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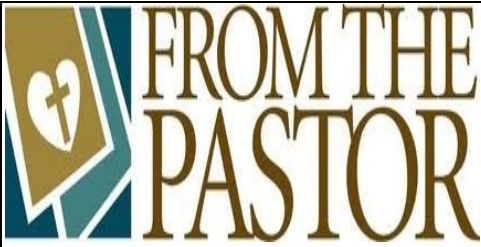
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 12, 2014



I want to express my appreciation to **Boy Scout Troop 20**, **Cub Scout Pack 20**, and **Girls Scout Troop 20959** for making **Scout Sunday** such a wonderful day here at First Church. More people gathered to worship here last Sunday than at any time since I have been here; there were 132 of us present. Two simple things can quickly elevate our attendance above and beyond the 132-person

mark, and that would be: 1) that each of us make a commitment to be here every Sunday barring work schedule or illness; many of us have already made that commitment, but others rotate in and out depending on what they want to do that day; make church attendance a priority; and 2) that each of us invite someone to come church with us; what would happen if each of us made the commitment to invite at least one person to come with us each Sunday? Now I know that 90% of the people we invite will not come with us (statistics consistently show that around 10% of people attend when invited), but I am positive that 100% of our family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and neighbors that we do not invite will not attend. The common denominator in all growing churches is not denominational affiliation; it is not worship style; and it is not the preaching skills of the pastor; the common denominator in all growing churches is that church members consistently invite others to attend with them. I look forward to seeing you and your invited guests at First Church this coming Sunday.

The next message in the sermon series, "I Am a Church Member", is "Praying for Church Leaders". Here is the central truth behind this message: all church leaders need prayer. By all, I mean pastor, staff, teachers, committee members, and elders. Not only do all church leaders need prayer, all church members should be regularly praying for all their church leaders. Nothing compares to a group of believers who love one another, pray for each other, and serve God together to reach their neighbors for Christ. Few congregations meet this description, though. Therefore, the motivation behind this sermon series is to help us not just go to church, but to belong to one—to move us from consumer to disciple.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Triple "D"

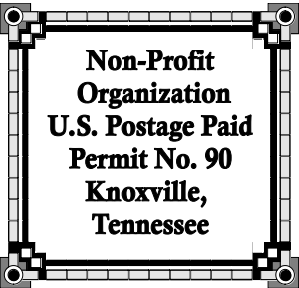
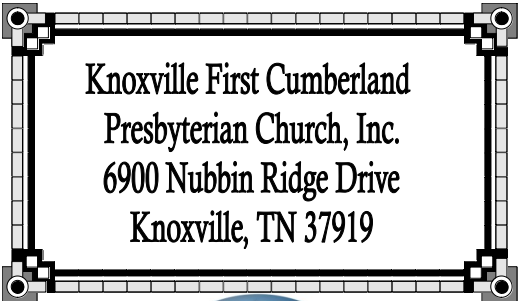
'D'inner, 'D'ance, and 'D'essert

This coming Saturday, February 15th, at 5:30 p.m., our youth will be hosting **Triple "D"**. This is a church-wide event hosted by our youth, not a youth only event, so regardless of your age or relationship status, everyone is both invited and encouraged to attend. This would be a great time to invite someone who is not a part of our congregation to join you. You can still make reservations by calling the Church Office (588-8581) anytime day or night between now and 12:00 noon Friday, February 14th. If no one answers, simply leave a message on the answering machine; including your choice of entrees (Chicken and Rice Casserole or Lasagna). Following the meal, there will be an opportunity for you to receive a few pointers about ballroom dancing, and no you do not have to dance. Following the dance time, we will enjoy a wonderful dessert. There is no set cost for this event, but a donation of your choice up to \$1,000,000.00 (remember this is a youth fundraiser) will be gladly received. For additional information, please contact **Stephanie Sauls** (310-6129). All of our youth need to be at the church at 4:30 p.m.

Friendship Club

The next outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, February 19th, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone who receives this newsletter, and anyone you would like to invite to join you, is invited to meet at The Lakeside Grill, at the Concord Marina, for this Dutch treat lunch. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the Church Office.

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.



Happy Birthday

February

19-Chris Curtis
19-Justin Curtis
19-Daniel Saults



Activities for February 16~22, 2014

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 9, 2014

Sunday School.....	51
Worship.....	132
Offering	\$5,536.11
Memorial Fund.....	\$100.00
Youth Fund.....	\$10.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Among Our People

Sympathy to the family of **Nancy Anthony**; she died on Jan. 31. She was widow of our deceased member **Ray Anthony ... Richard Booher**, after successful knee replacement, has been moved to NHC Farragut for rehab ... **Becky Rader** had surgery on Tuesday ... We feel the pain of **B.F. & Mary Helen Daniel**; last week they sold their house in McMinnville – a home they had occupied for over 46 years ... Sympathy to **Tom Witmer** in the death of a good friend **Eric Nelson** on Sunday ... **Mildred Acuff** taken to Park West Hospital Sunday night with stroke-like symptoms ... **Hailey Davis** travels to the ESPN Sports Complex in Orlando to compete in The Presidential Classic Gymnastics meet this Friday...

LAYMAN’S CORNER
~ Donna Walker

If we try to go through our lives on our own strength, we will be destined to bob up and down like a swimmer trying to keep his head above water. We will be fighting the currents trying to pull us under and be thrown about and disoriented as the winds of life pick up. But if we, like Peter in Matthew 14:29, focus on Jesus and have faith that He is strong and has dominion over the things of this world, He will fulfill His promise to us, picking us up and leaving the waves of life beneath our feet as we continue to walk daily with God. Have faith, God's strength is sufficient to sustain you, no matter what comes!

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital



Mildred Acuff, Park West 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; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Jonathan & Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie & David Triesse (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; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo (Scott Robert’s Uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston’s sister is facing surgery); the Family of Nancy Anthony; the Family of Eric Nelson (friend of the Witmer clan); the Family of Doug Hayes (Jin Gaston’s cousin’s husband)

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

We need your help with The Prayer Concerns List. Please check the persons that you may have requested to be added to this list and make sure the Prayer Concern is still valid. If it is not, please inform Tom or Mike about it and we will remove.

We have always added Prayer Concerns as they come in with the “Family of” being on the end. Would it be helpful if we changed this list to being alphabetical and a separate list for deaths? Please let the office know your opinion.

Key Holders Have Important Responsibility

If you have a key to the Church, you have an important responsibility to see that the church is secure if you enter the church and you are the last to leave the facilities.

We have been finding the following:

- Lights left on
- Doors locked but alarm not set
- Alarm set but some doors not locked
- Unfortunately, alarm off with door unlocked.

We are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us. Please be diligent in making sure the church is secure when you leave. If you need a refresher on using the alarm system, please stop by the office. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

(Copied from “The Promoter of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church” of Oak Ridge)

Amazingly, we have the same issues.