

# The Cumberland

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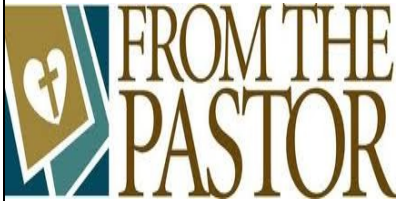
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 11, 2014



Our church-wide **Vacation Bible School** is off to a great start! I do not know the exact numbers, but **Amanda Roberts**—this year's VBS Director—estimates that between 50 and 55 people were in attendance last Sunday night to kick-off this event. As you are reading this article, there are probably only one or two nights of **VBS** left; if you have not been attending, won't you come out and join us in this great time of Bible study, fellowship, food, and fun? Before I change subjects, I want to thank all the volunteers who are making this year's **Vacation Bible School** such a great event. As I understand it, we have several first time volunteers helping out this year. To God be the glory!

This coming Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, is **Father's Day** and I want to wish all our dads a wonderful day. I also want to share with you the message on the card that my sister gave to me: *"Where there is a father there is strength to depend on . . . there is honesty to learn from . . . [there is] wisdom to be guided by . . . [there is] humor to lighten the heart . . . [there is] faith to build confidence . . . Where there is a father there is Love. May the Lord bless you on Father's Day for all you do and all you are every day of the year. Happy Father's Day"*

The 184<sup>th</sup> **General Assembly** of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be June 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. One of our Session members, **Dianne Pipkin**, will be serving as an Elder Commissioner representing the Presbytery of East Tennessee. I will also be present at this annual meeting as a non-voting observer. The major item of business this year will be to receive the report of the joint Task Force working on the proposed organic union (merger) of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (our sister denomination with which we share the *Confession of Faith*). The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America's membership is primarily African-American and was formed out of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shortly after the Civil War. No official action on this report is planned to be taken this year; instead, the churches-at-large will take a minimum of one year to study the report before any action (passing, defeating, or amending its recommendations) is taken. Please join me, and Cumberland Presbyterians around the globe that belong to both denominations, in prayer as we seek God's will in unifying the part of His Church known as Cumberland Presbyterian.

In closing, I want to once again remind you to be in prayer concerning the sale of our houses in Alabama. The house in Hoover, Alabama, that we had been renting out for the last few years has been vacant since March, so we decided to put it on the market as well. Actually, it is for sale or for lease, whichever occurs first. The house in Millbrook, Alabama, that we moved out of to come to First Cumberland will soon be empty as our youngest daughter will be transferring to East Tennessee State University the middle of August. We need one or both of these houses to sell soon so we can purchase our own home here in Knoxville instead of continuing to live with relatives.

Receive grace, live grace, show grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Automated External Defibrillator

Great news! Our goal has been met. Actually, since we initially priced an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church, we learned that we are eligible for a discount. Last Sunday, \$1,150.00 (including the \$1,000.00 contribution from outside the church that was mentioned in last week's newsletter) was given toward this purchase, giving us a total of \$1,590.00, which is enough to purchase this potentially lifesaving device. We will order the AED this week, and hopefully, it will be here and ready for use within seven to ten days. While this is a great device to have, let's pray that we never have to use it.

### Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **The Original Louis' Drive-in Restaurant**, at 11:00 a.m., this Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, for a Dutch-treat lunch. The restaurant is located at 4661 Old Broadway, (near Fountain City). Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

*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  
18-Mildred Stone

Activities for June 15-21, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Wed., 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report June 8, 2014

Sunday School.....43  
Worship.....84  
Offering .....\$4,551.16  
Project Offerings.....\$1,150.00  
Music Fund.....\$150.00

Among Our People

Dawn Curtis is at Church Camp ... Mary Jane Blaylock has been moved to Shannondale ... the Bridges family are back from a week at the beach ... Karen Ware, Laura and Sarah Grace Paschke are also back from a week at the beach ... the Rech family is back from a week in Disney World ...

Soles4Souls

We are still collecting shoes, sandals, athletic shoes, work boots, boots, any and all footwear for the Soles4Souls Ministry thru this week. If you have not brought your footwear into the church yet, please make an effort to do it this week because we will be taking them to General Assembly on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

SOLES4SOULS

TRAVEL

ATTENTION ASPIRING TRAVELERS! We are journeying to Haiti from [August 3rd through 7th](#), to distribute shoes and bring hope. We will work alongside staff and volunteers from [Live Beyond](#). Meet [Tiffany](#), who is leading and coordinating this trip! Then, we will repack our bags and head to Guatemala! From [August 19th through 23rd](#), our team will visit orphanages and schools while distributing footwear to individuals in need. Meet [Taylor](#), who will be your travel coordinator for this adventure. We would LOVE for you to join! Each trip gives volunteers the opportunity to experience a new culture, visit our micro enterprise partners and witness breathtaking views. So many of you have collected shoes and donated funds to help us wear out poverty. And now, we want to give you the chance to see firsthand the results of your dedication. Start [HERE](#). (The underlines are links)

Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

Marlene Ritchey, NHC Oak Ridge  
Mary Jane Blaylock, Shannondale

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; Rex Hayes (Pastor Mike's and Joanna's grandson); Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Larry Taylor (Joy's husband); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson's father); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); J. David Hester; Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna's daughter and expectant grandchild); Baby Jenny Kate (Mike and Ann Bachman's friend's baby born at under 27 weeks, weighing 13 ounces); Makeysha Sorenson (friend of Amy Bachman-Cliett); Jeannie Walker (Kim McCurry's mother)  
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)

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 beginning the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will take your items on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm at the downstairs entrance. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have items they would like to donate to the church. We do provide tax receipts for those who need them. We will need persons to help receive items and to sort and to price and display the items. If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine (357-0441 or 235-5839) or the church office (588-8581).

Lay Ministry Corner

"Beware of asking God to tell others what they need to know, unless you are willing for Him to show you what you need to know."