

The Cumberland

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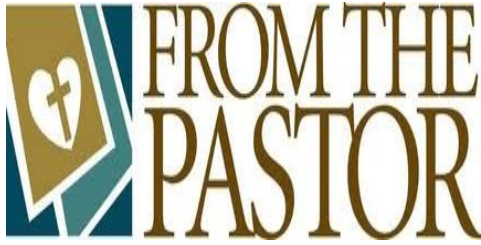
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 16, 2013



As I write these words, it is fast approaching the end of my first month as the Pastor of First Church and I am just as excited today as I was back on September 15th. I hope you are still excited as well. I am eagerly looking forward to what God has in store for us. As I shared before, **Jeremiah 29:11** says: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” I would like to share with you the secret of having a growing, vibrant church. This secret is a common denominator among all growing churches, regardless of their denominational affiliation, theological position, location, or style of worship. What is this secret? It is that the members of the congregation are so excited about what is going on at the church they attend that they consistently invite people to attend with them. Now that the secret is out, won’t you invite someone to attend church with you this coming Sunday?

God’s Grace,

Pastor Mike

Visitation

Pastor Mike needs your help. He would like to visit with every family that is currently a part of the First Church Family. If a home visit is not practical for you, he would love to meet with at the church. The purpose of this meeting is for him to learn both your history with our congregation and your hopes and dreams for the future of First Church. If you will call him (cell phone: 205-533-2001 or church: 865-588-8581) to schedule an appointment at a time that is convenient for you, Pastor Mike would greatly appreciate it.

Our Building Note

Just a reminder that we are attempting to raise at least \$25,728 by Thanksgiving so that we can re-structure our debt and lower our monthly payments. This would also save us slightly more than \$101,000 in interest of the next 15 years, which would make us better stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. \$2,250.00 has been given to date.

Friendship Club

We will be traveling to the Apple Barn, in Crosby, Wednesday, October 23rd, for lunch. We plan to eat at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to car pool, please meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. After lunch, we hope to go to Mary Ann Haney’s house in Gatlinburg for dessert.



Pastor’s Travel Plans

Pastor Mike will be in Alabama for the Fall meeting of Grace Presbytery. At that meeting, he will request his membership be transferred to the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Also at that meeting, Pastor Mike’s middle daughter, Jennifer Hayes, should be approved for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. He will be out of town Thursday afternoon, October 17th, through late Saturday evening, October 19th. If you need him, do not hesitate to call him on his cell phone.

Youth Group

Our Youth will meet this coming Sunday evening, October 20th, from 5-7:00 p.m. They will have a bonfire and roast hot dogs and make smores. Bring a friend and come join the fun.

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

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17-Devin Sprague
24-Jeffery Golliher
25-Mike Wilkinson
26-Stephanie Bridges



Activities for October 20-26, 2013

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Session
	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report October 13, 2013

Sunday School.....	32
Worship.....	71
Offering	\$3,769.09
Payment on Church Note.....	\$2,250.00

AMONG OUR PEOPLE ...

Steve & Leigh Ann Summers are home from a week in Orlando for a work conference ... **Susie Smith, daughter of Jewell Kerr**, has left the hospital and is now at Jewell’s home ... **Tom & Lois Witmer** met Lois’ sister, **Lynne** and brother-in-law, **Bill Garrison** in Atlantic Beach, NC last weekend... **Curt Hammill**, son of **Betty**, is recovering from surgery last week ... Good to see **Dean & LuAnn Jarnagin** at church Sunday ... **Marlene Ritchey** has been moved to a private room at Mountain view (225); you may call her at 273-8225 ... Congratulations to **James Paschke** on his new position as Teacher Aide at Ridgedale School ... Thank you choir (and Sam and Karen) – especially **Hannah Haddox** for her solo – for two beautiful anthems Sunday ... Thanks to those who are already responding to our “church note” appeal ...

Lay Ministry Corner

I heard a preacher on the radio this past week who liked Christians to the Jordan River & the Dead Sea. He said that a healthy Christian life is like the Jordan with water flowing both in and out. These Christians are constantly receiving from God and flowing out blessing from God to others in outreach! According to him, unhealthy Christian lives are like the Dead Sea. They receive water from God at times, but the water has no outlet, and over time has become so salty and dense, absorbing without giving, that the water is no longer fit for consumption and it can no longer support life within it. May God bless you this week, and may you be blessed with the opportunity to pass it on to someone else!

~Donna Walker

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

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; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); 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; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Ken Sherwood (friend of Becky Rader); Curt Hammill (Betty’s son); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Jewell Kerr and family.

CPWM PRESBYTERY

Met Saturday, October 12 at Virtue CP Church from 9-11am. A delicious brunch was served. Our program was a representative from Serene Manor Nursing Home, which is located in the old General Hospital. Her name was Ann Milner and she told us of the needs of the patients there, all of whom are indigent. It was agreed that the churches represented would assist in providing some of the needs at Christmas, or anytime during the year. We will get in touch with Ann Milner and find out specifically what our church can provide. It was agreed to give Ann the offering we took up, as well as \$500 from our treasury. It was greatly appreciated, as there are many needs in that Home. During the business session, a request was made for a President to come forward and lead the group: our next meeting will be on April 12, 2014, hosted again by Faith Fellowship CP Church: it was agreed to have only one meeting a year, in the spring, usually the 2nd Saturday of April. It was thought that more people would attend. Next month we will get the information out as to what we will be collecting for the Serene Manor Nursing Home at Christmas.

Betty Hammill