

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 20, 2008

DON'T MISS GOD'S PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE!



Purpose #1 "You Were Planned for God's Pleasure"

God created us to love us! So our first purpose in life is to respond to God's love by loving Him back. That's worship! Please read Mark 12:30 and Romans 12:1.

True worship is focusing our attention on God (the God revealed in the Bible); expressing our affection to God; and using our abilities for God.

If you want to know more, read the Bible and Rick Warren's book, The Purpose-Driven Life! Free copies are still available in the narthex every Sunday.

Discover God's purposes for your life:

Sunday, August 24

"You Were Formed for God's Family"

Sunday, August 31

"You Were Created to Become Like Christ"

Sunday, September 7

"You Were Shaped for Serving God"

Sunday, September 14

"You Were Made for a Mission"

A Really Big Sunday!

This Sunday, August 24 is going to be a really big Sunday for the following reasons:

(1) GOD IS WITH US!

(2) A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

(3) OUR SPECIAL HONORED GUESTS WILL BE FAMILIES
FROM KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES!

(4) A POTLUCK LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED IN THE
GYM AFTER WORSHIP

(5) WE WILL TRAVEL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN JAPAN WITH REV. BILL IVEY

Please bring extra meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts to share with everybody!!!
And don't forget to dress casually for church.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

First Church will host some new member classes for adults, youth, and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) on the following schedule in September and October.

Adults Sundays, September 21 and 28 in the Keene Room

Youth (grades 6-12) Sundays, October 5 and 12 in the Conference Room

Children (grade 5 and below) Sundays, October 19 and 26 in the Conference Room

The classes are for information only. A commitment to membership is not required. Parents, please talk with your children and youth to determine if they are thinking about a commitment to Christ and His Church. Please call the pastor if you are interested in the classes for yourself or your children (588-8581;357-1946;228-0710).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday, November 11 the Friendship Club will travel to the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville to see the popular musical "White Christmas." The cost for seniors will be \$25.00 plus tax. We will leave the church by 11:30 a.m. and eat lunch at the Cumberland Mountain State Park buffet (cost: \$7.50). The play begins at 2:30 p.m.

Because of reservation policies the deadline to sign up for the trip is this Sunday, August 24. We would love to have you join us for the carpool, lunch, and musical. Sorry, no refunds! Please call Bill Ivey if you would like to go (966-5946).

THANK GOD FOR OUR PRAYER GATHERINGS!

We asked God to bless the '40 Days Campaign'. We asked Him to send us the people He wants to be part of the First Church family. We asked for passion in fulfilling our mission to share Christ with our community. We thanked Him for answered prayers and signs of growth. We asked and dreamed about God's plans for us.

Our "Prayer Gatherings" are becoming more and more important in the life of our church and we are committed to continuing them as He leads us.

The "Prayer Gathering" for the month of September will be in the home of Kevin and Nancy Wood, 1116 Park Hill Circle, Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all of you there. Special thanks to all those families who have hosted our gatherings thus far!!!

IN MEMORIAM

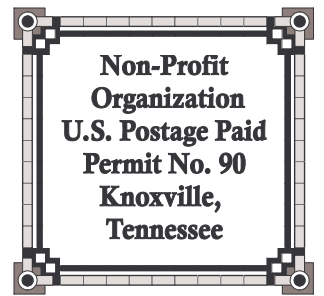
Two Sundays remain for you to participate in our special memorial offering in honor of Greg McKendry and Linda Kraeger. Please make checks to First Church and designate them "TVUUC Memorial Fund." We will forward the entire amount to TVUUC at the end of August. Thank you!

~Pastor Kevin



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Knoxville, TN 37919
Return Service Requested



Happy Birthday



August

25-Randy Clark
25-Danny Eblen
25-Miriam Seylar
27-Loren Hall
27-Anne Crooks LeZotte
28-Jessica Walker



Activities for August 23–30, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 17, 2008

Sunday School.....40
Worship.....69
Offering.....\$2,085.86
Capital Improvements Fund240.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....00.00
Expenses paid last week\$3,236.44

Year-to-Date (as of August 17, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$98,487.53
Expenses paid to date:.....\$155,472.04

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$79,175.55*
*Includes giving toward pledges

Thank You

To all my friends at 1st church;

Thank you for all the prayers, “get well wishes”, visits, food and offers of help (rides, shopping, etc.) I do so much appreciate all of you.

Special thanks to J. David who kept track of my progress and kept you informed.

I am also grateful to our God for keeping me in His care.

Sincerely,
Marlene Ritchey

Thank You

From the Hammill Family. We are so very deeply appreciative of all the prayers, cards, food, love, support, visits and calls during this time of Bill’s medical emergency. Bill is slowly recovering thanks to God and your prayers. He still is in very serious condition and needs much rest to recuperate. We ask that there be No Visitors until the family feels that visits will not impact his health. Please keep praying!

The Hammills
(note: Bill has been moved into room 723 and is in guarded condition. Praise the Lord!!!!)

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

Edna Fleenor is recovering in Holston Health, #411

Gordon Blaylock, Ft. Sanders Regional

Bill Hammill, UT Hospital, #723

Lou Jackson, Park West

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Lou Jackson (by-pass surgery at Park West Hospital); Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother, moved to new nursing home facility); Doug Bailey (friend of Witmers); the family of Joann Sweat (neighbors of Kevin and Nancy Wood).

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



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NOTE on Birthdays

If your birthday or someone you know birthday does not show up in the Birthday list, **guess what?** We most likely do not have it here in the office. So do you know what to do? **CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!!!!!!**

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.