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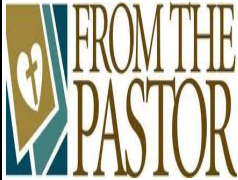
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 17, 2015



Wow! Was our **Vacation Bible School—*Bible Blast to the Past***—a great event or what? My vote is great event! Over three evenings, we gathered here at First Cumberland to focus on discovering God’s everlasting love. As we traveled through a “time machine” to biblical days, we discovered that God’s love is incredible, invincible, and real. With discoveries like that, no wonder it was a great event. We had at least 72 people, including several visitors, attend our **Vacation Bible School**, and the average attendance each night was 55. Each evening, we received an offering for the **Cumberland Presbyterian Children’s Home**; \$218.42 was given for this purpose. Space will not allow me to individually thank everyone who made this year’s **Vacation Bible School** such a great event, but I do want to mention two people: **Amanda Roberts**, our director, and **Rev. Steve Graham**, our guest adult class teacher. **Steve** is the Pastor of the Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Again, these are not the only two people who should be mentioned, but space prohibits me from listing everyone by name; so thanks to each teacher, thanks to those who went shopping for VBS, thanks to those who cooked and helped in the kitchen, thanks to those who lead the art and music classes, thanks to those who decorated, thanks to those who took pictures and created a video slideshow that will soon be posted on both our church website and our Facebook page, thanks to those who made Sunday night’s celebration/cookout/water slide extravaganza a success, thanks to all the kids that attended and the adults that brought them, and above all, thanks be to God for His blessings! Again, my vote is that our **Vacation Bible School** was a great event!

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Garage Sale

- ⇒ Our annual **Garage Sale** has grown into a two weekend event—Friday, July 17th, and Saturday, July 18th, and Friday, July 24th, and Saturday, July 25th. Donations are now being accepted. To insure that someone is here to receive your donations, please call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your donations.
- ⇒ Volunteers are needed to help organize the **Garage Sale**; the plan is to work every Tuesday between now and the sale. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m., but you can come anytime that fits your schedule.
- ⇒ The proceeds from this year’s **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. Drop by the Keene Room and check out the bargains.

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, July 15th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at the **Lakeside Grill** (Concord Marina) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is already a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore automatically invited to attend this and all monthly outings. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

- ⇒ Our ladies’ ministry’s next **Work Day** will be this Thursday, June 18th. They will be deep cleaning the Kitchen off the Gym. Come at 9:00 a.m. and stay as long as you can.
- ⇒ The next meeting of our **Ladies’ Bible Study** will be Saturday morning, June 27th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 4 (worship) in “***Soul Feast***”. The final five dates are as follows: Saturday, July 11th; Saturday, August 1st; Saturday, August 15th; Saturday, August 29th; and Saturday, September 12th. All the ladies of the church are welcome and invited to attend.

Sunday School News

- ⇒ A **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so) will begin Sunday, July 5th. This, as yet unnamed, class will meet initially in the Conference Room next to the Church Office. This class will not only meet for Sunday School, they will participate in various mission/service projects (i.e., FISH Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, etc.) as well as social outings. Please pray for this new class and the young adults from our congregation it hopes to initially minister to and through.
- ⇒ This September, we plan to divide our current **Youth Sunday School Class** (6th-12th grades) into two classes: a **Middle School Class** taught by **Bonnie Bridges** (6th-8th grades) and a **High School Class** (9th-12th grades) taught by **Phil Bridges**. This means that we need a teacher for **Bonnie’s** current class, **Juniors**, (3rd-5th 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**).

*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

June 17th-23rd

22nd - Kari Summers

Stewardship Report June 14, 2015	
Youth Fundraiser Breakfast.....	38
Sunday School.....	55
Worship.....	79
Vacation Bible School Cookout.....	no count
Offering.....	\$2,396.75
Building Reimbursement.....	\$800.00
Vacation Bible School Offering.....	\$218.42
Vacation Bible School Meal Donations....	\$377.90
Youth Fundraiser Breakfast Donations....	\$113.00

Activities for June 17-23, 2015	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.	Ladies' Ministry Work Day
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.	Garage Sale Work Day
(See web site for complete calendar listings)	

Among Our People

B.F. Daniel is still under hospice care . . . **Georgia Moore**, Jewell Kerr's sister, will not have surgery as originally planned . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . **Jonathan Spencer** fell last week and injured his shoulder . . . **Geneva Stout**, Kim Halbert's great-aunt, is now in rehab recovering from surgery—if anyone would like to send her a card or a note of encouragement, the mailing address is Tri-Cities Nursing and Rehab Center, Room 122; 19101 US-119, Cumberland, KY 40823—please include the name of our church in the card/note . . .

Camp Chilhowee

High School Camp: June 21st-26th — cost is \$150.00

Registration Packets are available in the Church Office.

Thank You

The lawn care company that mows the bank sections of the church's yard had two people injured last week and were unable to mow here at the church. In their absence, **Scott Roberts** and **Brack Emory** mowed and trimmed the banks; thank you guys!

Breakfast Fundraiser

Our Youth Group's breakfast fundraiser received \$113.00 in donations for a profit of \$66.34. These funds will help offset the cost of Youth activities. Thank you for supporting our Youth.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

We know of no one connected to KFCPC that is in the hospital at this time. PTL!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; **SARAH ARMES** (mother of a co-worker of Kathy Byers); Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Bettye Hudson (friend of Pastor Mike's mother) Becky Ingle (friend 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); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; **BOB NEAL** (son-in-law of Mildred Acuff); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); 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 (mother of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges' son); Roger Rollins (coworker of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Tara Shelley and baby; **JONATHAN SPENCER**; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); **FAMILY OF DAN STEDINA** (husband of Becky Rader's neiece); Geneva Stout (great-aunt of Kim Halbert); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); Lois Witmer

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

Chapel Cushion Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to replace the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$827.01 has been contributed to this fund. Anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

We have been notified that First Cumberland will be receiving a check for \$208.43 from the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** for the recently completed quarter. If you have not yet signed-up for this program, please contact **Kim Halbert**.