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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 11, 2009

Mrs. Flora Mae Keene, 91, a wife to Bill for 65 years and a member of First Church for 64 years, went home to heaven last Saturday, March 7. A service of remembrance and celebration of eternal life was held on Tuesday. Our love and prayers are with Bill, children Debbie and Larry, and all the family. She will be greatly missed but by faith in the resurrected Lord the family reunion is coming!

WHAT A DAY LAST SUNDAY!

Wasn't it wonderful to be part of such a powerful worship experience last Sunday? Bethel College "Renaissance" led us in glorifying and praising God and then we all enjoyed the superb fellowship luncheon afterward!

Thanks to all of you for being such outstanding hosts and hostesses! Our guests were filled with some delicious home cooking and we sent them on their way with a love offering of \$529.00! We look forward to their return visit in the near future.

SEMINARY SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is fortunate to have a seminary like Memphis Theological Seminary for the preparation and training of men and women entering the field of Christian ministry. We are fortunate to have a former president of MTS as our Minister of Visitation and our friend.

Dr. J. David Hester will preach this Sunday, March 15, 10:45 a.m. We will learn more about our Seminary and a free-will offering will be received using the envelopes in the pews. Please make your check to First Church and designate it for "Seminary Sunday."

PIONEER CLUB SUNDAY MARCH 29!

We have just two more Sundays in Pioneer Clubs spring session so all kids, pre-school through middle-school are encouraged to join us March 15 and 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All club leaders are asked to pick up and complete their banners to hand out on Pioneer Club Sunday, March 29 during morning worship, 10:45 a.m.

We are grateful to everyone who has provided excellent meals for us! The remaining schedule is:

March 15--- Valerie Wann

March 22--- Mike and Ann Bachman

IF YOU DON'T JOIN US, OUR DIRECTORY WILL BE INCOMPLETE!

All you have to do to get on the list to have your picture made March 28 or 29 is to call the church office (588-8581). We can help you select the best time---a few slots are still available on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 29 from 12 noon-6:00 p.m. Transportation to and from the church is available by calling 228-0710. Don't let anything stop you from having your picture included in our new directory! We want everyone--- members, friends, attenders, etc.!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, March 18, 11:00 a.m. at Aubrey's, 6005 Brookvale Lane (just off Northshore, 588-1111). Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office (588-8581).

SESSION MEETING

Our regular monthly Session meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. Packets will be available in the narthex this Sunday, March 15.

"FIREPROOF" THE MOVIE COMING TO FIRST CHURCH

"Feed Your Faith" outreach ministry of Knoxville has given us the privilege of being one of several churches in our community to host a screening of the nationally acclaimed movie "Fireproof" Saturday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. We are expecting a large crowd in the sanctuary that night and we are planning to provide nursery and child care for all young adult parents and friends who attend.

In addition we will give away three couples' tickets as door prizes to the "Fireproof Marriage Conference" featuring Kirk Cameron and his wife Chelsea Noble coming to Knoxville Saturday, July 18 at Sevier Heights Baptist Church.

Make your plans to join us for the free screening on April 18 and maybe you and your spouse will win free tickets to the marriage conference! Free child care and fun activities will be available so bring the kids along!

<u>CALLING ALL MEN IN THE CHURCH!</u>
We are planning a "Living Lord's Supper" during Holy Week this year and we need twelve volunteers to portray the disciples. The "Living Lord's Supper" will be part of our Mandy Thursday Candlelight Communion Service, Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. If you would like to participate please call me (228-0710) in the next two weeks.

LENTEN-EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Join us as we remember His sacrifice and celebrate His Resurrection! This year two new services have been added since I am participating in Bearden-Sequoyah United Ministries which includes pastors and churches in our area of Knoxville!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 10:45 A.M. (Palm Sunday)

Choir Cantata, Cross-Nailing Ceremony in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday

"Living Lord's Supper Candlelight Communion"

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 12 NOON

"Good Friday" Worship Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Church,

711 South Northshore Drive featuring

"The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross"

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 11:30 A.M.

"Eggstravaganza Community Easter Egg Hunt" (toddlers-grade 5)

(including hot dog luncheon for children, sponsored by First Church and "Jazzercise")

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 7:00 A.M.

Community Easter Sunrise Service at Veteran's Cemetery Chapel

(corner of Northshore and Lyon's View)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 10:45 A.M.

"Celebration of Life" at First Church including Holy Communion

~Pastor Kevin



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March

15-Sarah Pipkin 18-J. David Hester 18-Bonnie Holbert 19-Allen Gwilliams 19-MariKate Walker 21-Judy Gammon 21-Dianne Pipkin



Activities for March 15-21, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir practice
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Aubrey's
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 8, 2009			
Sunday School	33		
Worship	143		
Offering			
Capital Improvements Fund	\$220.00		
Memorial/Building Fund	\$20.00		
Expenses paid last week			
Year-to-Date (as of March 8, 2009)			
Offerings received to date:	\$31,786.42		
Facility usage fees received to date	\$8,030.00		
Expenses paid to date:	,		

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund......\$103,480.55

... WENDY GOODRICH for being named Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Wendy, we are very proud of you for receiving this award for the third time.

Did you Know?

Who is 21 years old? (for 30 years) Email your answer to the office. The correct answer will be published next week. Submit your "Did You Know?" question and answer to the office for publishing. We would like to make this a regular column. This will be a way of sharing things about ourselves that others may not know.



All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

Prayer Concerns



Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital Caleb Michael Bundon, UT Hospital NICU

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; 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 & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood: Lisa Deal and baby; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks; Doug Bailey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley; Rex Holt; Lisa Teknus; The Cooper Children; Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pioneer Club Ministries; Pam Wisner; Bill Taylor (Becky Rader's brother-in-law); Samantha Caruso (student of Wendy Goodrich) and her mother, Susan Caruso at the death of brother and son, Jimmy Breeden; Dorothy Smith (friend of the Gastons); Sheena Richard~ son Beal; Jody Holl (sister of a co-worker of Leah Witmer); Bob Moore (father of co-worker of Allison Davis); Bill Keene; the family of Flora Mae Summitt Keene.

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

Be The Salt of the Earth for FISH

Thank you for the generous contribution of \$375 to FISH this week. This brings our total to \$1,949.25. We appreciate the contribution from outside the congregation made by Curt and Brenda Hammill. Larry Fielder accompanied me to Second Harvest Food Bank last week. They did not have very much that we could use-we got only 18 cases of food for \$40.88. Our first



bagging session will be on Saturday March 28th at 9:30 a.m. at the pantry site. Don't forget to sign up to help bag on the bulletin board across from the library. Thank you for all your support as we seek to help those in our community in need. May our church be The Salt of the Earth for Fish. Betty Hammill 690-8739

