

# The Cumberland

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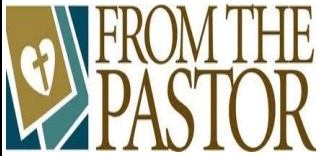
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 14, 2015



Congratulations to **Ann Bachman, Betty Hammill, and Tom Witmer**. These three elders were officially installed as the **Elder Class of 2017** last Sunday. Please keep these elders, along with the other seven members of our **Session** (**Jim Curtis, Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, Jewell Kerr, James O'Neal, Amanda Roberts**, and myself) in your prayers as we attempt to lead this congregation in a way that is both pleasing to and glorifying of God. Before I change subjects, I want to once again thank the **Elder Class of 2014** (**Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin, and Steve Summers**) for their service to God and this congregation.

Just in case you missed the e-mails and/or were not present last Sunday to hear the announcement, I want to share some great news. Last Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Joanna and I became grandparents for the second time as our oldest daughter, Christina Hinkle, gave birth to **Ethan Alexander Hinkle**. Ethan arrived a few days ahead of schedule and still weighed eight pounds and two ounces; he was twenty-and-a-half inches long. Both mother and baby are now home in Gardendale (Birmingham-area) Alabama, and doing great. Dad (Waylon) is more excited than if his favorite team had actually won its college football playoff game. Thank you for your prayers during Christina's pregnancy and for your words of congratulations following Ethan's birth.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Winter Convocation

Eight of our **Youth** and their leaders/chaperones will be attending **Convocation** this weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. **Convocation** is a ministry of Grace Presbytery, but is open to Cumberland Presbyterian youth across the denomination. Over the last few years, it has grown to the point of being the largest gathering of Cumberland Presbyterian youth anywhere in the world. Our Youth will be leaving the church at 6:00 p.m. this coming Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, and should return home early Monday afternoon, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m. We will be gathering at **Bravo Cucina Italiana** (Bearden Hill location) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is invited to attend this and all monthly outings of the **Friendship Club**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

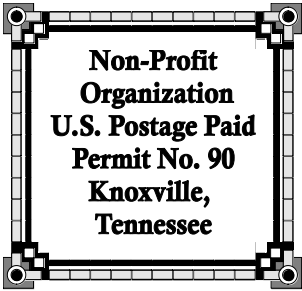
### Denomination Day Celebration


The Heritage Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will be hosting the **2015 Denomination Day Celebration** on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. This celebration will be at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge (127 Lafayette). This year's celebration marks the 205<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination (our birthdate is actually February 4<sup>th</sup>). The service will feature the book *The Effects of the Civil War on the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of East Tennessee*. After the service, a meal will be provided for a donation. Please make reservations for the meal no later than Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, by contacting the Oak Ridge Church at (865) 483-8433.

### Middle/High Sunday School Class

Beginning on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Mike will be teaching our **Middle/High School Sunday School Class** about the *Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith*. This study will take place every-other-Sunday, with Phil Bridges teaching the class on the alternating Sundays. This study will be four or five lessons long, and will help our young people know more about our denomination and what we believe as Cumberland Presbyterians.


*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.*





# Happy Birthday

January 17-24



| Activities for January 17-24, 2014            |            |                 |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| Sunday,                                       | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School   |
|   | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
|   | 11:00 a.m. | Friendship Club |
| Wednesday,                                    | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice  |
| (See web site for complete calendar listings) |            |                 |

| Stewardship Report January 11, 2015 |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School.....                  | 51         |
| Worship.....                        | 81         |
| Offering .....                      | \$2,015.65 |
| Building Reimbursement.....         | \$2,965.00 |

*Among Our People*


It was good to again have Margaret Migas worshiping with us last Sunday . . . It was also good to have Rev. Carlton Harper and his wife, Margaret, worshiping with us once again . . . Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin’s father) is still in Parkwest Hospital; Charlie’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> . . . Becky Rader is still in NHC Fort Sanders for rehab; however, she is scheduled to be released on January 23<sup>rd</sup> . . . Dick Booher is now receiving outpatient rehab following his knee replacement . . . Patrick Curtis had outpatient surgery last week and is doing well . . . Melanie Hester Kuhnhenh is scheduled to be visiting Knoxville this week . . . Trisha Fulton, with Classic Conversations (one of the two homeschools that meet at the church), hosted an Introduction to Essential Oil seminar last Saturday; Betty Hammill, Jewell Kerr, and Lois Witmer were in attendance . . . the Steve Summers family have returned from Jacksonville, Florida, after watching the Pride of the Southland Band preform at the TaxSlayer Bowl . . .

**From Our Mailbox**


Last week, we received a package containing several scarves and toboggans for the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries’ Mitten Trees; the package contained the following note:

**This is given in memory of 4 wonderful people — our parents, Richard & Esther Congdon, and their friends, Mrs. Faye O’Neal & Dr. J. David Hester.**

**Karen Spinning & Gail Congdon**



## Prayer Concerns



### In the Hospital

Becky Rader ~ NHC Fort Sanders  
Charlie Pipkin ~ Parkwest Hospital (Paul’s Pipkin’s dad)

### Health and Prayer Concerns

 (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Mary Cregger; **PATRICK CURTIS**; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill’s son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston’s sister); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder’s aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin’s father); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); **NICOLAE RACILE** (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin Rech’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (Betty Hammill’s great niece); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox)

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net)*

### Lay Ministry Corner

God chooses messy people for Himself, and makes them holy for His Glory. In this new year, consider how important is your holiness to you! 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

—Donna Walker

**Prayer List Updates**

We are now CAPITALIZING and **bolding** the names of people the very first time they appear on our Prayer List in both the newsletters and the bulletins. Please regularly read these lists and let the Church Office know of any updates, changes, or corrections that need to be made to them.