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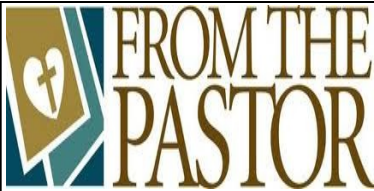
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 13, 2014



The wife of a pastor-friend of mine sent me the following e-mail titled, "*Top 12 Reasons Why a Pastor Stopped Attending Sporting Events*". 1) The coach never came to visit me. 2) Every time I went, they asked me for money. 3) The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly. 4) The seats were very hard. 5) The referees made a decision I didn't agree with. 6) I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing! 7) Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home. 8) The band played some songs I had never heard before. 9) The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands. 10) My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up. 11) Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway. 12) I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

This coming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (August 13th-16th), Joanna and I, along with our youngest daughter and Joanna's father, will be in Concord, North Carolina, visiting with her family. If you need me, you can always reach me on my cell phone (205-533-2001).

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Thank You

To my dear Church Family,

Words can never express the gratitude I feel in my heart for each one of you. The prayer support and words and hugs of encouragement over the past month have lifted me and given me strength that I didn't know I had. The choir anthem this morning said it best: "Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide..." Thanks to your prayers and God's grace, I was able to care for J. David during this very difficult time.

Thank you, Pastor Mike for your daily visits at home and in the hospital. Your advice and support was invaluable.

Thank you to all the Ladies for a wonderful feast for my family after the service. The food was delicious and plentiful. Thank you, Dianne Fielder and Ann Bachman for the touching centerpieces and favors for the family. They were so appropriate and beautiful.

Thank you to the Choir for their overtime work in hot robes! The anthems were phenomenal and added so much to the service. And of course, Sam, Karen, and Gene for leading the service.

It is so wonderful to have a church family to lean on and call on in tough times. J. David loved this church so much and so do I!

God Bless you all!!

Dianne Pipkin

Serene Manor—Closing Date

This coming Sunday, August 17th, is the final day to bring items to the church for the **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. We are collecting men's underwear (all sizes) and both men's and women's sweatpants (all sizes). A collection box is in the front hallway outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office; signing-up in advance is not required, it merely helps the restaurant prepare for us.

Kroger Community Rewards

Our church is now enrolled in this program. To sign up, just go online to krogercommunityrewards.com, have your Kroger Plus Card handy, and follow the instructions. See **Kim Halbert** if you have any questions.

Correction

The offering amount for last week was \$5,269.18, not \$5,064.18 as originally reported.

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

August

21-LuAnn Jarnigan
23-Judy Gwilliams
23-Tom Witmer

Activities for August 17-23, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Christian Ed Committee
2:00 p.m. Youth to Lazarquest
6:00 p.m. Session

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 10, 2014

Sunday School.....42
Worship.....71
Offering\$5960.00
Memorials.....\$775.00
Garage Sale (to date).....\$1,862.60
Building Reimbursement.....\$800.00

Lay Ministry Corner

While it is true that in most races, the way of least resistance leads to the fastest finish. But, who wants to finish the race of life first? God calls us to not take the easy way, but the narrow way that is guaranteed not to be a life without sacrifice, but one well worth the cost!

YOUTH GROUP OUTING!!

LASER TAG

The youth group will have an outing on, Sunday, August 17. We will meet at LAZERQUEST at 2 pm. Cost is \$20. Please let Stephanie/Daniel Saults or Amanda/Scott Roberts know if you are going to attend this outing. Invite your friends and have a Great Time!!!!

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Praise the Lord, no one associated with First Cumberland is in the hospital at this time.

Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Charlotte Bird; 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); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting); 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); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Becky Iegel (Amanda Roberts’ coworker); Terry Conser’s parents (Amanda Roberts’ coworker)

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

Among Our People

Bill and Kim Halbert celebrated their 32nd anniversary last Thursday, August 7th . . . Lindsay Bridges is back from a five-week vacation in Phoenix along with visits to several other western U.S. cities . . . the Tom Witmer family is back from their vacation to Pennsylvania . . . Dick Booher continues to recover at his son’s home in Morristown

We're Having a Cookout

Sunday, September 7, 5:00 p.m. — Details to Follow!!!!

NEW ADDRESS

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