

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 6, 2007

YOUR PRAYERS REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Whether you realize it or not, First Church is growing again because of your prayers! And people are being blessed and healed because of your prayers! God delights in answering prayer and showing us what He can do and what He wants each of us to do in the Kingdom.

Don't give up. Just keep praying!

At First Church, we want to be faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Loving God and loving people is what matters in the Kingdom! And it all begins with prayer!

We are still looking for anyone who will open their home for one church family prayer meeting on a Sunday evening in the months of June, July, and August. Please call the pastor if you would make your house a house of prayer!

YOU REALLY MISSED ONE LAST SUNDAY!

Whenever you miss the fellowship, the prayers, the worship time, Holy Communion, and the joy of Christian community you've missed a blessing in life. But if you weren't here last Sunday you really missed one! The children of First Church, looking like they had done it dozens of time before, led us in a powerful, life-affirming worship service giving glory to God. Children's Sunday touched all of us and showed us a glimpse of the gifts, faith and commitment of those who are growing up to be leaders in the Church. May God bless all of our children as He surely blessed us through them last Sunday!

OOPS, WE FORGOT MARY!

Mary Cregger has been a member of the church since 1940! We regret omitting her name from the list of 50+year members. Mary doesn't get to come anymore but she is an important part of this church. We wouldn't be the same without you, Mary!

ON FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day, June 17, 10:45 a.m. we will have a special guest dad preaching. His name will remain a secret for a while longer but he is a hospital chaplain and a new dad. He and his wife Cindy have just adopted a beautiful baby girl. They both will have a wonderful story to tell. You and your family won't want to miss it!

All men and fathers will be honored during the service including the following: youngest and oldest fathers present, father with the most outdoor sporting equipment, fathers-to-be, father with the most Oregon quarters in their pockets, father with the most children present, father who can hit a golf ball the farthest, and two other secret awards.

HONORING NEW MEMBERS

First Church will honor our new members on Sunday, July 8. They will receive special recognition during the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service and will be guests of honor at a potluck luncheon in the gym afterward. We will have a special head table just for those who have joined us since January, 2005!

The church family is encouraged to bring all those great meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share on July 8!

YOU CAN JOIN THE FAMILY ANYTIME!

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church; or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

If you and your family would like to talk with the pastor about church membership, please contact me. My phone numbers are 588-8581 (church), 357-1946 (home), or 228-0710 (cell).

FAMILY VBS IS HERE!

Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family begins this Sunday, June 10 and goes through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. We are inviting adults, youth, and children from all over the community. Who do you know on your street, at your school, or in your workplace whom you could bring with you to our Family VBS? Use one of our brochures and invite them now to call the church office and sign up!

Adult classes will include Bible study in I Peter with Rev. Bill Ivey and a special series for parents and prospective parents from James Dobson entitled "*Essentials of Discipline: What's OK, What's Not, and What Works.*" Ann Bachman will lead the class.

Children and youth will participate in "***Water Works Water Park.***"

If you and your family are planning to attend and bring friends this is your last opportunity to pre-register this Sunday morning using the cards in the narthex.

FINAL CALL FOR CHURCH CAMPS!

Along with all our sister churches of East Tennessee Presbytery, First Church is pleased to offer the following church camp experiences this summer:

- June 17-22 Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) at Camp Chilhowee
- June 24-28 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp John Speer
- June 24-29 Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12) at Camp Chilhowee
- July 7-12 CPYC (completed grades 9-12) at Centerville, Tennessee
- July 8-12 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp Chilhowee

All members and regular attenders are eligible to attend church camps. The church will assist with the cost of fees for the week. For camp registration forms and details, call the church office. Registration deadline is Friday, June 8!

BAND CONCERT FOR YOUTH IN GYM

All youth of the church and the Knoxville community are gearing up for a Christian rock band concert featuring three bands this Friday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. in our gym! Bring friends and if you're over 30, bring ear plugs too! Pray with us that these monthly concerts will reach many youth for Jesus Christ!

Featured bands include Honor Among Thieves, Coat of Arms, and Amber's Ashes. It'll be a blast!!

Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



June

13~Marlene Ritchey
13~Richard Congdon



Activities for June 10-16, 2007

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Librarian Esther Congdon on duty
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

VBS, June 10-13, 6:00 p.m.-8:30p.m. each night

Tues., 10:00 a.m. Bible Olympics
Wed., 10:00 a.m. KIC (Kids In Christ)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Stewardship Report for June 3, 2007

Sunday School.....42
Worship.....95
Offering.....\$5,490.25
VBS Offering.....\$20.00

Year-to-Date (as of June 3, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$67,087.63
Expenses paid to date: \$106,931.75

Don't take a Vacation from Giving!

Expenses like telephone, utilities (especially utilities!), payroll and repairs go on all summer, despite who is in attendance on Sunday. Please make your offerings in advance of your going on vacation.

Updates to Y our Membership Directory

Kim and Steve McCurry, who joined May 13, 2007, live at 9732 Tunbridge Lane, 37922, home phone 690-1601.

Richard and Esther Congdon, who joined May 27, 2007, live at 1870 Explorer Lane, 37912, home phone 689-9692.

Jack and Jeanine Walker, parents of Kim McCurry, joined on May 27, 2007. They live at 237 Chaho Road, Concord, TN 37934, home phone 966-8828

HELP KIDS BUILD THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

*VBS (June 10-13, 6-8:30 p.m. nightly)

*Bible Olympics, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 5

“Kids in Christ,” Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 6

*Sunday School every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sign up by calling the church office, 588-8581.



Newsletter
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military



Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot), Marlene Ritchey, Allison Watson, Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), 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 (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Bill Leatherwood, Rich Carline, Coy Sharp, Rose Gauthler, Carol King, Emma Ruth Cates, Michael Blazer, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, Barry Emerton, Jane Matthews, and Kim Fulkerson (4 requests by the Witmers), Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich), Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family.

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

Special Prayer Requests

Steve and Kim McCurry ask for special prayers for their daughter Tiffany May, who is expecting to deliver her baby June 11, and for Kim's mother, Jeanine Walker who is dealing with the effects of her stroke a few months ago.

Christian Sympathy Offered

Agnes Searcy, mother of Rev. Jim Searcy, died May 22, 2007. Please remember Jim and Geneva, Jim Jr., Rachael, Jim III and Benjamin.

Dewaine Moncier, the uncle of Dianne Fielder, died May 31. Services were held in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Both these families will appreciate your continued prayers during this time of grief.

Lay Witness Corner

By Donna Walker

(#4 in a series of 5 topics)

"Don't Settle to be Happy "

Joy is not an emotion like happiness. Happiness comes and goes, but joy is found deep in the soul of the individual who lives the purpose-driven life. Joy is a certainty that does not come and go with the fleeting waves of life, lifting us high before we are thrust down upon the sands. Joy is enduring and a comfort to the faithful who look for God's hand in all things great and small.



Upcoming Event

June 24 Bill and Betty Hammill will be honored with a reception for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.