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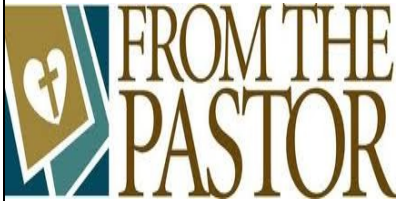
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 28, 2014



A few weeks ago, I was given a copy of the weekly newsletter from the Cookeville (TN) First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I want to share with you a brief article written by their pastor, Dr. Charles McCaskey. With the Summer vacation season upon us, I think his thoughts are worth our pondering. Dr. McCaskey writes: *"The house next to ours is for sale.*

No one is living in it. There is a 'For Sale' sign in the yard. I'm not sure what all has happened, but I do know that the yard has not been cut and really looks bad. No one is there to look after the place. I hope someone will soon move in and in that process will take care of the yard. In our spiritual lives, we sometimes run down and go without care. Picture that unmowed yard – now picture a life that is not tended with worship, prayer and Bible study – with no fellowship and no support. Perhaps you need to give special care to your spiritual life – perhaps you need to spend some time in spiritual caretaking. What does your 'Christian yard' look like? Spend some time working there . . . You think about that all week long."

Just a reminder: on Sunday, June 15th, I will be starting a Summer sermon series entitled, "Good News about God's Grace". Make it a point to be here this Summer and perhaps, just perhaps, God will reveal some of the wonders of His grace to us through this series of messages.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Vacation Bible School

The theme of this year's **Vacation Bible School** is *Arrowhead Island*, and the dates are Sunday night, June 8th, through Wednesday night, June 11th. Each night will begin with a light supper, at 5:30 p.m., in the gym. Opening Assembly for everyone will begin at 6:00 p.m., in the chapel. In addition to classes for children ages three through fifth grade, we will have both youth (sixth through twelfth grades) and adult classes with a special speaker each night. The adult classes and speakers are as follows: Sunday—**Drugs and Senior Concerns**, led by **Sergeant Tom Walker**; Monday—**Financial Considerations**, led by **Toby Strickland**; and Tuesday—**Nutrition and Health**, led by **Mark Pendergrass, D.C.** The youth classes and speakers are as follows: Sunday—**Bullying**, led by **Lindsay Bridges**; Monday—**Street Gangs**, led by **Sergeant Tom Walker**, and Tuesday—**Teenage Abstinence**, led by **Lucus Herd**. All ages groups are invited to Wednesday's **Closing Ceremony and Family Cookout**, which will include a waterslide. As part of VBS, we will be collecting shoes for **Soles4Souls**. We will also be collecting money for the **Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home**.

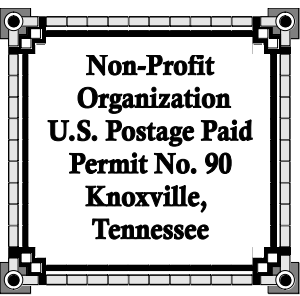
Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **The Original Louis' Drive-in Restaurant**, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 11th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. The restaurant is located at 4661 Old Broadway, near Fountain City). Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.


Automated External Defibrillator

Our Session wants to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church. An AED is a portable computerized device that can analyze a person's heart rhythm, and then deliver an appropriate electric shock to restore the heartbeat. The sooner a shock is given, the better the chance of survival. The cost of this potentially lifesaving device is approximately \$1,800.00, including both adult and pediatric electrode pads and supplies, and a wall cabinet for safe storage. Last Sunday, \$290.00 was given toward this purchase, giving us a total of \$365.00 and leaving a balance of \$1,435.00. Remember, together we can do this!

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

June

1-Jack Missimer
4-Joanna Wilkinson
5-Jonathan Migas



Activities for June 1-6, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report May 25, 2014	
Sunday School.....	46
Worship.....	71
Offering	\$3,538.25
Project Offerings.....	\$290.00
Facility Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Music Fund.....	\$75.00

Among Our People


Steve Summers family back from a trip to Disney World ... Stan Blaylock and James Blaylock where here visiting their parents, Gordon and Mary Jane.

Soles4Souls
The Women's Ministry's drive to support the Soles4Souls Ministry has begun. Please bring in your new; lightly used; or used shoes and place them in one of the boxes either in the gym or church office. Your donation may be used to help a child to attend school, to support disaster relief, or to provide African craft artists with raw materials to work and provide for their families. The Soles4Souls organization wants ANY old pair of shoes to recycle and repurpose the old shoes. If you have any questions, please email Donna Walker at thetwwalkers@att.net.

Lay Ministry Corner
~ Donna Walker

"Free Indeed"
The World will tell us that freedom comes from doing exactly what we want to do, when we want to do it, but this is a lie. It's more likely we would get imprisoned quickly by following every impulse that flows in our heads and doing it. True freedom comes from making right choices, and making conscious decisions not to sin, by remaining in God's will. Only then are you free from the bondage in sin thanks to the grace of God.


WEST CIRCLE
Will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd at 11 am in the Keene Room. We will be having a pot luck lunch as well as a program. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Marlene Ritchey, NHC Oak Ridge
Mary Jane Blaylock, Parkwest Hospital
Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson's father), Tennova St.
Mary's



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 Trieze (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); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Mr. Hopkins (a patient of Amanda Roberts); Rex Hayes (Pastor Mike's and Joanna's grandson); Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Larry Taylor (Joy's husband); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law)

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

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. Registration forms are also in the Church Office.	

Our ??th Annual Garage Sale
Our annual Garage Sale date has been set for July 25 and 26. If you have items that you would like to donate to the church to sell, we will begin taking items beginning the week of June 15. If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine or the church office.