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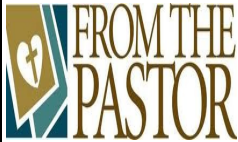
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 20, 2015



This coming Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday** on the Church calendar. Traditionally, those attending church services on **Pentecost Sunday** wear something red to represent fire, the symbol of the Holy Spirit that ignited the Church on that first **Pentecost**. With that in mind, I am suggesting that we keep that tradition alive and wear something red this coming Sunday, May 24th.

I want to share with you a slightly edited version of a story from the newsletter of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee. The story is titled, "An Egg, a Carrot, and a Cup of Coffee".

"A young women went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. . . . Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first she placed the carrots; in the second she placed the eggs; and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, 'Tell me, what you see?' 'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardboiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, 'What does it mean, mother?' He mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity—boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. 'Which are you?' she asked her daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond?'"

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,
Pastor Mike

New Sunday School Class

Due to a scheduling conflict, the planning meeting for our new **Sunday School Class for young adults** (post high school through age 29 or so) had been postponed one week. A planning meeting over lunch at a local restaurant will now be held Sunday, May 31st, following our Worship Service.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Bible Study: Five ladies attended the first session of our ladies' ministry's new **Bible Study**. The next meeting will be Saturday morning, May 30th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Each lesson is a separate study on one of the nine chapters of the book, "**Soul Feast**", thus you can come to any of the studies and not be behind. All the ladies of the church are welcome and invited to participate.

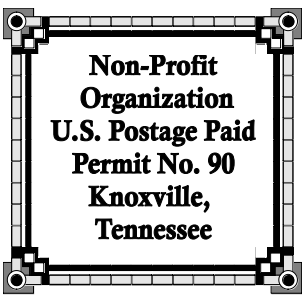
Work Day: Since an anonymous donor is willing to refurbish the Keene Room, our ladies' ministry shifted their focus to cleaning our Chapel. Five ladies—**Donna Walker, Judy Gwilliams, Dianne Fielder, Jewell Kerr, and Betty Hammill** participated in the last **Work Day**. They will have another **Work Day** in June – TBA – to target another area of the church. Thank you ladies for all your hard work.


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. Also, beginning this coming Sunday, CDs of the **VBS** music will be 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). **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.*






Happy Birthday

May 20-26

20 - Max Haddox
21 - Robyn Halbert



Stewardship Report May 17, 2015	
Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	79
Offering.....	\$3,499.50
Building Reimbursement.....	\$875.00

Activities for May 20-26, 2015	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
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 . . . **Cooky Dyer** is in Parkwest Hospital after falling; she hopes to be released early this week . . . **Judy Gammon** is out of the hospital and was back worshipping with us last Sunday . . . **Lucas Kelley**, Barbara and Gene McCammon’s grandson, graduated from Virginia Tech last week . . . **Georgia Moore**, Jewell Kerr’s sister, is awaiting the results of a biopsy, but will most probably need to have additional surgery . . . **Becky Radar** still has shingles . . . **Marlene Ritchey** is still under hospice care . . . **Tara Shelley** is expecting a baby girl . . . **Laci Witmer** spent the day in the Emergency Room last Saturday and has a follow up appointment with a cardiologist this week . . . **Lois Witmer** has returned home from Pennsylvania where she was visiting family and was back worshipping with us last Sunday . . .

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** is this Wednesday, May 20th, at 11:00 a.m. We will gather at **Rafferty’s Restaurant** 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.

Camp Chilhowee


Junior Camp: June 7th-11th — cost is \$130.00 (early bird cost is \$120.00 if registered by May 29th)

Middle School Camp: June 14th-19th — cost is \$150.00 (early bird cost is \$140.00 if registered by May 29th)

High School Camp: June 21st-26th — cost is \$150.00 (early bird cost is \$140.00 if registered by May 29th)

Registration Packets are available in the Church Office.


*"Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!"*



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Cooky Dyer @ Parkwest Hospital



Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the 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); 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; Mary McJunkins (mother of Mary Wegman); 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); Joy Taylor; Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); **LACI WITMER**; Lois Witmer; 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

Chapel Cushion Fund

Classical Conversations (a homeschool group that meets at our church) has started a **Chapel Cushion Fund** to reupholster the pew cushions in our Chapel. To date, \$727.01 has been contributed to this fund. Though this is a homeschool initiated 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.