

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 24, 2013

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Yes! We are going to celebrate Christmas in July! Why should we leave one of the great Christian celebrations to once a year? After all, we celebrate Easter – the resurrection of Jesus – every Sunday of the year!

So, this Sunday morning we will sing Christmas songs, hear a Christmas anthem and a Christmas sermon – and celebrate Christmas in July!



### PASTOR RETURNS

Pastor Hester has returned from Bethel University where he taught in the Program of Alternate Studies. Completing his first course, he was forced to return home last Thursday, after 2 days in a Jackson hospital for treatment for atrial fibrillation. Further tests and doctor appointments are scheduled this week.

### GARAGE SALE

This is the week! Friday and Saturday of this week our gigantic garage sale will be held (in the church basement; enter from back basement entrance).

Further details are on the back; you are invited to attend – and bring a neighbor!

### ATTENTION YOUTH!



A “back to school” swim party will be held for the youth (grades 6-10) at the home of Dianne and Paul Pipkin.

This will be this Sunday, July 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more details call Dianne Pipkin.

You are invited to bring any friends that might want to attend with you.

### ALMOST CHRISTIANITY

“A real Christian is an odd number, anyway. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be full; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest; richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible; hears the inaudible; and knows that which passeth knowledge.”

(A.W. Tozer, well-known minister of last century)

## *Among Our People*

Thanks to **James Paschke** for the beautiful trumpet accompaniment Sunday ... With **Mildred Acuff** visiting Sunday were daughter Donna and husband from Atlanta ... Thanks to **Heath Harper** (July 14) and **Jean Richardson** (July 21) for leading our worship in Dr. Hester's absence ... **Tom Chesney** is in Key West FL this week visiting sister and husband ... **Nancy Woods' brother, Rev. Wayne Brooks**, recovering from heart by-pass surgery in Campbellsville KY, where he is pastor ... **Kristi Summers** visiting in FL with special friend **Cody** ... Visiting with **Dr. Hester** on Sunday were daughter **Melanie Kuhnhen** (Minneapolis), granddaughter **Megan Bonfield** & 2-month old daughter **Leah Bonfield** (Indianapolis) ...

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Happy Birthday



July  
28-Tom Walker  
30-Margret Migas  
August  
1-Connor Davis  
2-Hannah Davis



Activities for July 28- August 3, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report July 21, 2013

Sunday School.....	36
Worship.....	70
Offering .....	\$3,782.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Music Fund.....	\$5.00
Memorial Fund (Holbert).....	\$25.00

GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 26 and 27. The sale will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please contact the office if you want to help; CALL—Tom Witmer (742-9377); Maxine Curtis (357-0441) or Jewell Kerr(690-8903), if you can help with these tasks.



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GARAGE SALE

FLOOR CARE

As we are often reminded our “church house”, like our “home house” requires regular maintenance. A major maintenance is going on as all waxed floors – classrooms, gym, all halls – are being stripped and re-waxed.

The contractor doing the work will have different areas of the church closed down for a few hours each day. Please make your plans to come to the building with this in mind.



What has been done looks really good and shiny.



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; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); 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; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); the Search Committee; Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; Sarah Price, (friend of Alice Montgomery); Phil Bridges (job situation); Curt Hammill (Betty’s son); J. David Hester.

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

EXPECT PROBLEMS

Paul Harvey said, “You can always tell when you are on the road to success; it’s uphill all the way.” If you find a path that has no problems, you will find that it leads nowhere. Adversity is not our greatest enemy. The human spirit is capable of great resiliency and resourcefulness in the face of hardship. It’s not problems that mess us up. Someone said, “Cripple a man and you have Sir Walter Scott; lock him in prison and you have John Bunyan; bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have George Washington; raise him in poverty and you have Abraham Lincoln; strike him down with infantile paralysis and he becomes Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Burn him so severely that doctors say he will never walk again and you have Glen Cunningham, who set the world’s record in 1934 for the one-minute mile. Deafen him and you’ll have Ludwig van Beethoven; call him a slow learner, retarded, and write him off as uneducable and you have Albert Einstein.” We need to allow God to unlock the imprisoned potential in our lives; to set godly goals and not be content to settle for mediocrity; and to realize that one of the greatest sins we commit against God is allowing problems to keep us from reaching the potential God has placed within us.