

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Though it has only been a week or so, does your 2014 look any different than your 2013? For some, perhaps, 2013 was such a good year that they desire 2014 to be a repeat? If that describes you, then give God the glory for His blessings on your life. For others, 2013 was a tough year, one they would rather not repeat. If that describes you, know that the dawn of a new year is a time for reflection and contemplation as we consider what we have learned this past year and how we can make changes for the better. As I shared in last week's newsletter, I am not a big fan of New Year's resolutions; however, I am a huge fan of the type of changes that lead to real improvement in our lives. These types of changes begin when we engage in honest self-examination. During this process, ask yourself three important questions: 1) Where am I now? 2) Where do I want to be in the future? And, 3) How do I plan to get there. At the dawn of a new year, some of us may ask ourselves the first two questions, but typically we fail to make a plan to achieve our goals. I once read that failing to plan is planning to fail. I think that is correct, at least, it has been in my life. If our goal for our lives is the same as God's objective for us—to be conformed into the likeness of Christ (**Romans 8:29**)—then we need a plan to help us achieve this aim. I would encourage you to adopt the following fourfold plan: **Worship** (make every effort to attend our worship service each week); **Evangelize** (share your faith story with others and invite at least one person each week to join you in worshipping Christ here at First Church); **Love** (treat others the way you want to be treated by others); and **Learn** (study the Bible and attend Sunday School each week). If you put this plan into action, 2014 may not be perfect, but it will be blessed.

In closing, I want to share some good news with you. As you know, our budget for 2014 is \$263,978.00, which is considerably more than our estimated income for the year. Well, the final numbers for 2013 are in and we received \$268,542.24 in income. This number does not include any special offerings (i.e., building debt reduction, etc.); rather it is made up of our tithes and offerings, as well as rental income from facility use and investment income. I share this news with you to help relieve any concern anyone might have over this year's budget, and because I want to say once again that **God is faithful!**

God's Grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Ordination and Installation Service

This coming Sunday morning, January 12<sup>th</sup>, during our worship service, **Amanda Roberts** will be ordained as an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Then **Amanda**, along with **James O'Neal** and **Jimmy Curtis** will be installed as the *Elder Class of 2016*, serving three-year terms on the *Session* here at First Church. **James** and **Jimmy** have already been ordained having served on our *Session* in the past.

### Friendship Club

The next meeting of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will gather at Mimi's at Turkey Creek, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a Dutch-treat meal and a wonderful time of fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

### Denomination Day Celebration

February 4, 2014 marks the 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In honor of this event, the Presbytery of East Tennessee will host its annual **Denomination Day Celebration** Sunday afternoon, January 26<sup>th</sup>. This celebration will take place at the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, beginning at 3:30 p.m. There will be congregational singing, special music (First Church has been asked to provide this), and a Communion Service. There will also be a showing of the revised version of the video, "God So Loved" about the beginning of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Since this service is sponsored by our presbyterial Heritage Committee, a "love offering" will be received for our denominational Historical Foundation.

*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

January

14-Leigh Ann Summers  
16-Betty Hammill

Activities for January 12–18, 2014

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

Stewardship Report January 5, 2014

Sunday School.....42  
Worship.....67  
Offering .....\$4,192.50  
Building Fund.....\$600.00  
Music Fund.....\$50.00

Among Our People

~ J. David Hester

Tom Chesney is in Florida visiting his brother and sister ... Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder) is back to Heritage Assisted Living following 6 days in hospital ... Suzie Smith (daughter of Jewell Kerr) continues to deteriorate under Hospice Care ... Tom & Lois Witmer were in Ashville Sunday for a gymnastics meet to see Hailey Davis compete ...Justin/Julie Rech have “new” van following accident which totaled previous one ...

Epiphany

What is Epiphany? January 6th is the celebration of Epiphany. Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day is a Christian celebration marking the end of the 12 days of Christmas. It is a traditional feast that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Some Christians believe the twelve days of Christmas ends with the “Feast of Epiphany” which is also known as “The Manifestation of God.”

We will serve Holy Communion to our Homebound members at their request. If you would like to have Holy Communion served to you, please contact the Pastor Mike, Dr. Hester or call the office to schedule Communion for you.

Communion  
for the  
Homebound

Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; 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); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer’s); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Jewell Kerr and family; Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo, (Scott Robert’s Uncle); David Rikeron, (Kathy Hammill’s young neighbor who is dying of cancer); Tom Williams, (friend of Cliff Parrott); Vicki Dilly, (Erin Pipkin’s mother); Carl Kissiah, (Joanna Wilkinson’s father).

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

WEST CIRCLE

Has been postponed to next Tuesday, January 14, because of the extreme weather conditions this week. We will meet at 11 am in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich – drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite the ladies of the church to join us.

Lay Ministry Corner

~Donna Walker

The perfect and put together have no need for a Savior. God desires the humble & the meek to seek Him. It is His ability to rescue us from a recognized sinful state that solidifies our love for Him and makes us want to share our relationship with God to help others.

Holy Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ as your Savior, please come and share this table with us.