

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

A congregational meeting will be held this Sunday, November 4 immediately following morning worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to share plans for financing a new roof and HVAC system. This will also be the beginning of our annual stewardship campaign.

Every member and regular participant who is committed to the ministry of First Church is asked to be present.

SUNDAY WAS A GREAT DAY OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP!

Last Sunday began with the infant baptism of Hannah Grace Davis, daughter of Billy and Allison Davis. A large number of family members were present and papaw Tom Witmer gave the congregation an up-close and personal look at Hannah after the baptism.

Few ceremonies speak so clearly of the grace of God as the baptism of a child of the covenant!

Sunday afternoon a horde of kids from First Church and K.A.R.M. (Knox Area Rescue Ministries) had a blast at "Jump-to-It." Many adults were there to supervise and enjoy. Special thanks to Sam and Melissa Luttrell for their hospitality and to all those who helped transport K.A.R.M. families.

A long day but a great day in the Lord!

THE CROSSING CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY

Our new youth group for grades 6-12, "The Crossing," is well under way and we're looking for more youth to join us this Sunday, November 4, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the gym. For information or transportation, call youth directors John and Lindsay Duncan (300-2226).

LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING

Hundreds of thousands of children and families are going to receive direct assistance with food, water, clothing, education and a host of other needed services through our Loaves and Fishes offering. How are you doing with your collection boxes? Keep putting those coins and bills in every day. It will be time to dedicate our offering before you know it (Sunday, November 25). 75% goes to World Vision for relief in Darfur and 25% goes to our Love and Company ministry. Thank you for caring!

'ELDER ON CALL' DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

November 4: James O'Neal

November 25: Lois Witmer

December 16: Jewell Kerr

November 11: Steve Summers

December 2: Tom Witmer

December 23: Eugene McCammon

November 18: Valerie Wann

December 9: Lee Barron

Each week the "Elder on Call" will assist the pastor in leading worship, visitation of the sick and shut-in, and pastoral care of the church family. Please pray for them in this important ministry!

SIGN UP NOW FOR UPWARD BASKETBALL

This Sunday, November 4 is the official "Sign-up Day" for Upward Basketball at First Church. Registration forms will be available in the narthex.

Every member and friend of the church is asked to do at least two things as we prepare to begin the first season of Upward Basketball:

(1) Become a Prayer Partner for UP and begin praying immediately for everyone involved; (2) Sign up to be a coach, referee, commissioner, devotional speaker, concession helper, set up and clean up crew; or help provide scholarships for children who will need financial assistance.

The motto of UP is "every child is a winner!" We pray our first year will be a complete success in sharing the love of Jesus Christ with kids and their families.

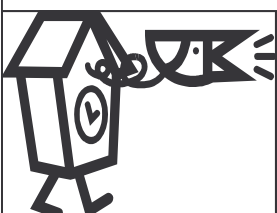
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Parents and children please note: rehearsals for our annual children's Christmas pageant will be held in Children's Church during November and early December. Wendy Goodrich and Jane Carol are directors. The pageant will be held during morning worship on Sunday, December 9.

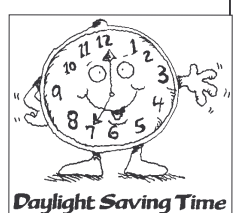
SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 14

The Session will meet a week early on Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. All elders are encouraged to be present.

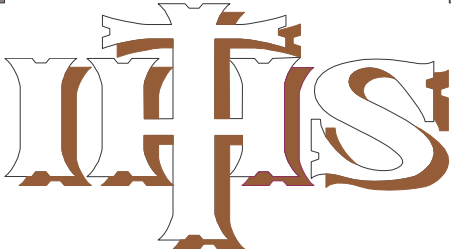
~Pastor Kevin



Well guess what. Now is the time. Yes it is here. Well almost. It will be here the first Saturday in November? It is the day daylight savings time ends. It is November 4. Mark your calendars. Make yourself a note(s). Roll back the clock. Get one more hour of sleep. Get in one more hour of prayer. If you forget to roll that old clock back, just come to church and sit in the McDonald Chapel and pray. God would like that.



Daylight Saving Time



Happy Birthday



November

- 4-Sheila Emory
- 5-Chris Clark
- 5-Larry Fielder
- 5-Brent Witmer
- 6-Kyle Boden
- 7-Steve Summers
- 9-Kim McCurry



Activities for November 3-10, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 28, 2007

Sunday School.....	37
Worship.....	87
Offering.....	\$2,393.72
Capital Improvements Fund	\$50.00
Barbara Hester Memorial/Building Fund...	\$5755
Expenses paid last week	\$6,704.30

Year-to-Date (as of October 28, 2007)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$125,006.75
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$214,394.83
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$6645.00

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Bid opening was last Tuesday for the roof. Base bids ranged from \$151,000 to \$197,000. The architect is now reviewing the bids and will give us a formal recommendation. Phase #2 of the HVAC project is well under way. We hope to have the proposal in hand by this week with budget numbers. After reviewing it a construction package will be created and submitted to mechanical contractors for bids. We will provide you information on both projects at the Congregational Meeting this Sunday. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O'Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

We need Cumberlander reporters. Job will be to provide articles of interest, stories of witness and faith, stories of encouragement and love, stories of praise and thanksgiving, all for publishing in the Cumberlander. 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. If you would like to receive The Cumberlander via email in PDF format let Tom know.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Pollye Pharaoh, Ft. Sanders Regional, Room 733

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; JoAnn Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermlen; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Jessie Black; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen's father); Lois Witmer; Sabrina Hilton; Eddie Connaster; Marion Biggs; Jimmy Curry; Joey Claber; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; Henry Andrell; Mike Blazer; Barbara Leith; Esther Gibson and her daughter Kaela; Elena Zimmerman; Allan Smith; Adrienne Murphy; the family of Barbara Hester.

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

CPWM News

West Circle

will meet at 11:00 o'clock November 6, 2007 at the Church. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Bake-Craft-Pecan Sale

On Sunday, November 18 CPWM will conduct its annual Bake-Craft-Pecan Sale in the Library from 9-12:30. All the ladies of the church are requested to bake their favorite items and prepare craft items to donate. This sale is the major source of the CPWM funds used to donate to charities of the church, community, and denomination. Date of the arrival of the Pecans is not confirmed and will be sold when available. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of this fund raiser.

Session Corner

The Session met on October 17 for it's regularly scheduled meeting. The Session passed a motion to seek a loan of up to \$500,000 to repair the roof and HVAC system of the Church, from the denomination.

The Session met on October 28 for a called meeting. Session adopted recommendations on a Capital Fund Raising Campaign and on a Stewardship Campaign. These recommendations included the formation of a five person committee to oversee both fund raising campaigns. Session also approved recommendation from Buildings & Grounds to accept low bid on roof upon receiving formal recommendation from architect Al Barnes.