

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 16, 2008

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUNDAY!

It will be my pleasure to see you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday, July 20! Thanks to your prayers and loving care I feel strong enough to give it a try!

Special thanks to Rev. J. David Hester, Rev. Bill Ivey, the elders and everyone who has continued to pastor and lead the church. You've shown Nancy and me how gifted and compassionate and capable you are of being the Body of Christ!

God bless you all and let's keep it going!

GOD WAS WITH US AT THE PRAYER GATHERING!

Whenever God's people gather for prayer, great things happen! Last Sunday evening we enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Steve and Kim McCurry and then we prayed. In our time together we experienced God's presence and guidance and the deep fellowship of lifting people up for healing and hope. We decided He was leading us to continue the prayer gatherings on a monthly basis so that more of you could come and pray with us. Our next gathering will be in August at the home of Mike and Ann Bachman. More details soon!

OUR VBS AT K.A.R.M.

Plans are coming along well for our second annual VBS at Knox Area Rescue Ministries August 4-7. You can help in several important ways. Volunteer to help us on site from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. each day, OR go with us on the bus to Splash Country all day Thursday the 7th, OR donate money for new school clothes, Splash Country tickets or lunches for homeless children and families. Contact Steve and Kim McCurry (690-1601) or the church office. Please make your checks to First Church and designate for K.A.R.M. VBS.



Those who are planning to help with VBS are encouraged to attend a one-time orientation meeting with VBS director Miriam Seylar this Sunday, July 20 immediately following the morning worship service. Please come to the conference room outside the pastor's office to receive your schedules and materials. God bless you as you prepare to share His Word and His love!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB THE 23RD

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for lunch and fellowship at the Copper Cellar, 7316 Kingston Pike, Tuesday, July 23, 11:00 a.m. We look forward to welcoming you and anyone you want to bring along. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office this Sunday, July 20 or call us, 588-8581.

COMING THIS FALL

Two exciting new ministries are coming to First Church in September and October!

(1) FORTY DAYS OF COMMUNITY—How do WE live out God's purposes for our lives? We can do it BETTER TOGETHER!!!

(2) PIONEER CLUBS for children and youth, toddlers to teens.

Please pray with us about these opportunities to share the love of Christ with our community!

~Pastor Kevin

SPECIAL EARLIER TIME FOR REBECCAS

The Rebeccas will meet this Saturday, July 19, 9: 45 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant, 9507 Kingston Pike. Please note the special early meeting time!





Happy Birthday

July

22-Abby Luttrell
23-Pat Booher
25-Amy Pipkin
26-Keenen Clark



Activities for July 19-July 26, 2008

Sat.,	9:45 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins Restaurant
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	10:00 a.m.	Bible Olympics
	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Copper Cellar
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 13, 2008

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	62
Offering.....	\$3,709.75
Capital Improvements Fund	160.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$5,249.48

Year-to-Date (as of July 13, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$85,789.32
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$168,651.54

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$78,560.55*
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*Includes giving toward pledges

Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed

Christian Education Committee is looking specifically for a teacher(s) to teach the 2nd-5th grade class beginning in August. If you would like to teach our children in this age group, please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office. The new Christian Education year will soon be starting. If you have a desire to help with Sunday School in any way. Please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office.

Thank You

Thanks so much for all the cards, prayers, love and support during the illness and passing of my dad, James Curtis McNabb. These kind gestures meant a lot to me and my family.

In God's Love
Tammy Eblen

Fred Johnson thanks God and all of those persons at First Church and others who offered up prayers for him during his recovery from a stroke. He also thanks those who have offered him work.

Reminder: As the summer filled with vacations, travel, and lots of family activities keeps us all busy and sometimes away from Church, please do not forget your offerings to the Lord's work at First Church.

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

Marlene Ritchey is recovering in NHC of Farragut

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.

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

Shoes to fill

We are searching for a person or persons to fill Betty Hammill's shoes as our FISH coordinator. If interested please call the office, Steve McCurry or any other member of the Outreach Committee. Feel free to contact Betty to find out what is involved in this position. Let us continue this ministry to feed the hungry.

Work Needed

Fred Johnson is looking for handyman type work. He paints (inside and out), carpentry, vegetation removal, and can do other handyman work with no heavy lifting. Please call the office if you know of some work.

New Hymnal Update

We now have commitments for 229 hymnals. Only 21 short of our goal of 250. You still have time to purchase your hymnal in Honor of or in Memory of a special person in our life. Contact the church office or send in your order form.

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.



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.