

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 8, 2007

THE MISSION TRIP THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES!

We are not the same people we were before our VBS with the homeless last week. God blessed and changed us in a powerful way. We found a new part of the family of God. We learned to love and accept people as Jesus always does. The gifts we were able to give to them were pale reflections of the amazing grace God gives to everyone who will receive it!

Thank God for all of you who were able to attend: Miriam Seylar, Steve and Kim McCurry, Donna, Jessica, and MariKate Walker, Andrea, Taylor, and John Golliher, Sheri, Katie and Jordan Hill, Courtney McCurry, Melissa Luttrell, and Emily, Julia, and Chloe Pierce.

Thank God for all of you who gave endless donations of money, clothes, toys, books, tickets, food, transportation, and everything else. Thank God for those whose prayers were heard and answered. His hand was apparent everywhere and in everyone involved.

Our hope is to bring our new family to church in the near future and share one of our patented potluck luncheons with them. For now, pray for them as they begin a new school year. Pray for the wonderful ministry KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries) is doing with homeless families. They are always looking for volunteers to help!

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Roy Nicaud will be our guest speaker for "Young Adult Sunday" this Sunday. Our young adults will also lead the worship service. Following worship the young adults will gather for fellowship at Chili's Restaurant, 7304 Kingston Pike. Please take this opportunity to bring friends who need the Lord and a loving church family!

THURSDAY CONNECTION IS HERE!

Thursday Connection Home School Co-operative is moving in this week and orientation will begin on Thursday. As you know we are expecting about 350 children, youth, and staff every Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday Connection is an answer to prayer! God has sent some wonderful people our way, some of whom do not have a church family.

Please pray for this opportunity and, as you always have, do everything you can to make TC feel welcome and part of the First Church family. Call the church office if you have any questions or comments. Tom Witmer is our contact person. Mary Wegman is director of Thursday Connection.

Welcome friends!

UPWARD BASKETBALL IS COMING!

Steve Summers, the Director of Upward Basketball for First Church, is putting the word out for all men and women who want to be part of the new Upward Basketball League we will host in 2008.

We are beginning the search now for coaches, referees, prayer partners, concession and kitchen helpers, half-time devotional leaders, set-up and clean-up crews, and other positions of Christian service.

Upward Basketball will begin in December with evaluations. The season will be eight weeks' long (January-February) with games on Saturdays and one practice night a week.

We are praying God will lead many un-churched children and families to us through this ministry. The goal of Upward Basketball is "to introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports."

Please give Steve a call now (922-3999) if God is leading you to be part of the first-ever Upward Basketball League at First Church!

50 AND 100

50 in Sunday School!

100 in Morning Worship!

These are not unreasonable or unreachable weekly attendance goals for First Church as we look toward the fall and winter of 2007-2008.

Just last Sunday, for instance, we had 48 in Sunday School and 85 in worship! That's pretty close and we can do much better!

Here's how we can reach these weekly goals together:

(1) Realign your priorities and put God first on Sunday morning! Let everything else take a "back seat" to your commitment to Sunday School and worship. Live out your promise to be a regular, faithful participant! God will honor your obedience!

(2) Ask the Lord to show you each week who He wants you to invite to church (a personal invitation is still the best kind). Put in a "good word" for the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

(3) Desire the "meat" of God's word instead of the same old "milk" you were given as a child. Start attending and growing again in Sunday School and small groups (to be offered soon!)

(4) Find a place to serve and watch your relationship with the Lord grow closer!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR AUGUST

Everyone 55 and older is encouraged to attend our monthly Friendship Club meeting Wednesday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. at Green Hills Grille, 4429 Kingston Pike. We meet in a different place each month for fellowship and fun. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

~Pastor Kevin


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Return Service Requested

*Jesus took bread,
gave thanks
and broke it,
and gave it
to his disciples, saying,
"Take and eat;
this is my body."*

Matthew 26:26


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August

11-Bill Halbert



Activities for August 11-18, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	7:30 p.m.	Session
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connect Classes

Stewardship Report for August 5, 2007

Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	85
Offering.....	\$4,851.51

Year-to-Date (as of August 5, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$92,244.28
Expenses paid to date:	\$150,750.

Directory Update

Lisa, Rod & Brian Godwin, 7220 Morganton Road,
Greenback, TN 37742

Troy & Debbie Kickler, PO Box 595, Lillington, NC
27545-0595

Eric & Katie Gruen, 327 Ridgewood Drive, KY, 40383

Cakes for Lakeshore


Lakeshore Mental Health Institute gives us an opportunity to serve others. August is our month to prepare cakes to be used to celebrate residents' birthdays. The cakes should be wrapped and frozen, but not iced. Icing should be in a separate container, also frozen. Please place cakes and icing in the kitchen freezer with a note designating them for Lakeshore, no later than August 19. We will deliver them to Lakeshore at the end of the month. Thanks!

Ann Bachman, CPWM President

Congratulations!!

Larry Felder, while delivering Mobile Meals on Friday August 3 likely saved the life of a 99-year-old Blount County woman. Larry found the elderly woman unable to get off the floor where she had fallen. She said she had been there around 1-1/2 hours. Larry remained with her until help arrived and she was taken to the hospital.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstpcp@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

David Summers, Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville
Beddingfield twins, premature birth, Children's Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted 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; Donna 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; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; JoAnn Ford; Howard Eblen; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Edna Fugate; Millie McNeil; Heidi Holton; Fred and Emily Ford; Rose Gauthler; Georgianna Harned; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermoden; Dorothy Parker; John Ramsey and Michael Blazer; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Ruth McNabb; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman.

A special request for prayers for the safe release of the South Korean missionaries being held hostage by the Taliban.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
ROCK CONCERT

August 10th * 7:00 PM * \$2 at the door
Featuring



MY FINAL RESTING PLACE

AMBER'S
ASHES

THE
COAT OF
ARMS

4 AND 20
ELDERS

~HONOR AMONG THIEVES~



We still need help for the concert!!! We need help in with concessions, door and general chaperoning. Please call the office if you can help on Friday night. We do have ear plugs available. This is a very important outreach to youth and young adults. Please help!