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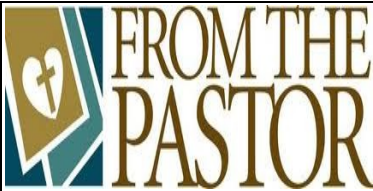
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 23, 2014



To Whom It May Concern;

If you are reading this newsletter, you are concerned. You are concerned about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, or you are concerned about the situation in the Ukraine that led to the shooting down of a passenger plane, or you are concerned about our nation's economy, or you are concerned about the price of gasoline, or you are concerned about the house you have for sale that seemingly will not sell, or you are concerned about some health issue, or you are concerned about a wayward family member, or you are concerned about the loss of a loved one, or you are concerned about a misunderstanding that is causing strife, or you are concerned about a lack of adequate employment and the resulting financial difficulty, or you are concerned about school preparing to start back, or you are concerned about the future of this congregation, or you are concerned about a hurting friend, or you are concerned about a struggling relationship, or you are concerned about you fill-in-the-blank. The point is that all of us are concerned about something, and truthfully, there is much in this world to bring concern. Concerns can rightfully be called "*troubles*", but I am not writing this article to stir up our troubles, but to share what Jesus said to His followers in order to give you encouragement and hope. Jesus said: ". . . ***do not be troubled.*** . . ." [Matthew 24:6, GNT] Even though troubling events take place all around us, we are not to be troubled—that is, we are not to be paralyzed with worry. We are concerned about some things, and rightfully so, but Jesus tells His followers not to be troubled. Why? Because Jesus said: ". . . '***Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.***'" [John 16:33, NLT] To whom it may concern, rest in the One who is compassionately aware of your concerns, reigning over them, long-suffering, on-time, able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that you ask or think. Our God is big enough, compassionate enough, powerful enough and more present than our human hearts realize, so ". . . ***do not be troubled.*** . . ." [Matthew 24:6, GNT]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the **Family of Jeanine Walker (Kim McCurry's mother)** who passed away last Wednesday, July 16th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at **Litton's Market, Restaurant and Bakery**, in Fountain City, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

Serene Manor

We are collecting items for the residents of **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. These are the things needed at this time—men's underwear (all sizes) and both men's and women's sweatpants (all sizes). There will be boxes in the front hallway where you can put your donations. Thank you for your help in this undertaking.

Jesus' Invitation to You – Matthew 11:28-30 [MSG]

“‘Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.’”

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

July

28-Tom Walker
30-Margaret Migas

Activities for July 27- August 2, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 10:00 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report July 20, 2014

Sunday School.....43
Worship.....74
Offering\$4,084.01
Memorial.....\$30.00

Among Our People

Lindsay Bridges is spending the Summer in Phoenix and visiting Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Diego, and the Grand Canyon . . . Larry and Dianne Fielder have returned from their trip to Costa Rica . . . several of our Youth met at the Family Bowl last Sunday afternoon and had a great time bowling and enjoying fellowship with one another . . . J. David Hester has moved to the rehab unit at Fort Sanders Hospital . . . B.F. Daniel was released from the hospital last Wednesday, July 16th . . . Dick Booher continues to recover at his son’s home in Morristown . . . Tom Walker is competing in the Police & Fireman Games in Amish Country in Pennsylvania, the family is with him . . .

KITCHEN CLEANING

The ladies of the church have designated Wednesday, July 30th as the day to clean the big kitchen, off of the gym. Starting time is 10am. If need be we will come back on Thursday, July 31st to complete the job. We are asking all ladies who are available to come and help with this task.

WE STILL NEED ITMES FOR THE GARAGE SALE.
PLEASE BRING US YOUR ITEMS THAT YOU DO NOT NEED!!!!

WHAT A PUPPET SERMON!

For those who were not in the worship service yesterday, you missed a wonderful puppet sermon during the Children’s Message. Dawn Curtis wrote the puppet script and she and Chrissy performed the message. We are so thankful for her faith and enthusiasm.

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

J. David Hester, Ft. Sanders Hospital

Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); 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); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack and Jin Gaston; Cliff Parrott; Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Larry Taylor (Joy’s husband); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson’s father); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); J. David Hester; Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter and expected grandchild); Virginia Brown (Kim Halbert’s grandmother); Brandon Hargutt; Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); B.F. Daniel; Alice Montgomery; Ella Lee (Mary Cregger’s sister); the family of Jeanine Walker (Kim McCurry’s mother)

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

Our ??th Annual Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale is this weekend, July 25 and 26.

If you have items that you would like to donate to the church to sell, we will still take items on this week through Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm at the downstairs entrance.

If this time is not convenient for you call Maxine Curtis at 235-5839 to make arrangements for someone to meet you at the church.

If you need someone to pick up your items, call Maxine at the number above to make arrangements.

Volunteers will also be sorting, displaying the items, and pricing.

Ask your friends and neighbors if they have items they would like to donate to the church. We do provide tax receipts for those who need them.

If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine (357-0441 or 235-5839) or the church office (588-8581).