The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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In last week's newsletter, I exercised pastoral privilege and shared a story with you about my three-year-old grandson, Rex. If you recall, I used this story to promote the importance of attending Sunday School. This week, I am again exercising this privilege to continue this promotion. Our middle daughter, Jennifer (Rex's mother),

awoke last Sunday morning with a really bad, nauseating sinus headache. She took some medicine and laid back down to rest while telling Rex that they would go to church for the Worship Service, but that they would miss Sunday School so she could have a some time to feel a little better. Our son-in-law, Marcus, is the pastor of their church (Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian, in McMinnville, Tennessee) and had already left for church when the conversation between Jennifer and Rex occurred. I tell you all of this to share Rex's response to his mom telling him they would not be going to Sunday School; he said, "I can't miss Sunday School! I need to know what happens to Jesus today!" After learning of his response, Marcus returned home, picked up Rex, and took him to Sunday School. My prayer is that our hunger and thirst for Jesus becomes so strong that we cannot miss either Sunday School or the Worship Service because we need to know what happens to Jesus today!

As most of you know, our home in Millbrook, Alabama, has been for sale for the last sixteen months. It has also been for rent for the last four months. Though I do not yet have the contract in hand, it appears that effective March 1st it will be under lease. Thank you for your many prayers in this matter. For the past several months, Joanna and I have been blessed to live in Dr. Hester's fully furnished house; for this we are eternally grateful to the Hester Family because it put an end to a full year of nomadic life, rotating each week from my mom's, to Joanna's dad's, to my sister's, living out of our suitcases. At the end of this month, we will be moving from Dr. Hester's house so the family can have it painted and then put it on the market for sale. Here is a new prayer request: pray that the house sells quickly. Once again, God has meet our need and made another home available to us. Several months ago, Marlene Ritchey moved to Arizona to live in an assisted living facility near her son. God has a plan for our lives even we cannot phantom what it is; remember, He sees the whole picture and we only see a small segment of it. Marlene took her bedroom suite and her living room furniture with her to Arizona, leaving the house mostly furnished. So, we are going to take our bedroom suite and living room furniture out of storage and move into her house by the end of February. Then some time late Spring, Marlene's son, Bill, will come to town and make arrangements for the removal of the remaining items in her house so that we can then move all of our stuff out of storage and into her house. It is even possible that after renting Marlene's house for a year, we may purchase it. Here is yet another prayer request: pray for Marlene, she has been placed under hospice care.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Youth News

Our **Youth** will meet Sunday, February 22nd, following the Worship Service. Lunch will be provided and the meeting will conclude at 2:30 p.m. They will be planning their Spring event, picking a date in April to help pack bags for FISH, resume learning archery, and look at pictures from Convocation.

Scout Sunday

We will be observing **Scout Sunday** this coming Sunday, February 15th. Scouts and their families from Girl Scout Troop 20959, Cub Scout Pack 20, and Boy Scout Troop 20 (all of which are sponsored by First Cumberland and regularly meet here) will join us to worship the risen Christ. During this special Worship Service, several scouts will be participating. Make you plans to join us on this special Sunday.

Friendship Club

The next outing for the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, February 18th, at 11:00 a.m. They will gather at **Rafferty's Restaurant** (8906 Kingston Pike, near Ebenezer Road) for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this announcement is invited to attend this and all monthly outings of the **Friendship Club**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

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



February 15-21

19-Chris Curtis 19-Justin Curtis 19-Daniel Saults



Activities for February 15-21, 2014

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Finance Committee
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 8, 2015

Sunday School	51
Worship	
Offering	
Building Reimbursement	



Dick Booher will have kneecap replacement surgery Wednesday, February 18th . . . Susan Edwards, Betty Hammill, Joanna Wilkinson, and Pastor Mike attended the Sing-a-Long at the Union Church last Sunday afternoon . . . Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin's father) is in Parkwest Hospital . . . Becky Rader has been discharged from the hospital; she is now living in her new home at Echo Ridge Retirement Community in a few days . . . Marlene Ritchey has been released from rehab; sadly, she is under hospice care . . . Hailey Davis will be competing in the Excalibur Cup Gymnastics Meet in Virginia Beach this weekend . . .

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Our **Stewardship and Finance Committee** will meet this coming Sunday, February 15th, following our Worship Service; they will meet in the Keene Room.

Surprise Birthday Party

This announcement does not appear in **Jewell Kerr's** Cumberlander.

Jewell Kerr will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Monday, March 9th. Her children would like to invite the congregation to attend a luncheon at church following the Worship Service on Sunday, March 8th.

We are attempting to keep this a secret, so please do not let Jewell know. Shhhhhh!!!!





Prayer Concerns



Charlie Pipkin - Parkwest Hospital



Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Roy Acuff (brother of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler's cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill's son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (Jin Gaston's sister); Debbie Holloway; Kim Holloway (friend of Lisa Hayes); Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary Wegman's mother); Catherine McJunkins (Mary McKinney; Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen's mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder's aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder's cousin); Alice Montgomery; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott's son); Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin's father); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Nicolae Racile (father of a friend of Joy Taylor); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin Rech's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges' son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Sydney Snoderly (Betty Hammill's great niece); Jack Walker; MariKate Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware's father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Robyn (friend of Hannah Haddox); ROGER (friend of Steve Summers)

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

Prayer List Updates

We are now CAPITALIZING and **bolding** the names of people the very first time they appear on our Prayer List in both the newsletters and the bulletins. Please regularly read these lists and let the Church Office know of any updates, changes, or corrections that need to be made to them.

Lay Ministry Corner

Are you going your way or Yahweh?

—submitted by **Donna Walker**