## The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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#### THANK YOU - AS YOU ARE "BEGINNING AGAIN"

Sunday was the final day of my Interim as Pastor. Over the past year I have preached for you 44 sermons (some titles: "A Period or a Comma?", "When God's GPS reroutes you", "The 'nones' among us", "Is the Lord Among us or Not?")

During this time we have received 8 new members; I have conducted 6 funerals. I have visited among you, worked with the Search Committee, written the front page of this paper. Sunday I preached on "Beginning Again" and we followed Nehemiah in his rebuilding of the Jerusalem wall. I thank you for your good "well-wishes", for the Session's kind words and the plaque that they gave me. I will still be among you – but now from the pew!

We celebrated **Grandparents' Day** on Sunday and noted that two grandparents (Carl Ware and J. David Hester) had four generations present for the worship time.

J. David Hester

#### **NEW BEGINNING!**

And this Sunday we are **Beginning again** as we welcome our new pastor and wife, Rev. Mike and Joanna Wilkinson! This will be a great day – and you won't want to miss it. Bring a friend and join us at the 10:45 worship hour.

Then, following worship, we will move to the Fellowship hall for our Fellowship Dinner. Bring your favorite food and join us as we share the food and fellowship.

#### **LETTER**

Included in this mailing is a personal letter from your new pastor. I know you will read it carefully.

#### PRAYING YOUR CROSSES

Are you **praying your crosses** this week? For those who were present Sunday morning, you know that everyone was given a paper cross (prepared by our children in Children's Church under the guidance of James and Laura Paschke). You were asked to write on the back of the cross what prayer needs you had – burdens, concerns, people. We took up your crosses, mixed them up and re-distributed them with the request that you pray every day this week for what was on the back of the cross you received. I hope you are doing that – even though you do not know who the person was who wrote the requests.

#### LEGACY

Leonard Sweet, a contemporary Christian writer, has written: ""What you do is your history. What you set in motion is your legacy. Are you just pouring concrete or building a sky-scraper?"

"Every one of us wants to leave a legacy. Something that outlasts our biological lives and can somehow continue to declare 'I was here'. For a very few this is achieved through intellect or infamy, greatness or great sacrifice. But for those of us who know we are not Augustine or Martin Luther, or Christopher Columbus or George Washington – we still have a gateway to a larger-than-life memory. What is it? "Our story. Our family. Our siblings. Our spouses. Our children. Our great-grandchildren. Our 'story', our life goes on, because we are remembered and recounted in the memories, in the roots, branches and leaves, of our family tree."

Are you just pouring concrete or building a skyscraper? Are you just making history or leaving a legacy?

#### AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Good to have **Billy Ritchey** visiting us Sunday from Arizona; he was here settling mother Marlene **Ritchey** in her new digs at Morning View Rehab Center, a mile beyond Blount Memorial Hospital ... Great to see **Mildred Acuff** back with us for worship Sunday ... **Dr. Hester** made unscheduled trip to hospital ER on Saturday night with shortness of breath; out and in pulpit on Sunday ...



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## Happy Birthday



#### <u>September</u>

17-Maxine McGuire 18-Leah Witmer 18-Christina Collins



#### Activities for September 15-21, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12:15 a.m. Pot Luck Dinner Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

# Stewardship Report September 8, 2013Sunday School33Worship63Offering\$4,511.85Building Fund\$5.00Building Usage\$800.00

#### HELP IS NEEDED

The insert in Sunday's bulletin told you about the emergency help needed by the Coalition of Appalachian Ministry (CAM) for children in the Del Rio School. They are in great need for — shampoo, soap, hair brushes, laundry supplies, towels, wash cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, shoes, underwear, pants and shirts. Bring

your gifts any of the three Sundays remaining this month and we will deliver them to our CAM headquarters for their distribution.



Boxes will be in the halls to receive these gifts. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Lay Ministry Corner

Our testimony and witness are a resource. Share them well!

Donna Walker

#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This month's meeting of the Friendship Club (for anyone over 50) will be at Naples Restaurant, 5500 Kingston Pike, 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the office bulletin board – to help us with the number of reservations.

## 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; Taylor Ford; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges' neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); 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).

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

#### **THIS IS MY CHURCH**

This is my Church! It—is composed of persons like me. I make it what it is. I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, Leading them to goodness, truth and beauty. It will be, if I am.

My Church will be friendly, if I am.

Its seats will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will bring others into its wor ship and fellowship, if I bring
 them

It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a Church of noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my Church to be.

~ Author unknown