

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 23, 2007

COMING IN JUNE!

June 3, 10:45 a.m.: Children's Sunday.

June 10, 6:00 p.m.: Family VBS begins.

June 17, 10:45 a.m. Father's Day with a special guest dad preaching.

June 24, 10:45 a.m. Honoring new members of the church since January, 2005 including our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym following the morning service.

A JOYFUL REMEMBRANCE!

Last Sunday we remembered those who have been members 50 years or more. We even surprised Dr. J. David and Barbara Hester, honoring them for 57 years in pastoral ministry.

Those present included Y. J. Allan (1954), Edna Fleenor (1943), Mary Ann Haney (1957), Bonnie Holbert (1949), and Mildred Stone (1952). Bonnie had never been to this church facility, having spent her later years walking to the old church from her apartment near Broadway. Mildred Stone is a fourth generation Cumberland Presbyterian.

Each of our honorees received a special certificate and the admiration of the congregation for their faithfulness to the Lord and to His Church. They sat together at the head table during the potluck luncheon following morning worship. May God bless them and grant them many more years with us at First Church!

FAMILY MONTH CONCLUDES!

May has been "Family Month" at First Church and we have been enjoying our celebrations and special Sundays.

This **Sunday, May 27 is "Bring a Special Friend Day"** so you can bring someone to meet the church family who's been a wonderful friend to your family through the years or even a new friend. We will have each one of them stand and they will receive a church coffee mug. For this Sunday only we ask that everyone dress informally and wear their "I Love My Church" t-shirts to church!

It's always about "loving God and loving people!"

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS IN MAY

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership during the month of May!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church; or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

Sunday, May 27 children and youth up to junior high age are invited to meet with the pastor to talk about the Christian faith and church membership. The class will be held 9:30 a.m. in the conference room next to my office.

These classes are not required for membership, but they will help everyone understand the church's vision for ministry and the joys and privileges of being a Christian and a committed member of First Church.

FAMILY VBS!

Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family will be held Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. We are inviting adults, youth, and children from all over the community. Who do you know on your street, at your school, or in your workplace whom you could bring with you to our Family VBS? Use one of our brochures and invite them now to call the church office and sign up!

Adult classes will include Bible study in I Peter with Rev. Bill Ivey and a special series for parents and prospective parents from James Dobson entitled *"Essentials of Discipline: What's OK, What's Not, and What Works."*

Children and youth will participate in *"Water Works Water Park."*

If you and your family plan to attend and bring friends, please pre-register on Sunday mornings using the blue card in the narthex. We need to know how many we should expect for each class and activity. Thank you for your cooperation! Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee and all who have volunteered to make our Family VBS successful!

WOULD YOU HOST ONE SUMMER PRAYER MEETING?

We are looking for host homes this summer to host a monthly church-wide prayer meeting on a Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. If you feel led to host one of the three meetings this summer (June, July, or August) please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

FINAL CALL FOR CHURCH CAMPS!

Along with all our sister churches of East Tennessee Presbytery, First Church is pleased to offer the following church camp experiences this summer:

June 17-22 Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) at Camp Chilhowee

June 24-28 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp John Speer

June 24-29 Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12) at Camp Chilhowee

July 7-12 CPYC (completed grades 9-12) at Centerville, Tennessee

July 8-12 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp Chilhowee

All members and regular attenders are eligible to attend church camps. The church will assist with the cost of fees for the week. For camp registration forms and details, call the church office. Registration deadline is coming soon.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club outing this month is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. at Louis' Restaurant, 4661 Old Broadway. Everyone 55 and up are invited to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

GOD IS ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS! KEEP PRAYING!!!

Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship this
Sunday!
And bring a friend!

Happy Birthday



May

29~Earl Hillen
30~Scott Roberts



Activities for May 27- June 2, 2007

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Librarian Esther Congdon on duty
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Mon., Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
- Wed., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club at Louis' Restaurant
6:30 p. m. Choir Practice

Stewardship Report for May 20, 2007

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	88
Offering.....	\$1,640.00
Children's Home Offering...	\$290.00
Love and Company... ..	\$100.00

Year-to-Date (as of May 20, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$59,030.88
Expenses paid to date:	\$97,070.12



Librarian on Duty

Esther Congdon is in the library between Sunday School and Church to assist you in finding something you would enjoy reading, watching, or studying.

HELP KIDS BUILD THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

- *VBS (June 10-13, 6-8:30 p.m. nightly)
- *Bible Olympics, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 5
- "Kids in Christ," Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 6
- *Sunday School every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Baby Cribs Needed

The Building and Grounds Committee is beginning the updating of the nursery and needs cribs and "pack 'n' plays". The baby beds we have now do not meet current safety codes. Please notify Tom Witmer if you have items to donate.

T-shirts for Sale: two "I Love My Church" shirts are left, one large, one extra large, price \$10 each. Contact Dianne at the church office to purchase one.



Newsletter Deadline

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

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In Convalescence

Pollye Pharaoh at Brakebill
Marlene Ritchey at home

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot), Donna Wingard and Bob Neal (daughter and son-in-law of Acuffs both had surgery), Allison Watson, Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Pearl Matthews, Coy Sharp, David and Dorothy Damron , Rose Gauthler, Kay Tipton, Carol King, Sue Hunshell, Emma Ruth Cates, Michael Blazer, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, Barry Emerton, Jane Matthews, and Kim Fulkerson (4 requests by the Witmers), Dewaines (Jr. and Sr.) Moncier, and Mary Lynn Tolar, (3 requests by Dianne Fielder), Joyce Creason and Joyce Creidman (friends of Wendy Goodrich), Caitlyn Stone, granddaughter of Mildred Stone.

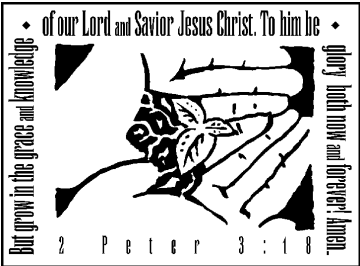
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.

Lay Witness Corner

By Donna Walker

(#2 in a series of 5 topics)

"Don't Put God in a Box"



"I will never be a missionary in Africa."

"I can't do a children's message."

"I can't sing."

"I'll never give a public testimony."

Be wary of setting limits on what you are willing to do for God. Sometimes God takes these declarations as a challenge—like the actor that once challenged someone to knock a battery off his shoulder. Do you really doubt that God is capable of breaking us down spiritually to expose his strength and to accomplish something we are incapable of doing alone? Never tell God what you're willing to do, but instead focus on what God wants to accomplish through you. God's grace shines most brightly when He takes the weak and does mighty things through them. These things are accomplished outside the box of comfort, but always inside the comforting cover of faith. Have faith that God has gifted you and be *unwilling* to miss your blessing.