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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 31, 2014

FROM THE The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the past the opportunity to start anew—God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him—to serve Him and love Him afresh. With that in mind, I thought I would share with you this New Year's prayer:

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

On behalf of our *Outreach Committee*, I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's **Mitten Trees**. Within the next week or so, these items will be taken to Townsend to be distributed through the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries** this Winter.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Sacrament of Baptism

Last Sunday, during the Worship Service, **Sadie Elizabeth Huether** received the *Sacrament of Baptism*. Sadie is the daughter of Amy and Jon Huether; the granddaughter of Dianne and Paul Pipkin; and the niece of Julie and Justin Rech.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, January 6th, 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend

Congregational Meeting

At the close of the Worship Service on Sunday, January 11th, we will have a **Congregational Meeting** to install the *Elder Class of 2017*—**Ann Bachman**, **Betty Hammill**, and **Tom Witmer**.

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, January 21st, 11:00 a.m. We will be gathering at **Bravo Cucina Italiana** (Bearden Hill location) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is invited to attend this and all monthly outings of the **Friendship Club**.

Christian Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the Family **of Theresa Egan** (Cliff Parrott's sister in California) who passed away on Sunday, December 28th, one day shy of here ninety-sixth birthday. Please keep Cliff and his family in your prayers.

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



January 6 David Collins



Activities for January 4–11, 2014

Sunday,

9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Worship Service

6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report December 28, 2014

Sunday School	39
Worship	
Offering	
Christmas Eve	



Becky Rader is still in NHC Fort Sanders for rehab; however, she is scheduled to be released on January 23rd Dick Booher is receiving in-home rehab following his knee replacement . . .

UTK Engineering Day

The Physics class that meets at Classical Conversations (one of the two homeschool groups that meet here at the church) on Tuesdays attended the UTK Engineering Day. There were 1,700 high school students from across the State of Tennessee in attendance. The team of young physicists entered 3 competitions: the balsa wood bridge, the egg drop and the wind turbine. The balsa wood bridge was able to hold 11 pounds. In the egg drop competition they placed 31st out of 180 entries. From a 32 drop, the egg emerged unscathed. There were 3 categories in the wind turbine competition: efficiency, power and creativity. A maximum of fifteen teams, each consisting of 4 members, entered. The turbine weighed 68 grams (1.6 ounces) and placed 1st in efficiency and 2nd in power produced. Against 1,700 high school students, they came, they saw, they conquered. Engineering Day 2015 here they come!!! Thank you to First Cumberland for facilitating our group.

Just a Few Thoughts

"For the believer; celebrating the birth of Christ is not reserved for a single day or season, it is a lifetime pursuit."

-unknown

"Your life as a Christian should make nonbelievers question their disbelief in God."

—His Daily Message

Prayer Concerns



Becky Rader ~ NHC Fort Sanders **Health and Prayer Concerns** (alphabetized)



the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler's cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Family of Theresa Egan (Cliff Parrott's sister); Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Hannah Haddox; Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill's son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston's sister); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna's daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman's mother); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen's mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder's aunt); Dewaine Moncier, (Dianne Fielder's Jr. cousin); Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin's father); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin Rech's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges' son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (Betty Hammill's great niece); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware's father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox)

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

Lay Ministry Corner

The Bible was not given for our information, but for our transformation!

D.L. Moody: If we want to see Jesus like never before this Christmas, we need to earnestly pray for God to guide our actions and responses in every situation. Then, maybe we can be present and still enough to not act like we ordinarily would, but hear that extra call. He will then use us to be of service to someone according to His will and on His timeline and for His glory including us in His work! What a blessing that would be!

—Donna Walker