

# The Cumberland

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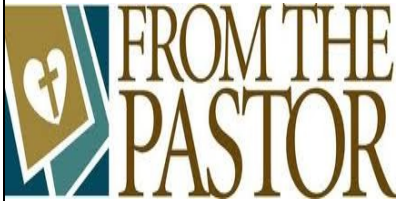
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 18, 2014



Welcome new members! During last Sunday's Worship Service, **Jim and Mercedes (Cookie) Dyer** united with our congregation. They join by transfer of their membership letters from Walk by Faith Christian Church, in Lenoir City. The **Dyers** has been regularly visiting First Cumberland since *Mother's Day*, but they have been friends of Joanna and mine for at least thirty years. Perhaps you have some longtime friends that you need to invite to attend church with you; who knows, perhaps we will one day get to welcome them as new members, too.

Our church-wide **Vacation Bible School** is now complete, and to the best of my knowledge, a great time was had by all who participated. **Amanda Roberts** did a great job as our **VBS Director**, as did all the volunteers (teachers, special speakers, cooks, and the leaders of music, crafts, and games) who made **VBS** not only possible, but successful. I also want to thank **Mindy Landry (Jewell Kerr's daughter)** for playing the role of **Tracker Jane** throughout **Vacation Bible School** and again last Sunday morning. Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to our children; they behaved extremely well all week and did a great job singing last Sunday morning!

Since last Sunday was *Father's Day*, I want to share a statement on manhood that I ran across the other day: "Being male is a matter of birth, being a man is a matter of age, being a gentleman is a matter of choice." I really like that and I am glad that I am part of a congregation that is populated by gentlemen.

Just a reminder: The 184<sup>th</sup> **General Assembly** of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is meeting this week in Chattanooga, Tennessee. **Dianne Pipkin** and I are in attendance. We will return home this Thursday night, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The **Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Convention** is taking place simultaneously with **General Assembly**. Thanks to your generosity, I carried a carload of shoes to **Convention** to be delivered to Soles4Souls. Please keep both the meetings of **General Assembly** and **Convention** in your prayers.

One more reminder: This coming Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will start a Summer sermon series entitled, "Good News about God's Grace". The dictionary defines *grace* as "a manifestation of favor, especially by a superior". This dictionary also lists the words *forgiveness*, *charity*, and *mercifulness* as synonyms for *grace*. This gives us a good start on understanding the many facets of God's grace, but more is needed. So make it a point to be a First Cumberland on Sunday mornings this Summer and perhaps, just perhaps, God will reveal some of the wonders of His grace to us through this series of messages. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Receive grace, live grace, show grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Automated External Defibrillator

Thanks to your generosity, the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church has been ordered and should be here soon. While this is a great device to have, let's pray that we never have to use it.

### Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** will gather at **Sullivan's Fine Food**, in Rocky Hill, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, for a Dutch-treat lunch. [Note that after a two-month interruption, we have returned to our regular pattern of meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.] Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

*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

June  
22-Kari Summers

Activities for June 22-28, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.,	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report June 15, 2014	
Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	79
Offering .....	\$1,510.54
Building Reimbursement.....	\$1,045.00

Among Our People

Patrick Curtis is at Church Camp ... Congratulations to **Stephanie Bridges** for making the Tennessee Wesleyan College Deans Honor Roll for 2013-14; **Stephanie** was also selected to the AAC All-Conference Academic Softball Team ... **J. David Hester** received an encouraging report from his cardiologist last Friday ... **Marlene Ritchey** returned last Saturday after an extended stay at NHC Oak Ridge for rehab ... **Dick Booher** will be released from Lakeway Region Hospital this week and will be staying with his son in Morristown while he recovers ... **Jeannine Walker** (Kim McCurry's mother) will be released from Parkwest Hospital this week and transferred to NHC Oak Ridge for rehab ... according to the pediatric cardiologist, **Rex Hayes** (Pastor Mike and Joanna's grandson) heart mummer issue is due to anemia, which is now be aggressively treated ... **Larry Fielder** plays on the Huffman Electric 65-69 Senior Softball team. They are champions of three tournaments this year in Cartersville, GA, Pensacola, FL, and two weekends ago in Knoxville, TN. Made up of players from AL, GA, SC, and TN ...



YOUTH POOL PARTY

The youth group will have a pool party at Dianne Pipkin's house on Sunday June 29th, from 3-6 pm. Pizza will be provided for the youth. Stephanie will be sending out an email with additional information and directions. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Stephanie Saults!



Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

Mary Jane Blaylock, Shannondale  
Dick Booher, Lakeway Region Hospital  
Jeannine Walker (Kim McCurry's mother), Parkwest



Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; 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); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); 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; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack and Jin Gaston; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer's); Cliff Parrott; Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); 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); Carl Kissiah (Joanna Wilkinson's father); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); J. David Hester; Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna's daughter and expected grandchild); Jeannine Walker (Kim McCurry's mother); Brandon Hargutt; Makeysha Sorenson (friend of Amy Bachman-Cliett and the mother of Baby Jenny Kate who passed away following premature birth); Bob Metts

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

Our ??th Annual Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale date is set for July 25 and 26. If you have items that you would like to donate to the church to sell, we are now taking items beginning this week. We will take your items on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm at the downstairs entrance. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have items they would like to donate to the church. We do provide tax receipts for those who need them. We will need persons to help receive items and to sort and to price and display the items. If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer to help please call Maxine (357-0441 or 235-5839) or the church office (588-8581).

SESSION WILL MEET

The Session will meet at it's regularly scheduled meeting time on Sunday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. If you cannot attend please let Pastor Mike know.