

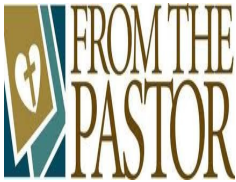
The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" June 3, 2015



I am excited about what God is doing in the life of our congregation. If you recall, the theme verse of my ministry is **Jeremiah 29:11**, which says: *“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the **Lord**, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”* [NIV] The planning-lunch **Gene McCammon** and I had with six of our young adults last Sunday afternoon added “fuel” to my excitement. The young adults want a “rubber meets the road” type of class where what they learn in class molds their lives into a life of uncompromising faith and service. This excites me beyond measure. Many other things (dividing our Youth Sunday School class into two classes, new faces popping up in our worship services, etc.—limited space keeps me from listing them all) happening in the life of our congregation excite me as well. Of far greater importance than my excitement level, however, if God’s level of pleasure with us and I cannot help but think that when God looks at First Cumberland He is smiling.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

Sunday School News

- ⇒ Our **new Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so) will begin meeting Sunday, July 5th. This, as yet unnamed class, will meet initially in the Conference Room next to the Church Office. This new class will not only meet for Sunday School, they will participate in various mission/service projects (i.e., FISH Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, etc.) as well as social outings. Please pray for this new class and the ten young adults from our congregation it hopes to initially minister to and through.
- ⇒ This September, we plan to divide our current **Youth Sunday School Class** (6th-12th grades) into two classes: a **Middle School Class** taught by **Bonnie Bridges** (6th-8th grades) and a **High School Class** (9th-12th grades) taught by **Phil Bridges**. This means that we need a teacher for **Bonnie’s** current class, **Juniors**, (3rd-5th grades); if you would like to volunteer to teach this class staring in September, see **Pastor Mike** or **Amanda Roberts** (the Chair of our *Christian Education Committee*).

Youth News

Our **Youth** will gather at the church at 10:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, June 6th, to work in the flower beds and do yard work. Please let **Amanda Roberts** know if you can help. Also, **Amanda** needs to know who will be camping out at the church Saturday night, June 13th, so enough tents can be secured.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

Bible Study: The next meeting of our **Ladies’ Bible Study** will be Saturday morning, June 13th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please read Chapter 3 in “*Soul Feast*”, by Marjorie Thompson. All the ladies of the church are welcome and invited to attend.

Work Day: Our ladies’ ministry’s next **Work Day** will be Thursday, June 18th. They will be deep cleaning the big Kitchen off the Gym. Come at 9:00 a.m. and stay as long as you can. Come one and all to help with this task.

Care Ministry: Our ladies’ ministry has begun a new **Care Ministry** to provide food for the congregation when needed (hospitalization, funeral, etc.). The ladies are divided into three groups—mostly geographical—with two co-chairwomen heading each group. This will done on a rotating basis. The co-chairwomen will be handing out to each lady the list she is on over the next few Sundays. If your phone number is wrong or unavailable, please give your chairwomen your correct number. Thank you for your assistance and may God bless us as we participate in this very important ministry.

Vacation Bible School

Our **Vacation Bible School** is fast approaching (Thursday, June 11th, through Sunday, June 14th). We need to borrow a few things to help us decorate for **VBS**. We need: Mexican blankets, throw pillows, and solid color flat sheets. These items will be returned once **VBS** is over. CDs of the **VBS** music are available for the kids to familiarize themselves with the songs before **VBS** begins; parents, see **Joanna Wilkinson** to get a copy of this CD for your child(ren). We will have classes for children, youth, and adults. **VBS** will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. with a “light supper” in our Gym, with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. in our Chapel, and ending at 8:00 p.m. The kids will be singing during our Worship Service Sunday morning, June 14th, and we will have a closing cookout that Sunday evening.

*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

June 3th-9th

4th - Joanna Wilkinson
8th - Kristi Summers

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Activities for June 2-9, 2015

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.

Youth - Yard Work

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

B.F. Daniel is still under hospice care . . . It was good having **Pete Carter** visiting with us last Sunday . . . **Georgia Moore**, Jewell Kerr’s sister, will have surgery to remove a benign tumor in the near future . . . It was good having **Becky Radar** back at church with us and in the Choir last Sunday . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . It was good having **Christina** and **Ethan Hinkle** (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s oldest daughter and youngest grandson from Gardendale, Alabama) worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Tara Shelley** is expecting a baby girl in November . . . **Geneva Stout**, Kim Halbert’s great-aunt, is still in the hospital recovering from surgery following a fall . . . It was good having **Ben, Cole, Baylor,** and **Benjamin Hollingsworth** visiting with us again last Sunday . . . **Lee** and **Zachary Spencer, Kari** and **Kristi Summers,** and **Jessica** and **MariKate Walker** joined **Gene McCammon** and **Pastor Mike** at McAlister’s Deli last Sunday afternoon for a planning lunch for our new young adult Sunday School class . . .

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, June 17th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **O’Charlie’s Restaurant** (8077 Kingston Pike) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is already a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore automatically invited to attend this and all monthly outings. A sign-up sheet in on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Camp Chilhowee

Junior Camp: June 7th-11th — cost is \$130.00

Middle School Camp: June 14th-19th — cost is \$150.00

High School Camp: June 21st-26th — cost is \$150.00

Registration Packets are available in the Church Office.

“The LORD searches all the earth for people who have given themselves completely to him. He wants to make them strong. . . .” — **Second Chronicles 16:9**, NCV

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Geneva Stout, great-aunt of Kim Halbert
@ Harlan ARH Hospital, Harlan, KY

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; Janie Beeler (wife of Greg Beeler); Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Greg Brown (friend of Mary Cregger); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Jim and Cooky Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Sandy Gang (cousin of Greg Beeler); Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Jack and Jin Gaston; Gracie Hayes; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); **BETTYE HUDSON** (friend of Pastor Mike’s mother) Becky Ingle (friend 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); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Bob Metts; Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); 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 (mother of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Roger Rollins (coworker of Steve Summers); Carol Seeman; Tara Shelley and baby; Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammil); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Geneva Stout (great-aunt of Kim Halbert); Jack Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Lois Witmer

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

Chapel Cushion Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to replace the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$727.01 has been contributed to this fund. Although this is a home-school project, anyone who would like to help can donate to it, simply make your check out to the church and mark it **Chapel Cushion Fund**.

Garage Sale

Our annual **Garage Sale** will be held Friday, July 17th, and Saturday, July 18th, this year. Donations are now being accepted. To insure that someone is here to receive your donations, please call the Church Office and schedule a time to drop off your donations.