

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 4, 2015



Wednesday, February 4, 2015, marks the two-hundred-and-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our denomination's founding was an outgrowth of the Great Revival of 1800. Meeting near Dickson, Tennessee, three ministers of the Presbyterian Church and a candidate for the ministry, who dissented with the *Westminster Confession of Faith's* position on salvation, gathered. After spending all night in prayer, they decided to reestablish Cumberland Presbytery; this presbytery would soon grow into a new denomination. This new denomination—the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—proclaimed a “whosoever will come” doctrine of salvation. We still gladly proclaim this same message of grace today.

To my amazement, several people are requesting CDs of our Worship Services containing the sermon series *Stressbusters*. When I shared one such request with Tom Witmer so that he could burn the CD, he told me that this request made a total of five for this series, plus three recent requests for the *Good News about Grace* sermon series from last Summer, and about twenty requests for our All Music Sunday Worship Service last Fall. Just in case someone is not aware that we have the capability to produce these CDs, Tom suggested that I mention it in this edition of *The Cumberlander*. To request a free CD of any of our Worship Services simply call the Church Office and let Tom know. We are working on making DVDs of our Choir's Christmas musical available. I will let you know when they are finished.

I want to exercise pastoral privilege and share a story about my three-year-old grandson, Rex. On their way home from church a couple of Sundays ago, Rex was telling his parents about his Sunday School lesson. He concluded his retelling with, “Every week we talk about Jesus. How many stories are there about that Guy?!” If you are not currently involved in our Sunday School program, I would suggest that you become involved soon so you too can learn stories about Jesus—stories that will not merely inform you, but actually help transform you into who God has designed you to be. Speaking about Sunday School, last Sunday, our **Middle/High School Sunday School Class** started studying the Cumberland Presbyterian *Confession of Faith*. This study will last three or four more consecutive Sundays, not the every-other-Sunday format as originally planned. This study will help our young people know more about our denomination and what we believe as Cumberland Presbyterians.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

Our **Youth** will meet this coming Sunday, February 8th, and Sunday, February 22nd, following the Worship Service. Lunch will be provided and the meeting will conclude at 2:30 p.m. They will be planning their Spring event, picking a date in April to help pack bags for FISH, resume learning archery, and look at pictures from Convocation.

Sing-a-Long

This coming Sunday afternoon, February 8th, at 4:00 p.m. (note the time correction), the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Farragut) will be hosting a multi-choir **Sing-a-Long**, as the choirs from several churches will be singing. Then at 6:00 p.m., the ladies of the Union Church will be serving dinner.

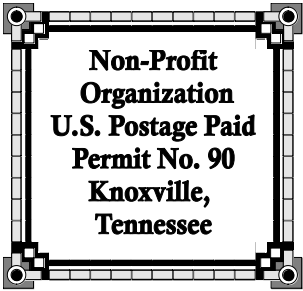
Scout Sunday


We will be observing **Scout Sunday** on February 15th. On this Sunday, scouts and their families from Girl Scout Troop 20959, Cub Scout Pack 20, and Boy Scout Troop 20 (all of which are sponsored by First Cumberland and regularly meet here) will join us to worship the risen Christ. During this special Worship Service, several scouts will be participating. Make you plans to join us on this special Sunday.

Friendship Club


The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, February 18th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Rafferty's Restaurant** (8906 Kingston Pike, near Ebenezer Road) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is invited to attend this and all monthly outings of the **Friendship Club**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near 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 8-14
9-Stephanie Saults
9-Matthew Shelton
10-Lindsay Bridges

Activities for February 8-14, 2015		
Sunday,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

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Offering	\$5,384.00

Among Our People

Eric Bachman recently joined PYA as a tax staff professional . . . **Dick Booher** will have kneecap replacement surgery Wednesday, February 11th . . . **Hailey Davis** competed in the Circle of Stars gymnastics meet in Indianapolis, Indiana, last weekend . . . **Charlie Pipkin** (Paul Pipkin’s father) is in Parkwest Hospital . . . Following a fall in which she was not injured, **Becky Rader** is in Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center; hopefully, she will be back at her new home at Echo Ridge Independent Retirement Community in a few days . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still in rehab for physical therapy, when she is released, she will be moving to a different assisted living facility, Sedona Winds (Apt. 222; 475 Jacks Canyon Road, Sedona, Arizona, 86351); **Marlene** will also have a new telephone number (928-284-4682) . . . It was good having **Daniel** and **Stephanie Saults** back worshipping with us last Sunday . . .

Volunteer Appreciation

I want to express my appreciation to the ladies who help in the office each week. These four wonderful volunteers certainly bless Tom Witmer’s and my life on an ongoing basis. Each week **Maxine Curtis**, **Betty Hammill**, **Mary Ann Haney**, and **Rue Dougherty** donate their valuable time to help us out. To use the Apostle Paul’s words: “I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, . . .” [First Corinthians 1:4, NLT]


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Just a Thought

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.”

—Greg Laurie



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital
Charlie Pipkin - Parkwest Hospital
Beck Rader - Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)
the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Roy Acuff (brother 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; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); 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); 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, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice 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); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); 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; MariKate 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

Prayer List Updates

We are now CAPITALIZING and **bolding** the names of people the very first time they appear on our Prayer List in both the newsletters and the bulletins. Please regularly read these lists and let the Church Office know of any updates, changes, or corrections that need to be made to them.

Lay Ministry Corner

Are you resting in the Lord or stressing? You can’t do both!
~ Matthew 11:28

—submitted by **Donna Walker**