# The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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"God's job is to unfold our future. Our job is to trust and glorify Him as He does." These words from the pen of Karen Ehman should bring peace and calm to our troubled souls. Often the stress of day-to-day living and worry about the future rob us of our peace and contentment. If this is where you find yourself right now, I urge you to ponder two thoughts: one is the quote from Ehman; the other is the promise of **Jeremiah 29:11**: "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.'" Even though it will be a holiday weekend, I look forward to seeing you at church this Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

### Pastor Mike

### Rally Day

Sunday morning, September 7<sup>th</sup>, is our annual **Sunday School Rally Day**, which marks the beginning of a new Christian Education Year. On this day, all our Sunday School classes (adult, youth, and children) will gather in the gym, at 9:30 a.m., to enjoy a time a fellowship; doughnuts, coffee, and orange juice will be provided. **Rally Day** is a great opportunity for those not currently active in a Sunday School class to become involved. Following the time of fellowship, all students will go to their respective classroom for an abbreviated lesson, the during the worship service, our Sunday School teachers will officially be installed for the new year.

### Cookout and Ice Cream Social

Sunday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., we will have a **Cookout and Ice Cream Social**. Weather permitting, this time of food and fellowship will be held in our courtyard; if not, we will hold it in the gym. **Scott Roberts** will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. The church will provide the meat, buns, chips, and drinks. You are asked to bring a gallon of ice cream or a dessert (cake, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.). This event is an excellent time for you to show off you homemade ice cream making or baking abilities, but store-bought works as well. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend and invite someone outside the church to attend with you.

### FISH Pantry

During the month of September, we will be collecting **non-food items** for the **West Knox FISH Pantry**. These items include bath and facial soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, diapers (all sizes), etc. This list will be on the CPWM bulletin board in the front hallway. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. The last day of the collection will be Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

### Kroger Community Rewards Program

The glitch in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** has been resolved. You will need your e-mail address and your Kroger rewards card to register. Go to <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u> and you can search for our church either by name or number 33681. You are encouraged to register your Kroger rewards card for this program—the more people we have registered, the more the church will benefit. Please ask your friends and other family members to register, too! If you need any assistance, including hands-on-help, please contact **Kim Halbert** at 660-5821 or <u>khalbert@utk.edu</u>.

### Fall Festival

Though it is just in the initial planning stage, we will have a **Fall Festival** this year. It will most probably be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details in upcoming editions of *The Cumberlander*. Also, see **Amanda Roberts** if you want to help plan this event.

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.



### First Cumberland,

where you belong!



## Happy Birthday



### August

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



### Activities for August 31, September 1-6, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service Tues., 11:00 a.m. West Circle

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship	p Report A	August 24	, 2014

Sunday School	32
Worship	
Offering	\$4157.36
Memorials	
Garage Sale (to date)	\$1,899.56
Benevolence	\$100.00

#### **West Circle**

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet on Tuesday, September, 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited.

### Serene Manor

All the clothing collected—three large "trash bags" of underwear and sweatpants—for the residents of **Serene Manor Nursing Home** has been delivered. A big thank you to all who donated to this cause. We will again be helping the residents of **Serene Manor** this *Christmas* with an **Angel Tree**.

### Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, in Bearden, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, for a Dutch-treat lunch. Every one reading this announcement is invited to join the **Friendship Club** by merely showing up to eat.

#### **Lay Ministry Corner**

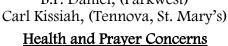
Don't let the struggles & "prickly" people in life pull you down because these are the very things that can pull you closer to God! After all, It is persecution that makes us realize our need for God. The Earth is not a rose bush filled with thorns, but a thorn bush with some roses. The way is narrow. If you expect to see roses, every thorn will distract you and draw your focus, not meeting your expectation. But if you see the world as it is, a place of thorns, you will be drawn & appreciate the beauty of each rose because they will always exceed your expectation and be remembered and appreciated for the rarity that they are. All we have to do is adjust our expectations to be more like God's view. We are called to be light, and light cannot be found focusing on darkness. 

~Donna Walker



### **Prayer Concerns**

In the Hospital
B.F. Daniel, (Parkwest)





CP Missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Charlotte Bird; Carol Seeman; Jack Walker; Mildred Acuff; 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); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware (Sam's father); Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Larry Taylor (Joy's husband); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna's daughter is expecting a baby on January 18, 2015); Brandon Hargutt; Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Ella Lee (Mary Cregger's sister); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Becky Iegel (Amanda Roberts' coworker); Terry Conser's parents (Amanda Roberts' coworker); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Lois Witmer; family of Virginia Brown (Kim Halbert's grandmother)

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

## Among Our People

B.F. Daniel had a stroke Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>; he is in Parkwest Hospital and continues to improve; he is scheduled to move to Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center sometime this week . . . Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter) is under hospice care; Mildred is now in Atlanta -area with her . . . Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson's father) is in Tennova Hospital (St. Mary's) with pneumonia in both lungs . . . Lois Witmer continues to have difficulty moving about due to severe hip pain . . . Dick Booher continues to recover at his son's home in Morristown . . . Marlene Ritchey now has a telephone in her room in Arizona; her number is 928-226-7253 . . . On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Gene McCammon will have completed fifty-two years of service to the Lord through the music ministry of First Cumberland . . .