

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 22, 2008

BRING TWO CANS THIS SUNDAY!

Every person who attends worship this coming Sunday, October 26, 10:45 a.m. is asked to bring two canned goods for Second Harvest Food Bank. Please search your pantry and bring non-perishable canned items and place them in the boxes provided in the narthex. What a great way to express our thanksgiving to God for the priceless gift of His Son!

SPECIAL GUESTS THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 26, 10:45 a.m. First Church will welcome Boy Scout Kyle Maupin and his family as we recognize his Eagle Scout project at the church. Kyle chose to rebuild the meditation area out front including a new cross, benches, shrubs, rose bushes, and other flowering plants. Following the morning service the congregation will be invited to recess to the front lawn for a brief dedication ceremony. We express our gratitude not only to Kyle but to all the members of Boy Scout Troop 20 who have chosen to beautify the facility and grounds as part of their Eagle Scout projects!

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY—BETTER TOGETHER!

"Reaching Out Together!"

God has never made a person He didn't love. He has never made a person Jesus Christ didn't die for! So He wants every believer to share the Good News with other people. We were made for a mission and that mission is to tell others what God has done for us.

God wants us to tell the Good News standing side by side with other believers, becoming "partners" in sharing and showing His love. There are seven ways to "partner" with each other to reach out:

(1) **P-We pray together.** We make a list of people who don't know Christ and we pray that God will give us the opportunity to share the message!

(2) **A-We appeal to common interests.** Before we can reach people we have to relate to them! We find out what we have in common with them and we start building relationships and sharing our lives with them.

(3) **R-We reach out to people in love.** Our motive must not be guilt or pressure or duty. We do it for three reasons: (1) we have the greatest news in the world to share; (2) we share out of gratitude for the priceless gift God has already given us; (3) we reach out because God's love has filled us and empowered us to love more deeply.

(4) **T-We tell our own story.** We write it out and share it with other believers. Our story is unique and personal and has the potential to reach some people whose lives will be dramatically changed by hearing it!

(5) **N-We nurture friendships.** We build bridges between our hearts and other people's hearts that Jesus Christ can walk across! We participate in parties and get-togethers just as Jesus did, focusing our attention on those who haven't yet come to know Him.

(6) **E-We expect God to act!** We have faith and confidence that God will be at work in people's lives, not because of who we are but because of who He is!

(7) **R-We represent Christ with our lives!** We are the only representatives of God some people will ever see. He has put us in their lives to relate to them and tell them the Good News! The most dangerous prayer we can pray if we want to reach people for Christ is "use us!"

YOU CAN STILL JOIN A "40 DAYS" SMALL GROUP!

You and your family have a wide-open invitation to join any of the small groups listed below. They will meet on the following schedule until the conclusion of "40 Days of Community:"

*Sundays through November 16, 9:30 a.m. The Berean Sunday School class with hosts Steve Summers and Steve Goodrich (room 26).

*Sundays through November 16, 9:30 a.m. The Friendship Class with host Dianne Fielder (room 20).

*Sundays through November 16, 6:00 p.m. The home of Faye O'Neal, 7702 Mills Way, led by Nancy Wood (693-0656).

*Wednesdays through November 19, 6:00 p.m. The home of John and Lindsay Duncan, 8136 Faircrest Lane, led by the Duncans (357-1289).

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

Children and youth of all ages are welcome to attend a final new member class this coming Sunday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The classes are for information only. A commitment to membership is not required. Parents, please talk with your children and youth to determine if they are thinking about a commitment to Christ and His Church. Please call the pastor if you are interested in the class for them (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

All children of First Church and their friends are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m. for Christmas program practice during Children's Church. Amanda Roberts will be directing the practices between now and Sunday, December 14. Everyone is needed, from the youngest to the oldest! This year the program will be presented Sunday evening, December 14 in the gym.

PIONEER CLUBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are having a blast at Pioneer Clubs every Sunday evening, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All children, four years to grade seven are encouraged to join us! Special thanks to Mike and Ann Bachman who provided chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese for supper last Sunday. We need volunteer parents or grandparents to provide meals for the following sessions: this Sunday, October 26, 5:45 p.m. and Sundays, November 2 and 16. The meals are simple and have included pizza, hot dogs, and taco roll-ups. If you can sponsor a meal on one of these dates, please call the church office immediately (588-8581). Thank you in advance for your response!

RENAISSANCE!

"Renaissance" will be in concert this Saturday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Farragut. I encourage you to attend this powerful worship experience and to meet the young men and women who perform to the glory of God. For those of you who've never heard this group from Bethel College, do yourself a favor and go. You'll always be glad you did!

~Pastor Kevin

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26-Stephanie Bridges
26-Paul Seylar
27-Peggy O’Neal
28-Mary Ann Haney
30-Dawn Curtis
30-Lisa Deal



Activities for October 25–November 1, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 19, 2008

Sunday School.....	52
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$4,892.38
Capital Improvements Fund	\$760.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,342.85

Year-to-Date (as of October 19, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$123,617.69
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$20,412.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$199,106.77

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$81,730.55*
*Includes giving toward pledges



PSSST! Did you hear? How can we keep the doors open? Where is the money coming from? What are we going to do?

Well have you heard the whispers? Have you even thought this? Well what are you waiting on?

“Don’t just sit back to see what happens! If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem!” So what are you doing to help grow this portion of God’s Kingdom? Are you supporting it financially? Are you giving your time and talents? Are you actively inviting adults and children to come to church?

Maybe if we all did more, gave more or just do what Jesus has taught us none of the questions above would ever be heard or thought.

Tom Witmer



You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

Please let me know of your events so we can get them on the calendar and publicize them.

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

Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net.



Prayer Concerns



In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer’s); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Edna Ivey (knee replacement); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Dolores Hall (friend of Esther Congdon); Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman’s); the family of Cal Cantrill (Margaret Migas’ father).

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

A Washing Machine Is Not Needed

Joyce Watson has donated a washing machine that she had. Thank you Joyce for your thoughtfulness and gift.

Cumberlander Mailings

We will in the next few weeks be reviewing our Cumberlander mailing list to remove persons who are not attending First Church and are not associated with First Church anymore. Those of you who we remove you may view the Cumberlander from our web site or request to receive it via email. Send us an email at firstcpc@earthlink.net to request to receive by email.

The digital version of the Cumberlander is colorful as opposed to the printed black ink version.

UNHINDERED!

All women of the church and their friends are invited to attend the “Unhindered Encounter,” a women’s event led by author and speaker, Jana Spicka Saturday, November 1, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at West High School auditorium. For more information or to register go to www.janaspicka.com.

Diapers Needed

We need various sizes of diapers for the nursery and for needy families. Please drop them off at the office. Thank you!