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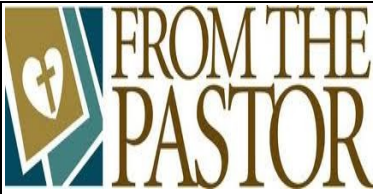
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 30, 2014



In keeping with the theme of last Sunday's message, I want to share with you a story that shows the importance of offering grace or forgiveness to others. One Sunday afternoon, Doris Segar opened the door to the church office to practice a violin solo she was to play that night, only to find her violin in pieces, scattered across the floor. Doris was crushed; she had received the violin some fifty years earlier as a high school graduation present from her parents. A week later police found the one who had destroyed her treasured possession and Doris went to his home. When she met the eleven-year-old boy who was responsible for the destruction, she understood that the real tragedy was not her shattered violin, but a young life that seemed headed for a shattered future. After explaining to the boy what the violin meant to her life, she found herself saying, "I forgive you, and God will, too, if you ask Him." A few days later, the boy came to the pastor's office and asked if there any work he could do at the church to pay for the violin. While he was there the pastor shared the Gospel with him and the boy received Jesus as his Lord and Savior that day. Doris purchased a new violin, but she later said, "It would never compare to this 'new creature' in Christ Jesus. I learned anew that God's grace is sufficient to give me a forgiving heart." As part of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, ***"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."*** [Matthew 6:14, NIV]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Kroger Community Rewards Program

First Cumberland is now enrolled in this rewards program. We encourage our members, your friends and family, and users of our facility to sign up! Just go online to krogercommunityrewards.com, have your Kroger Plus card handy, and click on **Sign In/Register**. Click on **SIGN IN TODAY** in the "New Customer" box. Enter your zip code, click on your favorite store, and enter your email and create a password. You will then get a message to check your email address and you will need to click on the link within the body of the email. Click on **My Account** and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Click on **Edit Kroger Community Rewards** information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Confirm your information then enter **NOP number 33681** and name of organization (First Cumberland Presbyterian Church). To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the church's name on the right side of your information. When you swipe your card at Kroger, we can begin to accumulate rewards. This does not affect either your discounts or reward points; it just allows our church to benefit from your purchases. If you have any questions, please contact **Kim Halbert** at 865-660-5821.

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 announcement is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing. A sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office; signing up in advance is not required, it merely helps the restaurant know how many people they need to sit in one party.

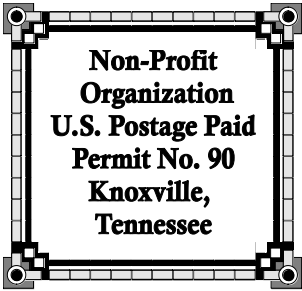
Serene Manor – Closing Date

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. We will be finishing our clothing drive in three weeks. August 17th will be our last day to donate. After that all the clothing donated will be taken to **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. Thank you to all who have given to this ministry.

West Circle

The **West Circle** of our women's ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 5th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

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

August

- 1-Connor Davis
- 2-Hannah Davis
- 6-James Paschke
- 6-Olivia Wann
- 9-Maxine Curtis



| Activities for August 3–9, 2014 | | |
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| Sun., | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 12:15 a.m. | Building & Grounds |
| Tues., | 11:00 p.m. | Friendship Club |
| Wed., | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| (See web site for complete calendar listings) | | |

| Stewardship Report July 27, 2014 | |
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| Sunday School..... | 35 |
| Worship..... | 78 |
| Offering | \$1,861.00 |
| Memorial..... | \$195.00 |
| Benevolence..... | \$4,995.67 |

Anger Yields Anger, Wisdom Yields Patience
by Rick Warren

“A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.” (Proverbs 19:11 NIV)

Hurt people hurt people. When someone hurts you, it’s because they’ve been hurt. Unkind people have never felt kindness. Unloving people feel unloved. When someone is rude, bitter, unkind, sarcastic, mean spirited, or arrogant, they are shouting with all of their behaviors, “I am in pain! I need massive doses of love! I do not feel secure!”

On the other hand, the person who feels deeply loved and deeply secure is generous and gracious to other people. If we just want to get even with people, that’s fine. But it means we’re no better than they are. The Bible tells us to overcome evil with good. This means, we respond with love. It means we look past their words to their pain.

Here’s a myth that everybody’s been sold by modern psychology: When it comes to anger, there’s only a set amount you’ll get throughout your life. It’s like you’ve got a bucket for anger, and when the bucket gets full, you need to pour it out — and that will be cathartic.

The problem is, you don’t have a bucket of anger in your life. You have a factory! That factory can keep on producing and producing and producing. When you get rid of the anger, you’ll just produce more.


In fact, the more anger you throw out, the more it produces. Study after study has shown that aggression only creates more aggression. Angry outbursts lead to more anger, more often, until it becomes a habitual pattern in your life.

The answer is not just to throw it out. *The answer is to let it go.* “A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense” (Proverbs 19:11 NIV).


Talk About It

Why do you think it is so hard for us to let things go, particularly with the people we love most?

If you fill your life with love, what will overflow from your life?



Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

J. David Hester, Ft. Sanders Hospital
Jack Walker, Parkwest Hospital (Kim McCurry’s father)

Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Gordon Blaylock; 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); 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 Mildred Stone; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff’s daughter)

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

WE'RE THANKFUL FOR ...

So many caring people and friends
Who help throughout the year.
And dedicate part of themselves
To friends who they hold dear.

They give their time and talent.
They find a special way.
To share what is uniquely theirs
To brighten someone's day.

They give their love and friendship
In ways that they believe
Will touch the lives of others.
And by giving they receive.

And so in celebrating
We thank the Lord for sending us
Each precious volunteer and friend.
May our Precious Lord and Savior bless each one.

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