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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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A large group of European pastors came to a D. L. Moody's North-field Bible Conference in the late 1800s. Following the European custom of the time, each guest put his shoes outside his room to be cleaned by the hall servants overnight, but of course this was America, and there were no hall servants. Walking the dormitory halls that night, Moody saw the shoes and determined not to embarrass

his brothers. He mentioned the need to some ministerial students who were there, but was met with only silence or pious excuses. Moody returned to the dorm, gathered up the shoes himself and, alone in his room, the world's most famous evangelist began to clean and polish the shoes. Only the unexpected arrival of a friend in the midst of his work revealed the secret. When the foreign visitors opened their doors the next morning, their shoes were shined. They never knew by whom. Moody told no one, but his friend told a few people and during the rest of the conference, different men volunteered to shine the shoes in secret.

Have you been asking the Lord to use you? If so, here you have it: shine someone's shoes; give a gift to someone in need; love on someone hard to love, but do not tell the world—do it in secret [Matthew 6:2-4]. You can be sure that the Lord sees these things and He will open up more opportunities for you to do even greater things for Him. God's Grace,

Pastor Mike

Visitation

Pastor Mike still needs your help. He would like to visit with every family that is currently a part of the First Church Family. If a home visit is not practical for you, he is willing to meet with you at the church. The purpose of this meeting is for him to learn both your history with our congregation and your hopes and dreams for the future of First Church. If you will call him (cell phone: 205-533-2001 or church: 865-588-8581) to schedule an appointment at a time that is convenient for you, Pastor Mike would greatly appreciate it.

Our Building Note

Just a reminder: we are attempting to raise at least \$25,728 by Thanksgiving so that we can restructure our debt (building note for major repairs) and lower our monthly payments. This would also save us slightly more than \$101,000 in interest of the next 15 years, which would make us even better stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. If you would like to contribute to this cause, over and above your tithe, please write the word "Note" on the memo line of your check. \$4,150 has been given to date; thank you for your generosity!

An Evening with Renaissance

Bethel University's Renaissance Choir will be presenting a concert this coming Saturday evening, October 26th, at 7:00 p.m. This free concert will be at the Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church (400 Everett Road, Farragut, TN). The entire Renaissance Choir (Vocal Authority, the Bluegrass Band, and the Gospel Quartet) is scheduled to perform. For those of you who may not know, Bethel University is a Cumberland Presbyterian school located in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Youth Group

Our restarted Youth Group met for the first time last Sunday evening, October 20th. Eight youth were in attendance and a great time was had by all. Continue to keep these young people, as well as their leaders, in your prayers.

For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to worship Christ, evangelize the lost, love one another and our neighbor, and learn more about our God.





Happy Birthday



October

27-Peggy O'Neal 28-Mary Ann Haney 30-Dawn Curtis



Activities for October 20-26, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)



MINISTRY COUNCIL

Cumberland Presbyterian Church George R. Estes Missions Ministry Team Leader

Dear Co- Worker in Christ,

Can you believe it's almost Thanksgiving season again! I know you are planning your special Loaves & Fishes offering emphasis already, so this letter is simply a reminder that the project for this year once again is focused on the new medical clinic in Guatemala City, Guatemala. As you recall, last year we provided seed money for the new clinic, recognizing this was to be a two-year effort. This Thanksgiving season, then, gives us the opportunity to move forward with this ambitious project. You can imagine how costly it is to provide this kind of health care for children and adults. We'll be using rented facilities in the building occupied by a partner congregation, Comunidad de Fe (Community of Faith). Our missionary/clinic administrator is Anay Ortega, who has been working with the Casa de Shalom orphanage clinic now for several years. Originally from Andes Presbytery in Colombia, Anay is an experienced and capable administrator who oversees the work of medical doctors-and other-health professionals serving at our clinic. Our dream is to provide health services for those who can afford to pay for them, but also to provide for those who are extremely poor at no charge. In this way, we expect the clinic to become selfsustaining in a few years. Other services of the clinic will include nutrition programs, family therapy and related holistic ministries.

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Judy Gammon; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; J. David Hester; Marie Jobson, (friend of the Witmer's); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Ken Sherwood (friend of Becky Rader); Curt Hammill (Betty's son); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); Jewell Kerr and family.

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

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Jessica Walker for being accepted into the UTK Pharmacy School program.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE ...

The Halberts are home! On May 1, the home of Bill and Kim Halbert was burned severely; last week the repaired building at 8807 Arragon Lane was occupied again by Bill and Kim ... Pat Jones, age 56, died Oct. 18 in his North Carolina home; Pat married Lori Satterfield in our church sanctuary Oct. 24, 1981; Lori, a former member, is the daughter of former members Clinnie & Cathy Satterfield ... Sympathy to Steve Summers in the death of his Aunt Nancy Leach; funeral was Sunday in Campbell County, where she lived ... Marlene Ritchey's son, Bill Ritchey was here from Arizona visiting her this week ... Bonnie Bridges home after visiting her sister in Charlotte over the week-end ... Becky Rader is vacationing in Hawaii ...

Lay Ministry Corner

The only applause we are meant to seek is that of nail-scarred hands.

~ Mark Batterson

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; *Philippians 1:6*