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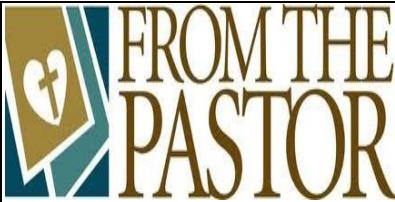
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 23, 2014



Welcome new member! At the close of last Sunday's Worship Service, **Susan Watson** officially joined First Church via transfer of her membership letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Knoxville. **Susan** has been visiting regularly for several months and is the friend and neighbor of **Kim** and **Bill Halbert**. **Susan's** comment to me last Sunday was: "This is such a happy place." I agree, perhaps this is because we cannot sing the Blues since Christ is risen!

Two weeks ago, I challenged you for **Easter Sunday** to not only break the record of the most people gathered to worship at First Church since I arrived seven months ago (132 for *Scout Sunday* back in February), I ask you to shatter that record and set a goal of having 150 people present. While we did not shatter the record, we did officially tie it; though in my mind, we broke it because at least one lady present is expecting. The actual number present is not truly important, and never was. The goal I had when I extended the challenge was to encourage you to both be here and to invite others to be here with you. We met that goal, and frankly, I enjoyed the smile on your faces as you introduced me to your invited guests. I enjoyed it so much that I would like to see it every Sunday. On top of that, the enthusiasm of having a larger than usual crowd energized our worship; your smiles were bigger; your voices were stronger; and your tolerance for poor preaching was greater. Without a doubt, on **Easter Sunday** the challenge was not only accepted, it was met! Let's do it again this coming Sunday, and the one after that, and the one after that and so on.

In closing, I want to extend my appreciation to several people: to **James Paschke** and **Scott Roberts** for playing the guitar during the sermon last Sunday; to **Donald Robinson** and **Rebecca Wilkinson** for singing the duet during the Worship Service; to each of our **choir members** and **musicians** for all they did to enhance our worship throughout **Holy Week**; to the **Cornerstone Class** for preparing breakfast last Sunday; to **Laura Paschke** and **Julie Rech** and all their helpers for heading up the *Egg Hunt* last Saturday; and to the **entire congregation** the love and support you show me as your pastor. I praise God for you daily!

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Education Committee

Our **Christian Education Committee** will meet this coming Sunday, April 27th, following the Worship Service. They will meet in the Keene Room and will be working on finalizing the plans for our upcoming **Vacation Bible School**.

Session Meeting

The next regularly scheduled **Session Meeting** will be this coming Sunday, April 27th, at 6:00 p.m., in the Keene Room.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **First Watch, The Daytime Café**, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. This is second Wednesday of the month instead of the traditional third Wednesday. The restaurant is located in Turkey Creek, at 11682 Parkside Drive (nearly to Campbell Station Road). Everyone reading this article is invited to go on this outing.

Vacation Bible School

This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be June 8th-11th. 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.

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

April

29-Jin Gaston
29-Barbara McCammon

May

2-Ann Bachman
2-Amanda Roberts
3-Charlotte Byrd

Activities for April 27-May 3, 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 April 20, 2014

Sunday School.....57

Worship.....132

Offering\$3,436.00

Among Our People

It was good to have former **Pastor Kevin Wood** with us in worship on Easter Sunday ... Wow so many in our congregation had extended family members with them at our Easter worship service ... We had 50 attend our Maundy Thursday Communion service and 21 at the Son-Rise Service Easter Morning ... **Hailey Davis** will compete as part the Tennessee State Level 8 gymnastics team against 7 other state teams in the Region 8 Gymnastics Championships in Concord, NC this coming weekend...

There will be a workday at Camp Chilhowee on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Contact Jim Curtis for more information.

OUR ??TH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Our annual Garage Sale date has been set for July 25 and 26. Maxine Curtis is again heading this effort up. She is asking that you begin to save up the 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 office.

God loves you so much that he sent Jesus on a mission of love with a message of love. The Bible doesn't say God *has* love; it says God *is* love. Love is his nature; God *is* love.

When Jesus stretched his arms out as wide as the cross, he was saying, "I love you this much! I love you so much it hurts. I love you so much I'll die for you so that I won't have to live without you."

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); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister)

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

Note from Stewardship and Finance Committee

We would like to make a suggestion to all who purchase items / things for the church and turn in a receipt for reimbursement. If you are going to purchase items, please get a copy of our tax exempt certificate and a church check so you will not have to pay sales tax and then the church will also not have to pay sales tax. Another way to save the church from paying unnecessary sale tax is for you to turn in your receipt to the office and we will credit you with a "Gift-In-Kind" and this counts towards your giving and is a tax deduction for you come tax time. Every little bit helps!

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.