

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

October 17, 2007

## The Crossing

**First Church's New Youth Group  
for Grades 6-12**

**Invites You to**

**“JUMP TO IT!”**

**This Sunday, October 21, 2007**

**7610 Maynardville Highway**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Optional transportation will be provided from  
the church at 4:15 p.m.; picking up at 7:45 p.m.**

**Bring \$10 for admissions and pizza**

**For more info on this and future youth group activities  
contact John and Lindsay Duncan at 300-2226**

### **CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Join us for praise and worship this Sunday October 21, 10:45 a.m. followed by our monthly potluck fellowship luncheon in the gym. Rev. Bill Ivey, our friend, pastor, and teacher will be preaching during the service. Please bring your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share with everyone.

If you know anyone who has been absent lately, why not give them a call and tell them how much they're missed. Every Sunday can be a "Homecoming" when you're part of God's family!

### **WHAT A BLESSING FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED "UNHINDERED!"**

If you want to know what a powerful spiritual experience "Unhindered" was just ask the ladies from First Church who participated: Maxine Curtis, Jewell Kerr, Kim McCurry and Valerie Wann. Thank God for times of refreshing and renewal He sends our way!

The church expresses gratitude to everyone who assisted Jana Spicka in preparing for the conference and to all the ladies of the church who provided delicious desserts. Your hospitality was superb!

### **NEW OFFICERS OF CPWM INSTALLED**

Nancy Wood, President

Donna Walker, President-Elect

Ann Bachman, Past-President

Faye O'Neal, Secretary

Diane Fielder, Treasurer

Congratulations to all of you and may God encourage and empower you as you serve!

All ladies of the church are welcome to become an active part of Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministries!

### **FALL FUN SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**

On Sunday, October 28 the youth and children of First Church will travel to "Jump-to-It!" for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and pizza from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Michelle Luttrell and her family own "Jump-to-It!" and they have reserved the whole building full of inflatables, games, and food just for us. Toddlers through high schoolers are all welcome!

"Jump-to-It!" is located at 7610 Maynardville Highway in Halls. Make your plans now and bring lots of friends who don't have a church!

### **LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER**

The children of Darfur are depending on our generosity as we collect the Loaves and Fishes offering until Sunday, November 25. If you didn't get your offering box please pick up one in the narthex this Sunday. 75% of the offering will be distributed by the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions and 25% will go to the Love and Company ministry of First Church. Please give generously!

### **UPWARD BASKETBALL SUNDAYS**

Sundays, October 28 and November 4 will be "Upward Basketball Sundays" at First Church. Steve Summers, Director, will share information about UP on the 28<sup>th</sup> and "Sign-Up Sunday" will be November 4 for all our children and their friends, K-6.

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) Consider becoming 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.

Start praying now!

### **'ELDERS ON CALL' DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

October 21: Hugh Morgan

November 4: James O'Neal

November 18: Valerie Wann

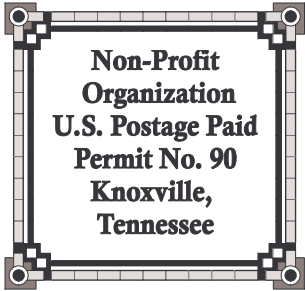
October 28: Eugene McCammon

November 11: Steve Summers

November 25: Lois Witmer

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!

~Pastor Kevin



# Happy Birthday

October



26-Stephanie Bridges  
27-Peggy O'Neal



## Activities for October 20-27, 2007

Sat.,	9:00 a.m.	Fall Work Day
	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins
	10:00 a.m.	Presbyterial Committee Meeting
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	The Crossing—Jump-To-It!
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for October 14, 2007

Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	92
Offering.....	\$2,297.73
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$70.00
Expenses paid last week ...	\$12,388.59

## Year-to-Date (as of October 14, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$120,288.45
Expenses paid to date:	\$201,136.23

## Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

We are now soliciting bids for a new roof. The construction package has been sent to 6 roofing contractors. The estimated cost for the new roof to replace the flat roof is \$220,000. Phase #2 of the HVAC project is well under way. We hope to have the proposal in hand by this week. After reviewing it a construction package will be created and submitted to mechanical contractors for bids. We have begun collections for the Capital Improvements and are keeping these funds separate from Operating funds. 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.



## Newsletter Deadline

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

### In the Hospital

Pollye Pharaoh, Ft. Sanders Regional

### 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; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charollette 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; Dorthy Porter's daughter Kaela; Elena Zimmerman; the family of Barbara Hester.

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

## Sunday School News

The former Bible Discovery Class and Friendship Class have combined and now are named the Bible Fellowship Class. This class is currently studying the Book of Daniel. Adults are invited to join us in this interesting study.

## MENTORING MINISTRY AT K.A.R.M.

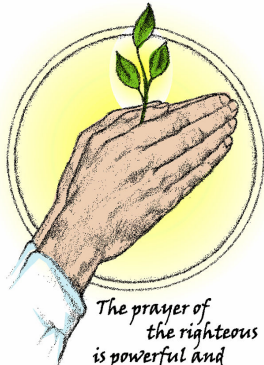
Many of you will remember the mother's plea for Christian men and women to help mentor the boys and girls who live in the apartments at Knox Area Rescue Ministries. If you are interested in helping, you will need to attend a special one-time training session specifically for members of First Church. Please call Steve McCurry now and share your desire to get involved (690-1601).

## Giving Statements

Giving statements for the first 9 months of the year are available in the Narthex. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you have any questions or need yours mailed to you please contact the church office.

## Update on Barbara Hester

Barbara went home to God early afternoon on October 16. Please remember Barbara's family in your prayers. Ask God for a special blessing on them and may God comfort them in this time of pain and grief. Funeral service will be at 1PM on Friday October 19 at the church. Please call the church office for details.



The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16