

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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A PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am pleased to report to you that I have returned home from the seven-day hospital stay (July 26 – Aug. 2). During that period surgery was performed to connect a lead from my heart to my defibrillator/pacemaker.

I returned home Friday, Aug. 2 and am recuperating under the care of my cardiologist, home health care and my family. I was told not to attend church Sunday, even though that was a tough decision for me.

I express appreciation to Rev. Mike Wilkinson for preaching on Sunday, to the Elders who led the service, the Joanna Wilkinson for her musical offering for the worshipers – and to each of you for your prayer support.

I am gaining strength daily, and hope to see you in church this Sunday.

- J. David Hester

GARAGE SALE REPORT

Maxine Curtis gave the congregation a final Garage Sale report on Sunday. For others (not present), the event brought in over \$2,400. This will be used for property maintenance. Thank you for all your help.

READY TO WORSHIP

"Many of us have gotten away from preparing ourselves for worship. Instead, we assess church services almost as if they were shows put on to entertain us. When someone asks us, 'How was church today?' we might answer, 'Well, the choir did their best, but they obviously need more practice.' Or we might say, 'The sermon was too long. The pastor went on until five minutes after twelve and could easily have been finished ten minutes sooner.'

But this is not the way to think about a worship service. When we speak like this, we're putting the responsibility for worship on other people. What makes a successful worship service is not the beauty of the music or the eloquence of the preacher or even the friendliness of the greeting we receive. Instead, it's the presence of God in our hearts, and that depends on our attitude and what we are seeking.

We need to be prepared, mentally and spiritually, to participate fully in worship. This is something to consider as we make our way to church on Sunday morning, or whenever we worship. We must ask ourselves, 'What is the state of my mind and heart as I go to church or approach God in prayer?'" ("Sources of Strength", Jimmy Carter, p. 149)

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 8, 7:00 – Stewardship/Finance Committee

Aug. 11, 6:00 – Session Meeting

Aug. 18, 10:45 – Congdon Memorial service

Aug. 21 – 11:00 – Friendship Club, Rafferty's

Among Our People

Dr. Bob Prosser has retired from a 15-year time as President of Bethel University; He was Associate pastor of this church 1969-1971 ... **Howard Eblen** has moved into the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home, 9910 Coward Mill Road ...

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Activities for August 11-17, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Session
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 4, 2013

Sunday School.....	46
Worship.....	71
Offering	\$7,802.76
Building Fund.....	\$55.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$5.00
Building Usage.....	\$1,044.52

Please join us for the Morning Worship Service August 18th. The Chancel Choir under the direction of Karen Ware will present a concert of sacred anthems and hymns honoring the memory of Richard and Esther Congdon, who were beloved members of our congregation. Memorial contributions given in the Congdon's name benefit the Music Program and the Children's area of our Church Library, and we will gratefully acknowledge those gifts. Joining the Choir will be Stacey Nickell, cellist, Eugene McCammon, piano, James Paschke, trumpet, Amanda Roberts, liturgical movement and narration, and Dr. J. David Hester, pastor. Plan now to be present for this worship experience to celebrate our love for the memory of Richard and Esther and to welcome their daughter Karen Spinning, and her family who will be attending.

Lay Ministry Corner
Would you describe your life as light and joyful? Do your external circumstances rarely rake havoc with your overall emotional state? If your answer is yes to these questions, you probably have a knowing grin on your face and a long fascinating story on how God has transformed you and made you stronger through His strength, not leaning on your own understanding. You are most probably thankful God didn't leave you where He found you. If the answer is no, be confident that God would not call us to behavior He is not able to accomplish in us! Know that even mature Christians will have periods of turmoil, if they slip and depend on their own strength and understanding. The things that are stealing our contentment are the very places that God is trying to work in your life! This discontentment is a sign we are being called to grow, but be prepared that with growth often comes pain, but know the result will be worth it!
Donna Walker



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

Peggy Bradshaw, (Dianne Fielder's mother) Ft. Sanders
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; 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; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer's); the family of Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott).
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net



Women of Our Church

WOMEN'S MEETING

We have finally gotten a date for our next meeting. It will be Sunday, August 25th at 5 pm at Betty Hammill's house, 505 Bardon Road. Wanda Moody will be our guest, speaking on "being a Christian in the world of politics". We will have supper and then a short program after we eat. Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend, all you ladies of the church.

Are you saving your soup labels?
IN addition to "Labels for Education" found on Campbell's soup and Pepperidge Farm products, the Children's Home is now collecting Box Tops for Education. These are found on General Mills cereals, as well as many other products. Please clip them from the various products and put them in the collection box in the church office.

