

The Cumberland

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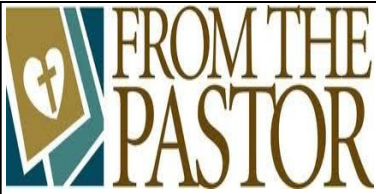
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 5, 2014



Last Sunday, August 3rd, two of our adult Sunday School classes meet together to watch the podcast of perhaps **Rev. Dr. J. David Hester's** most famous sermon, *"Beautiful Feet"*. This particular rendition of the sermon was preached at the Clarksville (TN) Cumberland Presbyterian Church back in 2011 and can be found at www.truthcasting.com/Clarksville-Cumberland-Presbyterian-Church-Beautiful-Feet-40845.sermon. During his message, **J. David** reminded us of both the Prophet Isaiah's and the Apostle Paul's contention that those who spread the Good News of God's love and grace have beautiful feet. He then asked us to examine on own feet, and that is what I would like for us to do as well—Are your feet beautiful? Is so, praise the Lord and keep up the good work. If not, then I have some great news for you: It is never to late to develop beautiful feet. All you have to do to have beautiful feet is share the love and grace of God with those around you. At one point in his sermon, after reminding us of the *Great Commission* to go and share the Gospel, **Dr. Hester** said many Christians know the *Great Commission* in their heads, but somehow it fails to make it to their feet; so again I ask—Are you feet beautiful? As I write this article, it occurs to me that one year ago today (August 4, 2013) Joanna and I came to First Cumberland to preach a "trial sermon". That same evening, the Session issued me a call to become your pastor. I am thankful for that call and we are still excited to be here, but do you know what would make us even more excited? Seeing more and more beautiful feet around this place, so invite someone to come and worship with you this coming Sunday.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the Family of **J. David Hester**. **Dr. Hester** passed away last Thursday morning, July 31st. The Memorial Service was held last Sunday, August 3rd, here at the church with at least 236 in attendance. Please keep **Dr. Hester's** family in your prayers.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

First Cumberland is now enrolled in this rewards program. We encourage our members, your friends and family, and users of our facility to sign up! Just go online to krogercommunityrewards.com, have your Kroger Plus card handy, and click on **Sign In/Register**. Click on **SIGN IN TODAY** in the "New Customer" box. Enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, and enter your email and create a password. You will then get a message to check your email address and you will need to click on the link within the body of the email. Click on **My Account** and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Click on **Edit Kroger Community Rewards** information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Confirm your information then enter **NOP number 33681** and name of organization (First Cumberland Presbyterian Church). To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the church's name on the right side of your information. When you swipe your card at Kroger, we can begin to accumulate rewards. This does not affect either your discounts or reward points; it just allows our church to benefit from your purchases. If you have any questions, please contact **Kim Halbert** at 865-660-5821.

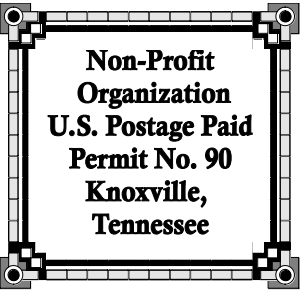
Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Litton's Market, Restaurant and Bakery**, in Fountain City, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing. A sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office; signing up in advance is not required, it merely helps the restaurant know how many people they need to sit in one party.

Serene Manor – Closing Date

We are collecting items for the residents of **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. These are the things needed at this time—men's underwear (all sizes) and both men's and women's sweatpants (all sizes). There will be boxes in the front hallway where you can put your donations. We will be finishing our clothing drive in two weeks. August 17th will be our last day to donate. After that all the clothing donated will be taken to **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. Thank you to all who have given to this ministry.

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

August
11 - Bill Halbert

Activities for August 10–16, 2014
Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 3, 2014	
Sunday School.....	39
Worship.....	81
Offering	\$5,064.18
Memorials.....	\$1,585.00

In Loving Memory

The Reverend Doctor J. David Hester, 83 years of age, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many and servant of God passed into the waiting arms of his loving Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, 31 July 2014.

Dr. Hester was a native of Paducah, KY, and a lifelong minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church having served in pastorates in Wingo and Shady Grove churches in Kentucky; Waverly, Mariah, Cumberland Valley, and Colonial throughout West Tennessee and was pastor of First Cumberland Presbyterian church in Knoxville from 1970-1984.

He was inaugurated as the President of Memphis Theological Seminary in 1984 and served until his retirement in 1997. He continued to serve the church and community at large in many capacities including: Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, Presbytery Pastor, Moderator of a number of Presbyteries throughout Tennessee, Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly in 1969. He served in a host of agencies and boards from 1955 until 2014 including: Board of Missions, Board of Trustees at Memphis Theological Seminary, Commissioner to the General Assembly, Treasurer, Boy Scouts and proud to be an active part of the Power exhibit for the 1982 World's Fair.

Dr. Hester was a graduate of Bethel College, the Cumberland Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Memphis State University and Fuller Theological Seminary.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Anne Connor Hester, his parents, Sam and Linda Hester, brother, Charles Hester and sister, Lucille Hester Cursey. He is survived by children: Dianne Pipkin and husband Paul of Knoxville, Rev. Mark Hester and wife Sally of Friendsville, Melanie Kuhnhenh and husband Mark of Farmington, MN and Timothy Hester and wife Donna of Norris; grandchildren: Amy and Jon Huether, Julie and Justin Rech, Kevin and Erin Pipkin, Sarah Pipkin, Nathaniel Hester, Rebecca and David Miller, Robert and Casey Hester, Megan and Matt Bonfield, Matthew Kuhnhenh, Heather and Sinisa Kostic, Evan Seigmund, Connor Hester, Zoe Hester, Rebecca Seigmund; great grandchildren: Joshua, Jennifer and Josephine Rech, Jameson Huether, Kian and Kinsey Pipkin, Phoenix Miller, Leah Bonfield, Henry Hester.

Memorials may be made to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6900 Nubbin Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN 37919 and Memphis Theological Seminary (Hester Endowment) 168 E. Parkway S., Memphis, TN 38104.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Praise the Lord, no one associated with First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time.

Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; 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); Debbie and David Triese (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; 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); Virginia Brown (Kim Halbert's grandmother); Brandon Hargutt; Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); B.F. 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); Jewell Kerr; the family of J. David Hester

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

Jewell Kerr had an outpatient procedure on her heart last week and is doing well . . . Jack Walker (Kim McCurry's father) is out of the hospital and continues to recover at home . . . the Steve Summers family is back from their vacation at the Gulf coast . . . school starts back in the next few days; please keep our kids and our teachers in your prayers . . . Pastor Mike and Joanna's middle daughter (Jennifer Hayes) and grandson (Rex) visited Knoxville Monday through Wednesday of this week . . . this Thursday, August 7th, is Pastor Mike and Joanna's 32nd wedding anniversary . . .

THANKS TO ALL THE CHURCH LADIES

We want to extend our thanks to all the ladies—and men—of the church for their assistance in providing food for the Hester family, and for those who worked so diligently in the kitchen in serving and cleaning up. We truly had an abundance, and were able to send a good portion home with Dianne to feed all of her house guests. We also want to thank all who helped deep clean the kitchen last Wednesday and Thursday. We had previously set these dates, but were thankful that we had a clean kitchen to honor David Hester and his family in providing this meal.