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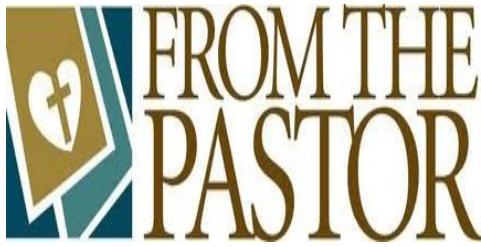
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 11, 2013



During our annual Congregational Meeting, held at the close of last Sunday morning's Worship Service, **Jim Curtis**, **James O'Neal**, and **Amanda Roberts** were elected as the *Elder Class of 2016*. The ordination of **Amanda** and the installation of **Jim**, **James**, and **Amanda** will take place at the close of the morning Worship Service Sunday, January 12th. Please keep our Session in your prayers.

I have told congregations over the years that I will never be a better pastor than they pray me to be. I think the same can be said for our elders; they will never be a better Session than we pray them to be, so please remember us every day in your prayers.

In recognition of the season, I want to share a short excerpt from last Sunday's sermon with you:

Advent is a time for remembering the promises of God. *Christmas* did not happen in a vacuum. The Christ event was part of the eternal work of God. From before the creation of the world, God has been working to bring salvation to fallen humanity. Beginning with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—extending through the events surrounding Noah and the Flood—then through the descendants of Abraham—God sent His light shining in the world. Then, to fulfill all that had been taught in the Hebrew Scriptures, God sent His Son. The celebration of Christmas is the celebration, not only of the Babe in the manger, but of the entire Christ event. Christ taught, He healed, He suffered, He died on the Cross, on the third day He rose from the dead, He now sits at the right hand of the Father and through the power of the Holy Spirit, He lives in the hearts of His followers and He will come again.

God's Grace,

Pastor Mike

Choral Christmas Concert

This coming Sunday, December 15th, during our morning Worship Service, our Choir will present **The Richard and Esther Congdon Memorial Christmas Concert**. Please make plans to be here, and since you will be attending anyway, bring a few friends and/or family members with you to hear *The Christmas Story* in song.

Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of **Alice Sherrod**, Becky Rader's mother. Mrs. Sherrod passed away Monday, December 2nd.

Welcoming Tea

This coming Sunday, December 15th, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., a **Welcoming Tea for Joanna Wilkinson** will be held in the Keene Room. All the ladies of the church and community are invited to come and meet our pastor's wife.

Friendship Club

On Wednesday, December 18th, at 11:00 a.m., the **Friendship Club** will gather at the **Copper Cellar** in west Knoxville (7316 Kingston Pike) for lunch. Who belongs to the **Friendship Club**? Anyone who shows up to eat at the appointed place and time receives an automatic free membership. This means that everyone who is reading this announcement is either already a member or a potential member, so come out and be a part of the club. A sign-up sheet is outside the church office.

Poinsettias

The four poinsettias in the Sanctuary Sunday were given in the memory of John Harvey Smith, by his daughter Debbie Lutz.


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



December
18-Tara Shelley
19-Bernie Migas
19-Kevin Pipkin



Activities for December 15-21, 2013

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Tea for Joanna Wilkinson
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party
	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report December 8, 2013

Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	74
Offering	\$2,456.86
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Memorials.....	\$25.00
Building Usage.....	\$800.00

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Here are two events which will give us opportunities to help the less fortunate in our area.

1 – CAM MITTEN TREE. We will collecting gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for children and adults in the Appalachian Mountains. We will have two Christmas trees in the Narthex to put these items on. The trees will be up by Dec.1. We have been assisting these people in this very worthwhile project for many years. We will be collecting these things through the whole month of December.

2 – SERENE MANOR NURSING HOME
In the Library is our Angel Tree for the 6 residents of Serene Manor Nursing Home. Today you were invited to take a name and buy for that person. The needs and the sizes are on the back of the Angel. Whatever you buy, please put the name of the person on every article of clothing with a permanent marker. Wrap every article and put all in one bag with their name on it. Bring the bag back to the church as soon as possible. God bless you for your help.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Youth Group Christmas Party will be held at Amanda and Scott Robert’s house Sunday, December 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. **Please RSVP as soon as possible to Stephanie.** Directions to the Robert’s house will be emailed. Friends are welcome.



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; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); 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); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Jewell Kerr and family; Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Scott Robert’s Uncle; the Whaley family, (friends of Kathy Hammill’s); Tom Williams, (friend of Cliff Parrott); The family of Alice Sherrod, (Becky Rader’s mother).

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

God Is Faithful!

No additional *Estimated Giving Cards* were received last week, leaving our totals the same: 29 cards adding up to \$135,380. When added to the \$28,400 in estimated rental revenue, we have an estimated income for 2014 of \$163,780, which is still well below our budgetary needs. With that in mind, if you have not yet done so, please turn in your *Estimate Giving Card* this coming Sunday, December 15th, or mail it to the church office this week. This deadline concurs with the meeting of our Session in which the Budget for 2014 will be set. Remember, **God is faithful!**

POINSETTIAS

Christmas poinsettias will again bless the beauty of our sanctuary during Advent. This year, you are invited to purchase one (or more) of these plants at a cost of \$5.00, each. On Dec. 22, you may take your plant home with you, or you may deliver it to one of our shut-ins. Thank you for your orders thus far. If you still desire to participate in this, call the church office with your order.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS