

The Cumberland

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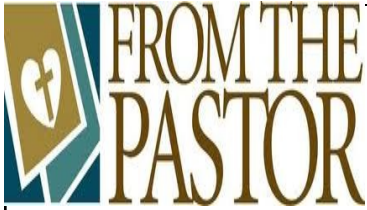
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 10, 2014



Last Sunday was truly a great day in the life of First Cumberland. **Sunday School Rally Day** started things in a wonderful direction as several people came to Sunday School for the either the first time or the first time in a long time. Then, during the Worship Service, our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education leaders (Children's Church and Youth Group) were installed for the new year. I want to personally thank all those who are serving this year; my prayers are with you. Lastly, Sunday evening produced a great time of fun, food, fellowship, and even fundraising as our Youth raised \$100.60 through the **Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS**. We had a great turnout (65 people or so) and a good time was had by all.

On Labor Day, our youngest daughter moved out of our house in Millbrook, leaving it vacant. Joanna and I have since decided to lease the house since it has been on the market for a year now and has not sold. Hopefully, it will be leased in the next few weeks. In the meantime, Dr. Hester's family has made his furnished house available to us on a short-term lease; they hope to put the house up for sale some time this Spring. We will move in this afternoon (Monday, September 8th). If things go as planned, we will wake up this Friday morning having slept in the same bed five nights in a row for the first time in a year. In the next few weeks, we will be moving our furniture from our home in Millbrook to a storage unit here in Knoxville. Please continue to keep us, and the Hester family, in your prayers during this transition.

This coming Sunday, September 14th, is the final Sunday of my first year as the pastor of First Cumberland. For Joanna and I, it has been a great year although the relocation has not gone the way we had envisioned. Nonetheless, it is clear to us that God is at work in our lives and in the life of this congregation, and that He has a plan that is steadily unfolding. Though I do not yet fully know what that plan is, I am fully confident that it is greater than anything we had envisioned a year ago. I trust you share that confidence.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Congratulations

Lois Witmer is the recipient of the **2014 Miss Frances Wilkerson Christian Education Service Award**. For some reason, this award has not been given out since 2005, but our *Christian Education Committee* decided to resume its presentation to honor **Lois**, who has faithfully taught children in our Sunday School program for more than thirty years. Unfortunately, the ongoing issue with her hip has resulted in her not teaching this year. Please keep **Lois** in your prayers.

Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Naples Italian Restaurant**, in Bearden, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. Every one reading this announcement is invited to join the **Friendship Club** by merely showing up to eat.

Youth Group

Our Youth will meet at the church this coming Wednesday, September 10th. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and should conclude around 7:00 p.m. This is the first meeting with **Amanda** and **Scott Roberts** (newly installed youth leaders), so all our youth need to be present; feel free to invite your friends.

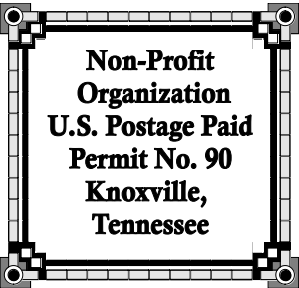
FISH Pantry

During the month of September, we will be collecting **non-food items** for the **West Knox FISH Pantry**. These items include bath and facial soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, diapers (all sizes), etc. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. The last day of the collection will be Sunday, September 28th. Thank you for your assistance with this project.


Fall Festival

Though it is just in the initial planning stage, we will have a **Fall Festival** this year. It will most probably be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 26th. Look for more details in upcoming editions of *The Cumberlander*. Also, see **Amanda Roberts** if you want to help plan this event.


*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



September

- 14-Eugene McCammon
- 17-Maxine McGuire
- 18-Leah Witmer
- 18-Christina Collins

Activities for September 14–20, 2014			
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service	
	12:15 a.m.	Stewardship & Finance	
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	

(See web site for complete calendar listings)	
Stewardship Report September 7, 2014	
Sunday School.....	44
Worship.....	84
Offering	\$5,188.00
Music.....	\$75.00

Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry Meeting
This The ladies of the church will be meeting on Sunday, September 28th, at 5:00 p.m., at Betty Hammill’s house (505 Bardon Road). They will have a meal and then former member, Tracy Woods, will be sharing with us a very interesting story of a healing she has experienced. Ladies, please mark this date and make your plans to be there.

Kroger Community Rewards Program
If you need any assistance registering your Kroger Rewards Card, including hands-on-help, please contact **Kim Halbert** at 660-5821 or khalbert@utk.edu.


Dear Rev. Mike, Tom, and all the friends at First Cumberland,

I wanted to write and thank you for the privilege of using First Cumberland's kitchen to teach cooking classes at Thursday Connection. It is such a wonderful place that the children enjoy so much. The big table in the kitchen is low enough for children to work comfortably and safely, and the convection oven gets things done quickly which is important in a 55 minute class. Thank you so much to whomever made the oven sparkling clean over the summer too!


Sometimes parents of children I have taught come up to me and tell me how their child has taken to cooking at home and has become like a little chef, or how they planned a menu and gave them, the parents, a choice of foods and went on to cook a family meal, or how a child who had no interest in cooking is a much better helper. I think sometimes about how the things I try to teach them about choosing foods with good nutrition will help them for a lifetime. Also, as they cook for their own friends and families, I know that many, many people will be blessed for years to come.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my love of foods, world cultures, and nutrition with young people!

Margaret Manneschmidt



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital
Praise the Lord! At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is in the hospital.

Health and Prayer Concerns
the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries home and abroad; Gordon Blaylock; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Charlotte Bird; Carol Seeman; Jack Walker; Mildred Acuff; 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); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Larry Taylor (Joy’s husband); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Brandon Hargutt; Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Ella Lee (Mary Cregger’s sister); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Becky Iegel (Amanda Roberts’ coworker); Terry Conser’s parents (Amanda Roberts’ coworker); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Lois Witmer; Amy and Sadie Elizabeth Huether

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

Among Our People

B.F. Daniel is now home from Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center; he will receive outpatient therapy . . . Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter) remains under hospice care; Mildred is still in the Atlanta-area with her and her family . . . Lois Witmer will have a procedure on her hip this Friday, September 12th . . . Jim Dyer is scheduled for a heart catheterization this Friday, September 12th . . . Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson’s father) will meet with a surgeon at Vanderbilt Hospital Monday, September 22nd, to determine if the graft in his aortic aneurism needs to be replaced . . . Dick Booher is now home . . . Jim and Cooky Dyer’s fiftieth wedding anniversary was last Sunday, September 7th; they renewed their vows during our Cookout and Ice Cream Social . . .