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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 2, 2013



FROM THE PASTOR

I want to share with you the following excerpt from last Sunday's sermon: "Why is it important for us to not only understand God's purpose for our lives but to unite around that purpose? Let me answer that with the following fictitious scenario; pay close attention to the names of the characters: The pastor called the monthly Session Meeting of the ABC Church to order. 'We have got a lot to do tonight,' he said. 'Our agenda is to pass a unified church program for the year. Who wants to go first?' 'This ought to be easy,' said **Ben Faithful**, an elder who had been a member of the church all of his life—some seventy years. 'Let's just keep doing what we have been doing. I have always believed that the tried-and-true is better than any newfangled idea.' 'I'd have to disagree with that,' said **Sam Newman**, the newest and youngest elder on the Session. 'Times have changed. Just because a program worked in the past does not automatically mean it is going to continue working next year. I am especially interested in changing the style of our worship service. We have all heard about the growth of the XYZ Church since they started a contemporary service to reach out to the unchurched.' 'Some churches will do anything to get a crowd,' replied **Ben Faithful**. 'They forget that church is supposed to be for Christians and I sure don't intend for that to happen at our church.' Over the next two hours, a worthy list of programs and causes were presented for inclusion in the church calendar. **Karen Doer** passionately insisted that the church take a more active role in the pro-life movement. **John Manly** gave a moving testimony about Promise Keepers and the need for a more active men's ministry within the church. **Susie Loving** spoke of the need to develop various support groups and volunteering at local shelters. **Keith Learner** made his annual appeal for the church to begin a Christian School, and of course, **Henry Tightwad** kept asking: 'How much will it cost?' as each proposal was presented. Every suggestion seemed valid, but they could not possibly do it all. The problem was that there was no agreed upon standard of reference by which the Session could evaluate and decide which programs would be adopted. Finally, **Clark Reasoner** spoke up. Clark was the voice everyone was waiting for at this point. Whenever issues became confused, Clark would usually make a short speech and a majority would vote his way. It was not that his ideas were better; in fact, others often disagreed with him, but the sheer force of his personality made whatever he said sound sensible at the time. Why is it important for us to understand and unite around our God-given purpose? So that multiple forces within our congregation are not competing for attention; so that we have an agreed upon standard of reference. **Proverbs 19:21** says: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails." [NIV] When we are united around God's purpose for us, He receives glory.

God's Grace,

Pastor Mike

Worldwide Communion Sunday

This coming Sunday, October 6th, is Worldwide Communion Sunday, so we will be celebrating *The Lord's Supper* during the morning worship service.

First Corinthians 1:9 [AMP]

"God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ or Lord."

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



October

9-Sarah Paschke
10-Bonnie Bridges
10-Lindsay Hammill
10-Donna Walker



Activities for October 6-12, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Building & Grounds
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report September 29, 2013

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	76
Offering	\$5,343.05
Building Fund.....	\$35.00
HVAC.....	\$300.00
Building Reimbursement.....	\$5,272.26

Lay Ministry Corner

Thank God, I was not born rich ~ So I learned contentment with whatever provision that God has given me.
Thank God, my memory isn't what it use to be. It makes it so much easier to forgive.
Thank God, for my maladies, because they help me appreciate when my health is good.
Thank God, I clearly see myself as a sinner needing redemption ~ because I am not tempted to see myself as good or tempted to judge others.
We should thank God for every shortcoming we have, because without them, we would not have a need to seek God and grow our dependence on Him!
I'd rather be saved in poverty & humility than lost in supremely bountiful human blessing, each and every day of this life!
~Donna Walker

AMOUNG OUR PEOPLE

Suzie Smith, daughter of **Jewell Kerr**, is in UT Hospital ... **Maxine McGuire** has left hospital and is now at Brakebill for therapy ... Christian Sympathy to **James Paschke** in the death Saturday of his grandmother, Betty Rayfield Spitz, in Cleveland TN; this is the person who "raised" James ... **Thank you!** For your generous contributions for CAM; these items are this week being taken to Del Rio school children ... Did you see the picture of **Sara Grace Paschke** in the "Your News" paper last Monday? She is with a group of fellow students from Rocky Hill School ... **Mary Cregger** recovering from fall in her bathtub last week ...

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

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

The Youth Group Is Coming Back!!

We would like to invite all the youth (grades 6th-12th) and their parents to a youth meeting on October 6, 2013 immediately after service. Lunch will be provided and we will be discussing all the new plans of the upcoming youth group. We hope everyone will make plans to attend. There will be a sign up sheet next Sunday outside the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to see Stephanie Saults or Amanda Roberts.

CPWM FALL PRESBYTERY

Will meet on Saturday, October 12th at Virtue Church from 9-11am. The guest speaker will be a representative from Serene Manor Nursing Home. If you would like to go, please contact Dianne Pipkin or Betty Hammill.