philadelphia, will be bringing the morning message. Jere Scott is a product of the Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has served as youth minister in various locations, and is now a part of the staff at the Cresheim Valley Church. He is nephew of Dianne/Larry Fielder.

HE'S COMING!

We continue to look forward expectantly to the arrival of our new pastor. Rev. Mike Wilkinson will begin his work among us on Sunday, Sept. 15. Be sure you are present for this big event. And make plans to join us in the fellowship dinner following morning worship.

A HISTORY LESSON

Over the 128-year history of our church, we have had many pastors. Here is a list of those leaders (taken from p. 180 of "History of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville" by Emma Suddarth).

1885 – Walter H. Baugh

1891 – L. D. Beck

1989 – T. A. Cowan

1907 – Thompson Ashburn

1921 – W. H. Butler

1931 – Charles R. Matlock

1940 – Haskell M. Miller

1984 – Bill Ivey (Interim)

2003 – W. Jean Richardson (Interim)

2012 – J. David Hester (Interim)

1886 – J. V. Stephens

1893 – P. M. Fitzgerald

1900 – George H. Mack

1917 – W. Y. Durrett

1923 – J. J. Cobb

1935 – Paul F. Brown

1944 – E. K. Reagin

1985 – R. David Lancaster

2005 – Kevin Wood

2013 – Michael Wilkinson

1887 – A. W. Hawkins

1897 – John A. McKamey

1901 – W. T. Rodgers

1918 – J. B. Oakley

1928 – E. K. Reagin

1940 – H. Shelby Lee

1970 – J. David Hester

PASTOR MIKE AND JOANNA'S DAUGHTER

Pastor Mike and Joanna's oldest daughter, Christina, married Waylon Hinkle on August 17, 2013. The wedding was held in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Alabama Theater (the twin of the Tennessee Theater here in Knoxville). The bride graduated in May from Pharmacy School and was licensed in June. She now works for Walgreens. The groom is a federal agent for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of the US Homeland Security Department. The newlyweds are currently taking a Mediterranean cruise for their honeymoon. They will be living in Gardendale, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Ruth McNabb, mother of **Tammy Eblen**, home after hospital stay ... Great to see **Marlene Ritchey** and **Sheila Emory** back in church Sunday; both have been absent because of physical problems recently ... Thanks to **Julie Rech** for giving us the beautiful "Indescribable" on Sunday morning ...

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Happy Birthday



September

3-Jordan Hill
5-Hannah Haddox
5-Julie Rech



Activities for September 1-7, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 25, 2013

Sunday School.....41
Worship.....70
Offering\$3,457.50
Building Fund.....\$55.00

Just Do Something, by Rick Warren

Continuation of last week's article

3. Develop your gifts.

Gifts are like muscles: The more you use them, the bigger they get. You can strengthen and develop and grow what God has given you. Any gift that God gives you can and should be developed. You get better at it by practice, studying, and learning from other people who have the same gift.

Let me give you a little secret: I've learned that when God gives you something, he will give you even more of it if you use it well — more talent, money, fame, relationships, or responsibility. When you use what God gives you and you use it well, he says, "I can trust that person. I'm going to give him or her more and more and more."

4. Deploy your spiritual gifts.

"Deploy" means to put into service. You get out on the field, and you start doing something. Romans 12:6 says this: "We are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have" (TEV).

What's the best way to practice and develop and deploy and dedicate and discover your spiritual gifts? In a small group. It's a testing ground! If you are not in a small group, I encourage you to get connected to one this week so that you can test and develop your spiritual gifts in the safe and supportive environment of friends who will encourage you.

Lay Ministry Corner ~ Donna Walker

Christianity is not about showing our perfection and our strength. The Bible is not a history of perfect people ~ even the good guys. It is in our realization of our broken nature & weakness that we find our need and love for Jesus and the restoration He offers us. We are most useful to God when we operate in His strength and purpose, not our own. It is not our job to be perfect, but it is our job to point to the One who is and let others know that He loves them too ~ cracks and all.

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; 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); 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); Sheila Emory.

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

WOMEN'S MEETING



Women of Our Church

Was held in the home of Betty Hammill on Sunday, August 25 at 5pm. 11 people were in attendance, including our guests, Wanda Moody and my aunt, Barbara Wayland. Wanda talked to us about her involvement with politics and her Christian faith. She told us that the core principles taught her as a child helped to guide her throughout her long career. She read some principles from the Bible that will help us as we vote for those running for office, which are principles we all need to live by. We thanked her for investing her life in trying to make our city a better place. Supper and a meeting followed. The first thing we did was to write a sentence defining our Christian faith and then shared them. We agreed to have a tea for Joanna Wilkinson when she comes permanently – to invite the ladies of the church and also pastors wives in the area. We agreed to have our annual Thanksgiving bake and craft sale. It was announced that fall Presbytery will meet on October 12 at Virtue Church. We discussed helping Presbytery support a Medicaid Nursing Home, Serene Manor with meeting some of their needs. We discussed our future meetings – that we need to have a focus or a purpose- and are open for suggestions.

A parting thought about our church – that I will be all the things I want my church to be – and a final prayer were given.