

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 9, 2007

### GRADUATED!

The following graduates were present last Sunday to receive recognition for their achievements:

Kristi Summers, *Halls High School*

Hunter Witmer, *Kindergarten to First Grade*

Hailey Davis, *Pre-school to Kindergarten*

Please let us know if we have overlooked anyone and we will honor them in the coming weeks!

### ON MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, May 13, 10:45 a.m. we will express our love and appreciation to all ladies and mothers present. Categories will include mother who has been a mother the longest, mother with the most children/grandchildren present, mother with the most family photos in her purse, mother who knows the words to the "M-O-T-H-E-R" song, youngest mother, mothers-to-be, and two other secret awards announced during the service.

Don't forget to bring your mother! If she can't be present or is in heaven, bring a picture of her to share with the rest of us.

### MAY IS FAMILY MONTH

May is "Family Month" at First Church and we are going to celebrate in some special ways.

This Sunday, May 13 is "Mother's Day" and we will honor all ladies and mothers during the morning service.

Sunday, May 20 is "50 Year-Plus Members" Sunday. According to our records we have 35 people who have been members 50 years or more! We will have a potluck luncheon in their honor following the morning service and they will all sit at the head table. Please plan now to bring a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

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. On this day we ask that everyone dress informally and wear their "I Love My Church" t-shirt to church!

May is going to be a great month at First Church. It's all 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).

During this month I will offer pastor's classes for those who want to learn more about church membership. Classes for adults and youth (high-school age) will be held this Sunday, May 13; children's classes (junior-high age and below) will be held the last two Sundays (May 20 and 27). All classes will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in the Keene Room.

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 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Our annual "Family School of Christian Growth" also known as Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family will be held Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly.

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."

The Christian Education Committee needs lots of volunteers for classes, crafts, recreation, refreshments, etc. Please call the church office or sign up using the bulletin insert.

Pre-registration for the "Family School" a.k.a. VBS for the Whole Family continues every Sunday morning through June 10.

### WOULD YOU HOST ONE SUMMER PRAYER MEETING?

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

### CHURCH CAMPS THIS SUMMER

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 8-1 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 deadlines are 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.

### SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for our regular monthly meeting Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

GOD IS ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS!

KEEP ON PRAYING!!!

Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship and  
Celebrate  
Mother's Day

Happy Birthday



May

None this week



### Activities for May 13- May 19, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service-Mother's Day
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

### Stewardship Report for May 6, 2007

Sunday School.....	37
Worship.....	74
Offering.....	\$4,555.00

#### Year-to-Date (as of May 6, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$54,465.88
Expenses paid to date:	\$93,285.91

### Want free coffee?

Because our church is part of a free sampling program, you can try three flavors of Nescafe instant coffee for free. Pick up a take-home packet in the church office. In addition to seven servings of coffee, there are two coupons for future purchases, an order blank for 7 post-cards personalized with a picture provided by you, and information for taking a survey and getting a chance to win \$200, or entering a contest to win \$5000.

### Change of Address for Lancasters

We will be moving into our new home on May 24, 2007: Rev. R. David and Barbara Lancaster, 426 Fuqua Road, Martin, TN 38237. Our new phone number is 731-588-5895.

### Shepherd's Guide

The 13th edition of "The Shepherd's Guide" is here! This directory lists businesses who have pledged to hold the highest biblical code of ethics in their business transactions. It also has listings of churches as well as inspirational messages. Pick up your free copy from the table in the Narthex.



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](mailto: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

#### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Marlene Ritchey having pacemaker inserted May 15, 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 Midlemas, 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, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr., Mary Lynn Tolar, Peggy Bradshaw, and 5-yr. old Julia (4 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.**

### News from the Library

Our library has some great recent arrivals, but because it was started very long ago, it also has some **great** books that are hard to find because they are out of print. Books are not the only medium available, either.

Esther Congdon is there between Sunday School and Worship Service to help you find whatever you are looking for. Take advantage of this great resource.



You Have a New  
Opportunity  
For Service

Session has approved a request for establishing a new outreach program aimed at youth and young adults. This program is the sponsoring of Christian music concerts to be held once a month on the second Friday night. The first concert will be held June 8. The Outreach Committee has been assigned oversight of the program. We intend on having 3-5 bands play at each concert. The bands will play **only Christian music**. We will need volunteers to help at each concert and behind the scenes: in the kitchen, at the door, security, clean up, publicity, advertising, scheduling, organizing, and just being there. We will be having a devotional or testimony given before the last band plays. We will sell pizza and sodas. The admission charge will be \$2 to help defray the cost of building use and ministry costs.

**If you would be interested in working in this new ministry, please contact the church office at 588-8581 or contact Tom Witmer by phone (690-6916) or email ([thomaswitmer@comcast.net](mailto:thomaswitmer@comcast.net)).**