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Our Weekly Newsletter

FIRST CHURCH TO HOST PRESBYTERY

First Church will host the fall meeting of East Tennessee Presbytery this coming Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. Pastors and elders from 44 churches will be present to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of the church at large. You are encouraged to attend and observe any part or all of the meeting to learn more about how the Cumberland Presbyterian Church works. A catered luncheon will be served in the gym. Our delegates will include both pastors and elder Allison Davis. Come and see!



THE SEASON OF PRAYER CONCLUDES!

This Sunday, October 2, 10:45 a.m. we will conclude a Season of Prayer at First Church. We have experienced some wonderful answers to prayer! Our commitment to prayer as individual believers and as a church has been strengthened! We have received guidance from the Holy Spirit concerning our future! There are more prayer partners and prayer groups meeting now than in recent years! We praise God for all that has happened!

We will also observe World Communion Sunday with Christians all around the globe. Following worship we will share a potluck luncheon in the gym. Please bring family and friends as well as your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes. It will be a great day to be in the Lord's house!!!

Pray that the Lord will build His Church at 6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive
Pray that God's People will be open to the Spirit
Pray that barriers to church growth will fall
Pray for those facing trials and trouble, addictions and disease
Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world
Pray for the Youth and Children's Ministries of First Church
Pray for the Task Force on a new Contemporary Service
Pray that America will turn to the Lord
Thank God for prayers already answered!!!

NEXT MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE

The next meeting of the Task Force on a contemporary worship service will be held this Sunday, October 2 in the Keene Room immediately following the potluck luncheon.

INVITATION

Bazeltown Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Joe Weaver, pastor, have invited First Church to join them for a joint worship service and evening meal Sunday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. in Harriman, TN. We will provide special music and the pastor will be guest preacher. Please join us for an evening of outstanding praise and worship!



OCTOBER IS...

...Back to Church Month!

...Stewardship Commitment Month!

...Loaves and Fishes Distribution Month!

Has God been gracious to you? Has He proven faithful in good times and bad times? Do you sincerely believe in the Lord and the future of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church? October will give you a fantastic opportunity to affirm, by your presence and participation: "I Believe!" Will you?

~Pastor Kevin

TAX RELIEF SEMINAR

We will be hosting a seminar on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 conducted by the Knox County Trustee's office. This seminar will detail tax relief benefits for 100% disabled Veterans; 65 and older and meet certain income limits and 100% disabled and meet certain income limit. Seminar will be held in our Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 a.m.. Please invite other seniors and potential qualified persons. Get the word out. Invite as many persons as you can. This is a service to our seniors and the seniors in our community.



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







October

2-Hailey Davis
2-Jim Pharaoh



Activities for October 2-8, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12:15 p.m. Potluck luncheon 1:30 p.m. Task Force Meeting

Weds., 10:00 a.m. Senior's Tax Relief Seminar

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Dance Class

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 25, 2011

Sunday School	45
Worship	69
Offering	
Capital Improvements Fund	

Lay Ministry Corner

Here I Am, Send Me!

Isaiah saw himself a sinful man surround on all sides by the darkness of life. But when asked, he said, "Here I am, Send Me!"

His unclean lips were burned with a coal from the alter of God that his life might be spared, all so he could say, "Here I am, Send Me!"

He was given a son to symbolize a clock ticking away judgment of His neighbors and a threat to Judah itself, all foretold because he said, "Here I am, Send Me!"

He passed on the woes of warning to his people and promises of impending judgment for sin. Do you think he had a clue what he was agreeing to when he said, "Here I am, Send Me?" But he was blessed as a Messianic prophet and allowed to reveal a redemptive love like no other, a future of hope and a way out of the filth that overwhelmed his daily life \sim the blessed restoration he had long prayed for.

Oh, son of Amos, we are blessed with this insight and look forward to the new heavens and the new Earth all because you were willing to say, Here I am, Send me.

From learning of this blessed revelation, may God's love grow in our hearts and His sacrifice touch us, so when the opportunity arises, we are willing to say, "Here I am, Send me!"

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all my family and friends for such warm birthday wishes. Yes, Chuck, you were so right, I am celebrating the anniversary of my 25th birthday! It was great to hear from friends near and far, especially from Denmark, Lene. Thank all of you! Lots of Love!

Lois Witmer

Thanks to all my wonderful members of First Church for my birthday cards on the 17th.

Yours in Christ Maxine McGuire

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

COOKIE MIX FOR SALE

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix is \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

FAVORITE HYMN MONTH

The Worship Committee has declared the months of September and October to be "Favorite Hymn Month". There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out and suggest your Favorite Hymn(s).



SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to attend. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, October 16.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN OCTOBER

Everyone at least 55 years-old is invited to see the fall colors with the Friendship Club when we travel to Carver's Applehouse Restaurant, Cosby, TN, Wednesday, October 19. Join us in a caravan leaving from the church by 9:30 a.m. We will have lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by a special trip to Mary Ann Haney's cabin in Gatlinburg for homemade dessert. Sign up outside the church office or call us, 588-8581/228-0710.