

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

August 14, 2013

## WELCOME – To Our New Pastor!!

We are pleased to announce that **Rev. Mike Wilkinson** has accepted a call from this Church to become the next Senior Pastor. His service among us will begin Sept. 15.

Mike is currently pastor of the Grace Community Church of Millbrook (Montgomery) Alabama. He and his wife Joanna led our worship service on Aug. 4. The Wilkinson's have three grown children and one grandchild.

He is a product of the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Knox County and a graduate of Karns High School.

He is a graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary and former pastor of the Rocky Ridge CP Church in Birmingham.

We look forward with great anticipation to have the Wilkinsons among us!

## THANKS TO SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our profound thanks are expressed to the Search committee. They have worked for over 12 months, reviewed about 20 applications, and prayerfully considered all such applicants.

The Search Committee was composed of Phil Bridges, Chair; Bill Halbert, Betty Hammill, Amanda Roberts, Sam Ware, Tom Witmer. Seek these people out and give them a special thanks over the next few weeks!

## MEMORIAL CONCERT POSTPONED

Due to circumstances beyond the control of our Music Department, the Memorial Concert planned for this Sunday, Aug. 18, has had to be postponed. A later time will be announced in the future.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The August 21 meeting of the Friendship Club will be held at Rafferty's in west Knoxville. Everyone is invited to meet us there at 11:00 for food and fellowship. It will be helpful for reservations if you will sign the sheet by the office door.

## YOUTH SWIM PARTY

The Youth Swim party, postponed earlier because of the weather, will be held this Sunday, August 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Dianne and Paul Pipkin.

This "back to school" event is for Middle and High Schoolers.

## *Among Our People*

Thanks to **Rev. Mark Hester** who preached Sunday's sermon. **Dr. Hester** led the service – and expects to be back in the pulpit this Sunday ... **Peggy Bradshaw**, **Dianne Fielder's mother** had a pace-maker installed last week; she remains in Ft. Sanders (downtown) in transitional care ... **SHEILA EMORY** recovering at home from surgery Aug. 5 ... Our new **Christian Education Year** will begin Sept. 1; if you are not currently in a Sunday School class, now is the time to bring the family (9:30 a.m.) and begin!

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Happy Birthday

August

23-Judy Gwilliams  
23-Tom Witmer

Activities for August 18-24, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 11, 2013

Sunday School.....43  
Worship.....70  
Offering .....\$4,618.09  
Building Fund.....\$5.00  
Music Fund.....\$5.00  
Building Usage.....\$1,550.00

Lay ministry corner ~

The more thoroughly convinced we become that we are who God says we are, the more we will begin to act like who He says we are. Our daily lives demonstrate what we really believe about ourselves. Most of us have bought more of what others have said than we like to admit. Dear one, the time has come to believe God. The time has come to renounce words others have spoken over us that don't line up with the truth of God's Word. And while we're at it, let's give others the same privilege. They get to be who God says they are too. ~ Beth Moore

Just Do Something, by Rick Warren

"Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God." (Romans 6:13 NLT)

How do you start using the spiritual gifts God put inside of you? Here are four ways to get started:  
1. Discover your gifts.  
2. Dedicate your gifts to God.  
3. Develop your gifts.  
4. Deploy your spiritual gifts.  
Would you pray this prayer today? "Thank you, God, for forgetting everything I've ever done wrong. I'm putting my trust in your grace. Today I accept your free gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ because of what he did for me. I know I can't earn my way to Heaven. I accept this free gift of your Spirit into my life. Live through me, and fill me with your love and joy and peace and patience. God, I accept the gift of special abilities you put in my life. Help me to develop them, discover them, dedicate them, and use them to be the person you made me to be. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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; 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; Phil Bridges (job situation); J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer's); Sheila Emory.  
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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.