

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 17, 2013

SUNDAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

You are invited to be a part of the worshiping congregation this Sunday, July 21. In our pastor's absence, our guest speaker will be Rev. W. Jean Richardson.

Bro. Richardson pastored Beaver Creek CP church for a number of years, is now retired living in the Powell Community. He served this church as Interim Pastor in 2004-2005.

Make that special effort to be present for worship on Sunday!

PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Hester is in McKenzie TN this week at Bethel University, teaching in the Program of Alternate Studies. He will return to Knoxville on July 22.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

What kind of an idea is that? On Sunday morning, July 28, we will be singing Christmas songs, hearing a Christmas sermon - just celebrating Christmas!

Of course we will celebrate Christmas in December. But why observe the birth of Jesus only once a year?

Make your plans to worship with us July 28!

GARAGE SALE

Don't overlook the big event of July 26-27. Our annual garage sale will be held on those dates (Friday-Saturday). Details are on the other side of this paper - but tell your friends and neighbors about it!

A "MEDIUM" THEOLOGY

Cumberland Presbyterians have a "Medium System" of theology. We make our theological stand between Calvinism (grace) and Arminianism (works). What does that mean? In relation to the atonement, Thaddeus Blake explains it this way:

Calvinism teaches that Christ died for only part of the human race - that salvation is not possible to all, and that none but those who were "elected" from the foundation of the world, will be saved.

Arminianism teaches that the atonement of Christ was made for all mankind - that salvation is possible for all; but as Christians may fall from grace, it is not certain that anyone will be saved.

Medium system teaches that the atonement was made for all mankind - that salvation is possible to all and that everyone who has been truly regenerated (born again) will be saved. Chrisman says that the "Medium System", which he calls "the Bible System", "contains all that is good in both Calvinism and Arminianism and none of the objectionable points of either ... God has decreed the salvation of all mankind who believe on his son; Christ died, not for a part only, but for all mankind; the influences of the Spirit are conferred on all in such a manner as to render all inexcusable, and so to secure the salvation of all who will yield; the final salvation of all who are converted is certain, (which is) the Perseverance in grace of the saints. This is the Biblical ground, and Cumberland Presbyterians occupy it."

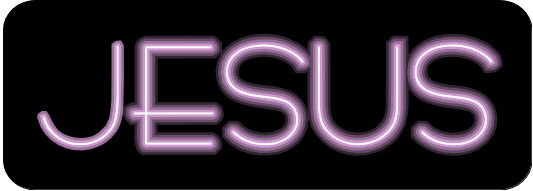
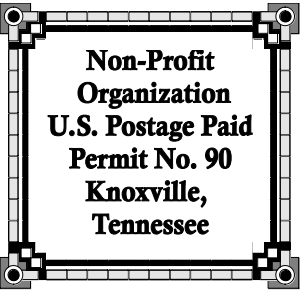
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AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Tom, Lois, Hunter Witmer are in PA this week vacationing as they visit relatives ... Georgia, **Cliff Parrot's** daughter from California and her two children are here visiting Cliff, Patty and John...



SWIM PARTY

Dianne and Paul Pipkin are hosting a Youth group swim party on July 28th from 4-6. This is for the middle school and high school group. For more details call Dianne Pipkin.



Happy Birthday

July
23-Bryanna Curtis
25-Amy Pipkin



Activities for July 21-27, 2013

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Fri.,	8:00 a.m.	Garage Sale
Sat.,	8:00 a.m.	Garage Sale

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report July 14, 2013

Sunday School.....	39
Worship.....	64
Offering	\$1,416.78
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Music Fund.....	\$5.00

GARAGE SALE

WE NEED EXTRA help this Friday to sort, hang up clothes and price. We have received a lot of clothes and appreciate the donations. Now we need help for getting them ready for the sale.

Our Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 26 and 27. The sale will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.


Please continue to bring your donated items for the sale to the church. Please contact the office to arrange a time to deliver your items. If you need help bringing items to church call us and we will arrange to pick up your items.

If you know of anyone who has left over items from a personal garage sale, ask them if they would like to donate those items to the church.


Any items left from estate sales or items from a deceased friend or relative would make good donations to the sale.

We are providing tax receipts for those who want or need one for their taxes.

Sorting, arranging and pricing will began Friday, July 5 and will continue every Friday until sale starts. We will need lots of help doing this. Please contact the office if you want to help; CALL—Tom Witmer (742-9377); Maxine Curtis (357-0441) or Jewell Kerr (690-8903), if you can help with these tasks.




CHURCH GARAGE SALE



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital
J.David Hester, Jackson, TN



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges' neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); the Search Committee; Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; Sarah Price, (friend of Alice Montgomery); Phil Bridges (job situation); Curt Hammill (Betty's son).

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

In Every Argument, Who Is The Winner?

The World would tell us that the winner of an argument is the one that is the most aggressive and tenacious and is willing to continually make their point until the other backs down, gives up or walks away. But I question, who does God consider the winner? God does not value anger over love; He doesn't value taking offense over turning your other cheek; or holding grudges over making peace. Biblically, in conflict, the winner is the one that is more interested in achieving God's will rather than having their own way, and the winner is the one that works to resolve the issue, even if their own will isn't done. Winning takes sacrifice, not aggression. How many arguments in life have you truly won?

~Donna Walker

