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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 13, 2006

THIS SUNDAY IS HOMECOMING /FRIEND DAY

Hope you have a "half-pew" coming with you this Sunday, September 17 to "Homecoming/Friend Day"! It's all about friendship with Jesus Christ and His Family! Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration!

LaSaundra Brown will be our guest speaker for the worship service. We will have special music by our choir and by others. Fun awards will be given for the family with the most friends present, the child with the most friends present, and anyone who fills their "half-pew."

Please bring meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dishes for the potluck after the service. We will also take the opportunity to say "thank you" to Sandra Johnson for her five years of love and care as secretary of First Church.

For this Sunday only I am asking everyone to join us on the main floor of the sanctuary during the service so we can all meet and greet each other. Consider yourself to be an ambassador for Christ and make sure you welcome everyone and show them where everything is: the nursery, gymnasium, restrooms, etc. We will use nametags and ask everyone to register their attendance using the cards provided in the bulletin.

It's going to be a great day because we're going to celebrate friendship and the greatest friend of all: Jesus Christ!

PRAYER MEETING A POWERFUL BLESSING!

Twenty people participated in a prayer meeting for the future of First Church last Sunday evening in our home. Many more of you were praying with us even if you couldn't be there personally.

When God's people pray great things happen. We are looking to Him to provide everything we need to fulfill the Great Commission and have a strong, vital ministry in the community where we are planted. We have been told by many there is no future there but we want to find out what God thinks and what He wants us to do.

At the meeting we made a list of things we wanted to ask Him to do at First Church. You can see the list on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

Will you pray with us for the future of First Church? Will you open your home for a prayer meeting? We are trusting and waiting for the next meeting place and time. If you feel led to invite us please call me (588-8581; 357-1946).

NEW OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

A new young adult Sunday School class led by Nancy Wood and Donna Walker will begin by Sunday, October 1. Singles and marrieds are invited.

A young adult small group Bible study begins Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. at the church hosted by Eric and Katie Gruen. Call the church for more information. We can work out babysitting for anyone who needs it!

Children's Church and infant nurseries for Sunday School and worship begins Sunday, October 1! Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help. The Christian Education Committee will be in touch with you right away about scheduling.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TO BRAVOS

The Friendship Club for anyone 55 and up will be enjoying lunch at Bravos Italian Restaurant, 106 Major Reynolds Place (Bearden Hill), Tuesday, September 26, 11:00 a.m. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church offices. Bring friends!

ELDERS TO LEAD WORSHIP OCTOBER 1

The elders on Session will lead worship Sunday, October 1, 10:45 a.m. Steve Summers will be the speaker and other elders will take different parts of the service. Worldwide Communion Sunday will be observed with believers around the globe. Please pray for the elders as they prepare to lead us!

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Keene Room. All committees are asked to have their written reports in by this Friday, September 15 if possible. Please call the church office for assistance.

OFFICE ASSISTANT AND OFFICE HOURS

While the Human Resources Committee begins the search for a new church secretary Tom Witmer will be filling in as office assistant. We are thankful to have Tom assume this roll and you are encouraged to pray for him as he begins work.

During the interim the office staff will try to maintain the following hours: Monday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon.

~ ~ Pastor Kevin

Volunteer Ministry Center

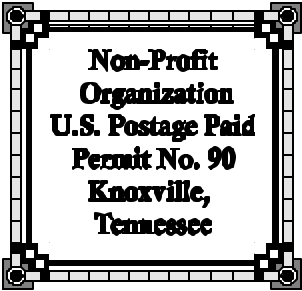
The volunteer Ministry Center, providing services to the homeless and others in crisis, has the following needs:

A group to provide and serve a monthly evening meal, 5 P.M. on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday. If you would like to help, please see Steve Summers, 922-3999.

Interviewers to talk with persons who come to The Refuge seeking help. You would serve one day each week 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or for a half day, 9:30 to 12:00 or 12:00 to 2:30. Training is provided. Call Alyssa at The Refuge, 524-3926.

A doctor or nurse practitioner to serve Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 in the medical clinic. Even one Tuesday a month would be very helpful. Call Nancy at the clinic, 546-5579, on Tuesday or Thursday.

For further information see Bill Ivey, 966-5946.



September 17, 2006
Homecoming
&
Friend Day

BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Happy Birthday

September

10	Ron Osbon
10	Pat Hughes
10	Victoria Van de Vate
10	Gladys Garrett
11	Bob McVey
12	Reba Smith
13	Allyson Watson
13	Allison Hudson
14	Dwight Van de Vate
14	Eugene McCammon
16	Bill Hammill
16	Charles Johnson
17	Maxine McGuire
22	Lois Witmer
23	Billy Davis

NOTE: If you want your birthday acknowledged, please contact the office. Our records are not complete.

Activities for Sept. 17-23

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	Noon	Potluck luncheon in the gym
Tues.,	7:30 p.m.	Basketball in the gym
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Session

Stewardship Report for September 10

Sunday School.....	30
Worship.....	72
Offering.....	\$1,813.00
Memorial.....	\$50.00

Year-to-Date (as of September 10)

Offerings received to date: \$90,830.80
Expenses paid to date: \$164,331.55

Upcoming CPWM Events

Oct. 14-CPWM Presbytery at Oak Ridge CPC

Oct. 22—Baby shower for Katie & Eric Gruen. Preferred gifts: money or gift certificates.

Nov. 19 & 26-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale

Prayer Concerns
In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O’Neal’s brother) in Iraq

On-going Health Concerns

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Pollye Pharaoh, Maxine McGuire, Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother), Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert’s mother), Margaret Lindsay, Ewell J. Reagin, Joyce Allen (Ronald Jones’ sister), Mary Cregger, Howard Swope (Wade Austin’s grandfather), Jennie Lee Middlemas, Mary Jane Blaylock, Katherine & Lucy Tipton (Dorothy Porter’s friend), Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother), JoAnn Ford, Alice Montgomery, Sarah Gamble (Alice Montgomery’s niece), Howard Eblen, Don Franks, Lisa Deal, Y. J. Allan, Pat Booher, Alberta Rose (Mildred Acuff’s cousin)

Thank You Expressed...

“Dear First Church,
Thanks for the memories! It’s been a wonderful experience to have served as your secretary the past five years. I have made so many friends and will miss the daily contact with each of you. My prayers will be with this congregation and for the future of the Church. Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, gifts and expression of love from each of you. I will miss you very much!
In His love. ~ ~ Sandra Johnson

Call for Office Volunteers!

We are in need of persons to help in the Church office. If you can help please call Tom Witmer 690-6916 (home) or 742-9377 (cell).

We will have a set schedule each week. If you can work a half day, several half days or whole days, call Tom and reserve a time.

Helpers will answer phones, help process *The Cumberlander*, handle party-line calls, order flowers, prepare Session and Committee packets and other miscellaneous office duties.

Congratulations

To Larry Fielder’s slow pitch softball team who recently won two honors: Men’s Seniors 60 and over state championship at the Tennessee Senior Olympics and 2006 ASA National Championship for Men’s Seniors 60 and over.

Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to ThomasWitmer@comcast.net or call the church office 588-8581