

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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EVANGELISM FOR A GREAT CHURCH!

The following are observations from Rev. Rick Owen, pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination (Saint Matthew CP Church, Burleson, Texas). Something to think about as First Church begins the search for the next pastor.

"Here is my 'Top Ten List' for those who want their congregation to be a "Great Church" as described by Rick Warren in "The Purpose Driven Church":

1. A pastor who loves all people, even those out of relationship with God.
2. Vision and Spirit-led Session meetings.
3. Exciting worship.
4. A congregation that loves all people, even those out of relationship with God.
5. Visitor follow-up plan.
6. Spiritual growth plan for new believers.
7. Start a new worship service.
8. Strong ministry for children and youth.
9. Non-churchy points of entry.
10. A willingness to change."

If you are curious and want to read the full article, contact the church office (588-8581).

"The Great Commandment plus the Great Commission will grow a Great Church!"

-- Rick Warren in *The Purpose Driven Church*.



FIRST CHURCH TO HOST WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP!

The Committee on Theology and Social Concerns of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will host a two-part "Workshop on Worship" Saturday, August 18 at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Saturday, August 25 at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The times for both workshops will be 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The workshop will focus on sharing the meaning of worship as well as worship ideas from other churches. The workshop is free for anyone who would like to attend. A light snack lunch will be served. Donations will be welcome! Join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OMISSION!

I apologize for omitting three of our outstanding leaders during Vacation Bible School in the last Cumberlander. They were Ann Bachman, Dianne Pipkin and Julie Rech, great teachers all. Thank you!!!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN AUGUST

The Friendship Club invites everyone available to join them for a fellowship luncheon Wednesday, August 15, 11:00 A.M. at Lulu's Tea Room, 3703 West Beaver Creek Drive in Powell (947-5858). A reservation has already been made and you are welcome to bring friends! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581/228-0710. Hope to see you there!

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, August 19. All elders are encouraged to be present.

BEAUTIFUL WHITE KITTENS STILL AVAILABLE!

They're growing more every day and need great homes and loving hearts to claim them! Five beautiful kittens (three boys, two girls) available to go home with you! Fixed, litter-trained, tested, and vaccinated. Come by and check them out! Please call us for an appointment (228-0710).

~Pastor Kevin


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Activities for August 12-18, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Weds., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club—LuLu’s
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 5, 2012

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	69
Offering	\$4,453.05
Capital Improvements Fund	\$25.00

Several years ago when we started the charity sale Tom and I had a long conversation about who could we ask within FCPC to help with the sale. Did we have enough people within FCPC to pull the sale off? We sensed that the people who volunteered were being asked to do too much and were worn down. So we went to Thursday Connection (TC) to see if they would help. They did, and carried the load of the work for the Charity Sale that first year. There were FCPC volunteers who helped, but the majority of the work was done by TC. Recently I heard someone say that they didn’t know if they had the energy to do what is needed at FCPC. I sympathized with the person and thought this is probably how a lot of people feel, myself included. Saturday night, after the sale, I woke up from a sound sleep in the middle of the night with the thought that in the last two weeks I had seen our members re-energized. FCPC had managed to put this sale together without a lot of help. Each day we had from two to four volunteers. We asked for help from SMH and the BS on the weekend, but managed the two weeks by ourselves which was a huge amount of work with the sale and the funeral. I thought about how much FCPC had accomplished in the last two weeks, and as I lay there thinking, I felt that God was telling me something. I felt that He was saying “See what FCPC can accomplish. You only think you do not have the energy, but the energy is there when you need it to do the work of this church”. ~Maxine

CHARITY SALE– EXTENDED

Our Annual Charity Sale has been extended one day only Saturday August 11 from 8:00am until 12:00 Noon. All items will be sold at half price and there will be NO bargaining.



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maixine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Marlana Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon’s cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming’s mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry’s mother, stroke recovery); Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s uncle); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges’); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Ethel Bankert, (Tom Witmer’s mother); Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); the family of Tom Holbert, (Bonnie Holbert’s son); the family of Faye O’Neal.
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

I want to thank the Boy Scott Troup 20 (BS) for helping during the Charity Sale Friday and Saturday. I also want to thank Smoky Mountain Harmony (SMH) for their help Friday and Saturday. I really enjoyed getting to meet some of the members and they were a joy to work with. I also want to thank the members of FCPC that donated items, that donated time at church each day for two weeks and that worked the sale on Friday and Saturday. Without you the sale would not have happened. Thanks to all that made it a success.

~Maxine Curtis

SEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED

The Session has named a search committee to secure a new pastor for First Church. The committee consists of: Phil Bridges (chairperson), Sam Ware, Tom Witmer, Bill Halbert, Betty Hammill and Amanda Roberts. Please keep this committee in our prayers for they have a mighty task to perform in the next few months. Pray that God will provide to us the next person he wants to lead this congregation.