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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 14, 2014

Last Sunday was yet another great day to be gathered to worship the risen Christ here at First Church. My prayer is that all of our ladies had a wonderful *Mother's Day* and that you receive the appreciation, love, and honor that is due you every day of the year and not just on this one day.

FROM THE PASTOR

My remaining thoughts this week are not so much about spiritual matters as they are about physical ones. According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac arrest, typically associated with a heart attack, is one of the leading causes of death in our country. It is estimated that more than 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year, and in the majority of the cases the person will die because an Automated External Defibrillator will not be available to help restart his or her heartbeat. This information is not meant to scare anyone, but that is the statistical reality. It can happen to anyone (this includes you and me), anytime (24 hours a day), anywhere (even at church), and at any age (not just to seniors). I share all of this to say that for the safety of everyone who is in and out of our church building during any given week; our Session wants to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED is a portable computerized device that can analyze a person's heart rhythm, and then deliver an appropriate electric shock to restore the heartbeat. The sooner a shock is given, the better the chance of survival. An AED, with both adult and pediatric electrode pads and supplies, and a wall cabinet for safe storage costs approximately \$1,800.00. If you would like to help us purchase this potentially lifesaving device, we would welcome your donation of any amount. Simply make a note on your check or offering envelope so we will know of your intention. As with any special offering, donations toward the purchase of an AED need to be above and beyond our normal giving to the church. Because the AED could benefit anyone who uses our church building, we will be asking the various groups (home schools, scouts, exercise groups, etc.) if they would like to make a donation to this worthy cause. While I firmly believe that the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator is a wise acquisition, I pray that it will never have to be used; I am sure that you join me in this prayer. Grace,

#### Pastor Mike

#### Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **First Watch, The Daytime Café**, at 11:00 a.m., this Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, for a Dutch-treat lunch. The restaurant is located in Turkey Creek, at 11682 Parkside Drive (near Campbell Station Road). Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

#### **Confession of Faith Study**

This coming Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the **Friendship Sunday School Class** will begin a new study of what Cumberland Presbyterians believe as found in our *Confession of Faith*. **Dr. J. David Hester** will lead us into a better understanding of our beliefs. The **Friendship Class** meets in the classroom across from the Library. Everyone who is interested in this subject is invited to attend; you will need to bring your **Bible** and the **Cumberland Presbyterian** *Confession of Faith*. If you do not have a copy of the *Confession*, see **Dr. Hester** or **Pastor Mike** and they will give you a copy.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be June 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's **VBS** is *Arrowhead Island*. Each night will begin with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by class time from 6:00-8:00 p.m. In addition to classes for children, we will have both youth and adult classes with a special speaker each night. As part of **VBS**, we, along with our women's ministry, will be collecting shoes for **Soles4Souls**. We will also be collecting money for the **Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home**.

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



**May** 21-Robyn Halbert



#### Activities for May 18-24, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

#### Stewardship Report May 11, 2014

Sunday School	45
Worship	
Offering	
Facility Reimbursement	
Project Offerings	
Music Fund	

#### Our ??th Annual Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale date has been set for July 25 and 26. If you have items that you would like to donate to the church to sell, we will begin taking items as soon as our schools that use the building break for their summer vacations.

If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine or the church office.

#### **Soles4Souls**

The Women's Ministry's drive to support the Soles4Souls Ministry has begun. Please bring in your new; lightly used; or used shoes and place them in one of the boxes either in the gym or church office. Your donation may be used to help a child to attend school, to support disaster relief, or to provide African craft artists with raw materials to work and provide for their families. The Soles4Souls organization wants ANY old pair of shoes to recycle and repurpose the old shoes. If you have any questions, please email Donna Walker at <a href="mailto:thetwwalkers@att.net">thetwwalkers@att.net</a>.

#### FIVE WAYS TO LOVE YOUR MOTHER

- 1. Verbally—Tell her you love her at least once everyday
- 2. Physically—Give her a hug every chance you get
- 3. Patiently—Be considerate on how you treat her
- 4. Gratefully—Show her sincere gratitude
- 5. Honorably—Give her the gifts of time, patience and understanding

These five ways to love your mother are applicable to your spouse, children, friends and fellow church members!

Happy Mother's Day!!!!



## Prayer Concerns In the Hospital Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); 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); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer's); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; the Haylee Goins family at the loss of her father (teammate of Stephanie Bridges)

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

#### **Summer Church Camp News**

The schedule for church camps has been announced:

Middle School Sunday June 1st—6th

Cost is \$150

High School Sunday June 8th—13th

Cost is \$150

Junior Sunday June 15th-19th

Cost is \$130

Save \$10 on all camps by registering

by May 24.

Contact Jim Curtis or Pastor Mike for more information and registration forms. Registration forms are also in the Church Office.



#### YOUTH POOL PARTY

The youth group will have a pool party at Dianne Pipkin's house on Sunday May 18th, from 3-6 pm. An



email will be going out with additional information and directions. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Stephanie Saults!