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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS!

"Youth/Young Adult Sunday" is coming October 22, 10:45 a.m. and while the service is for everyone, the emphasis will be on reaching out to friends who are in junior and senior high school, college, and young adults (up to age 30). The young adults of First Church will take various parts in leading our wor-

Following the service the entire church family is welcome to enjoy our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym. Please bring plenty of those wonderful meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes!

During the potluck luncheon we will take the opportunity to express appreciation to Eric and Katie Gruen who are leaving us to join South American Mission. This will be their final Sunday with us.

Youth and young adults: Will you take up the challenge of praying for and inviting all your schoolmates and co-workers to a service especially designed with you in mind?

How about the rest of us? Do we know youth and young adult families and friends we can invite?

Let's get ready for an exciting day!

COME PRAY WITH US!

You are invited to join us for a church-wide prayer meeting this Sunday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. in the home of Faye O'Neal, 7702 Mills Way. Please set aside this evening to pray with us for the future of First Church. The Bible says "the earnest prayer of a believer has great power and wonderful results!" (James 5:16, LB)

REV. GEORGE ESTES IS COMING

The Session has asked Rev. George Estes, Director of Evangelism and Church Growth for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to come and do an evaluation of First Church and explore with us options for continued ministry in our community.

Rev. Estes will be with us the weekend of November 19. To prepare for the evaluation all active members and regular attendees will be asked to complete a survey. The elders, pastor, and several others will be invited to participate in brief interviews. A demographic study of our ministry area (3-5 mile radius around the church) will be done. Four to six weeks after the evaluation, Rev. Estes will send us a report with specific suggestions for action. Please be praying for this important step in the process of planning our future ministry.

CRAZY GOLFERS FALL OUTING

Sunday, October 29, 1:30 p.m. all crazy golfers and their friends are invited to join us for a fall golf outing at Whittle Springs Golf Course, 3113 Valley View Drive. The cost to ride and play will be \$25.00 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

OUT AT THE BARN!

The Friendship Club will visit the Apple Barn restaurant near Sevierville Tuesday, October 31. Everyone 55 and up are welcome to join us in a "car-a-van" to the restaurant. Two mini-vans will be available to transport us. We will leave from the First Church parking lot by 10:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Keene Room for our regular monthly meeting. Packets will be available this Sunday, October 15 in the narthex.

Committees are encouraged to get their reports to the church office by this Friday, October 13.

~Pastor Kevin

Pastor Appreciation Month
October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please express your gratitude to Pastor Kevin during this month by sending him a card or note. On October 15th, we plan to recognize him and express our appreciation by presenting him a monetary gift. Please make donations to Betty Hammill on Oct 8.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Sunday School W<u>orship</u> Date James O'Neal October 15: Jewell Kerr Amanda Roberts October 22: Tammy Eblen October 29: (open) (open)

James O'Neal Rachel Searcy November 5:

Daniel/Stephanie Saults November 12: Amanda Roberts James O'Neal November 19: Jewell Kerr

Tammy Eblen Amanda Roberts November 26:

*Please call the church office before your Sunday, if you cannot serve or need to make a change. Thank You!



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Bring your friends!

Happy Birthday

October

17 Devin Allen Sprague

19 Jack Oglesby

NOTE: If you want your birthday acknowledged, please contact the office. Our records are not complete.

Activities for Oct. 15-21

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Session

Stewardship Report for October 8

Year-to-Date (as of October 8)

Offerings received to date: \$99,502.81 Expenses paid to date: \$189,545.87

Upcoming CPWM Events

Oct. 14-CPWM Presbyterial Meeting at Oak Ridge CPC, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. October 14th. If anyone wants to go please call Betty Hammill.

Oct. 22—Gifts of money and gift certificates for Katie & Eric Gruen. Please bring to the Sunday Service and put them in the Gift Bag in the Narthex. These will be presented to Katie and Eric by Reverend Wood during the Children's Sermon at the morning Worship Service.

Nov. 19 & 26-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale

INVITATIONS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES

The Mercy Hispanic Fellowship invites all sister CP churches to a night of praise and worship at Young's Chapel CP Church, Kingston, TN, Sunday October 22, 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring special groups to participate in the service and some finger foods for all to enjoy afterward.

Directions to the church are available by calling the church office (588-8581).

Change your phone book

JoAnn Ford has a new phone number. It is 865-357-0389.

Thank You!!!

Thank you for all the things that have been donated for one in our midst. We now have a recliner but still need a twin or full sized bed, chest of drawers and window blinds. If anyone could help with transportation of donated items, or donate items please call the church or Betty Hammill at 690-8739.



California

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

On-going Health Concerns

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Pollye Pharaoh, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Ewell J. Reagin, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Mary Jane Blaylock, Edna Fugate, Lucy Hesler, Katherine Tipton, Heidie Holton, CPWM, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Alice Montgomery, Howard Eblen, Don Franks, Y. J. Allan, Pat Booher, Alberta Rose (Mildred Acuff's cousin), William Barron (Lee's Father), Donna Walker, Lois Witmer

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

ATTENTION READERS

If you have any Christian fiction books that you would be willing to donate to our church library, would you please bring them to the church office or to the library? (They should be published around 2000 or later.) Thanks! **Your library staff**



Object on Bulletin

So what is this object that has been on the front of our Sunday Bulletin for the last three weeks? Does anyone know? Pastor Kevin will ask who knows what this is during the Sunday Worship Service. Be

Prepared!

Survey

Who has looked at our web site in a while? Do you know that you can read the Cumberlander on line as early as Wednesday? We are working on it to upgrade it to the quality that this Church deserves. We are planning to place the Sunday Worship Bulletins as links and to have the Worship Service available to listen to. Do you have any Church related digital pictures? If you have any suggestions about the web site please contact a member of the Outreach Committee, Tom or Brent Witmer.

A New Baby!!!!

Dylan O. Bachman-Cliett was born at 2:32AM, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, in Orlando, FL, at 6lbs., 6 oz, 19 inches. He is the grandson of Mike and Ann Bachman. Congratulations to all!!!!

Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to ThomasWit-