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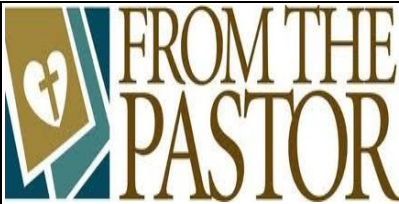
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 9, 2014



As it turns out, things did not go as scheduled; therefore, Joanna and I did not travel to Alabama last week. Following the home inspection, the prospective buyer decided against purchasing our home in Hoover. Over the last nine months, I have repeatedly asked you to pray for the sale of our home in Millbrook and recently added the sale of the house in Hoover to that request; I am again asking for your prayers in this matter. I am also asking you to expand your prayers to include patience and/or endurance for Joanna and me. We are convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that God lead and called us to First Cumberland and we are grateful to be here, but the struggle of selling two houses in Alabama so that we can buy a home here is beginning to wear us down both emotionally and financially. Nonetheless, we believe that God has a plan and a purpose for all of this and we will praise His name in our struggle. Before I go on to another topic, I want to say how blessed we are to serve a loving congregation with whom I can admit our struggles. "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Next, I want to share with you an article titled, "A Modern Parable", which was recently printed in the newsletter of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee.

It seems that a baseball team went out to play a game. Just as the umpire was saying, "Batter up!," the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The center fielder didn't show up at all, but later sent his regrets. The third baseman likewise failed to come to the game, having been up late the night before. The shortstop was present, but left his glove at home. Two of the substitute fielders were away on a little weekend trip but were there in spirit. When the pitcher went into the box, he looked around for his teammates but there places were empty. The game was played; the visitors were in the stand; but of course, the game was lost. When the absent members of the defeated team heard the news, a decision was made to get a new pitcher.

Now you understand the allegory of that story. We all need to be in our place and if we do take off on that much-needed vacation; we should get someone to take our responsibility. That applies to our offering, too. We should make sure that we will support the church [even] when we are unable to attend. See you in your appointed place this Sunday.

I share this article with you, not only to encourage you to continue to be faithful to First Cumberland, but to thank you for your faithfulness. I was ecstatically surprised and very much encouraged by our attendance on both of the holiday weekends (Memorial Day and the Fourth of July) this Summer. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and I am looking forward with great anticipation to the crowd that will gather to worship the risen Christ here on Sunday mornings once the vacation-season is past. God is good!

Receive grace, live grace, show grace,

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club


The **Friendship Club** will gather at **Sullivan's Fine Food**, in Rocky Hill, at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16th, for a Dutch-treat lunch. Everyone reading this article is automatically a member of the **Friendship Club** and is therefore invited to go on this outing.

Serene Manor

We are collecting items for the residents of **Serene Manor Nursing Home** (where **Jewell Kerr's** daughter was lovingly cared for). 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. Thank you for your help in this undertaking.

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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Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Stewardship & Finance
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Sunday School.....	36
Worship.....	84
Offering	\$3,766.18

It was good to have Joy Taylor's sister and family from Connecticut worshiping with us last Sunday . . . it was also good to have so many members of Carol Seemans' family worship with us, as well . . . Marlene Ritchey has now moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, to be near her son . . . Jeannine Walker should be released from the hospital this week, but will be under hospice care once she is at home . . . J. David Hester continues to need our prayers.

The ladies of the church have designated Wednesday, July 30th as the day to clean the big kitchen, off of the gym. Starting time is 10am. If need be we will come back on Thursday, July 31st to complete the job. We are asking all ladies who are available to come and help with this task.

Thank you for remembering me and helping me celebrate my 98th birthday. I appreciate all you went through to get the trip organized. The cake is delicious, the flowers are beautiful, the cards are thoughtful, but most of all I treasure the visit. Seeing each of you was wonderful. After your visit, Judy and I reminisced about our life in the church. I am still remembering events and friends. Thanks for the memories. What a wonderful day! I so treasure your friendship.



CP Missionaries; 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); Jonathar 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; 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); Virginia Brown (Kim Halbert's grandmother); Brandon Hargutt; Bob Metts; Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr's sons)

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

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 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm at the downstairs entrance. If this time is not convenient for you call Maxine Curtis at 235-5839 to make arrangements for someone to meet you at the church. If you need someone to pick up your items, call Maxine at the number above to make arrangements. Volunteers will also be sorting, displaying the items, and pricing.

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.

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).

If you know of places to post flyers for the garage sale, we have flyers for the garage sale in the church office. Please stop by and pick some up and post them. Everyone can help in little ways to make this a huge success.