

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" May 14, 2008

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayer is critical in the life of our church and in our daily life as Christians. The first priority is prayer, no matter how good the motive or vision. If we really want to grow we should pray to the Lord of the harvest! If we really want healing we should pray to the Great Physician! If we can't see a way, we should pray to the God who parts the waters!

This Sunday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. you are invited to join your church family for an evening of prayer and fellowship in the home of Steve and Wendy Goodrich (1409 Bayhill Ridge Lane, 691-4069). There will be food and fun. Wear your casual clothes. We'll be out in the back yard. Please come with your hopes and dreams for the church and the prayer needs of your heart. Together, we'll pray!

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

Last Sunday in honor of the 100th anniversary of Mother's Day in America the following mothers received special recognition:

Mother Whose Been a Mother the Longest and Oldest Mother: Mildred Acuff
Mother with the Most Children/Grandchildren Present: Faye O'Neal
Youngest Mother: Lisa Hayes Mother-to-Be: Julie Rech
Mother Who Can Recite the Longest Poem: Mindy Meece
Mother Who Drives Her Children to the Most Weekly Activities: Donna Walker
Mothers with Graduating College and High School Children: Dianne Pipkin and Bonnie Bridges
Mother Whose Daughter Came the Furthest Distance: Esther Congdon
Mother Whose Served the Longest in the FISH Ministry: Betty Hammill

AN AMAZING FISH STORY

The church celebrated 30 years of ministry through the FISH organization last Sunday. For 29 of those 30 years God has given us Betty Hammill to lead and inspire us to feed the hungry of Knoxville. During those 30 years our church family has provided \$88,635.00 in funding and filled 35,001 bags of groceries. Does that mean we're done with FISH forever? NO! But a new leader will be needed because Betty has officially retired. Is God calling you to get out of the pew and into the FISH ministry?

HOT TOPICS!

This summer will be a hot one and so will the sermon topics on Sunday mornings. This Sunday, May 18 will be the last Sunday you can use the bulletin insert to list a message/messages you've always wanted to hear. If you really want to know what the Bible says about ???? then write it down and include it in the offering plate. Your hot topics so far include:

"What is Heaven Like?" "Revelation and Judgment Day"
"Dealing with Negative, Nasty People" "Church and Israel: Are They Synonymous?" "Gifts of the Spirit"
"Angels" "Moneychangers in Church" "True Christianity in 2008" "The Day Christ Died—What It All Means"

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MAY/JUNE

<i>May 18 Steve McCurry</i>	<i>May 25 Dianne Pipkin</i>	<i>June 1 Steve Summers</i>
<i>June 8 Valerie Wann</i>	<i>June 15 Lois Witmer</i>	<i>June 22 Tom Witmer</i>
<i>June 29 Lee Barron</i>		

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY POSTPONED

The Children's Sunday service and picnic originally scheduled for this Sunday, May 18 has been re-scheduled for Sunday, June 8. Everyone is invited to dress casually and bring picnic-type foods to share.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming to First Church June 22-25, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly for all the families of our church and community. We will be inviting adults, youth, and children to join us. Who do you know on your street, at your school, or in your workplace whom you could bring for a wonderful time of growing and sharing in the Lord's house?

Please show your love for the Lord by volunteering as a VBS helper in the area of your choice. Call Bill Halbert (693-5849) or Wendy Goodrich (691-4069).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet Wednesday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 7206 Kingston Pike (584-7300). Everyone 55 and older is welcome to join us for great food and wonderful fellowship!

LETTER TO THE CHURCH

Dear Reverend Wood: This year has been amazing! Your blessing to my family through your church opening its doors to Thursday Connection has overwhelmed me. I have two children that attend, and I have volunteered in the lunch room several times throughout the year. The facility has definitely met our needs.

Tell everyone in your congregation thank you for allowing God to use your church in blessing so many families. With so many attacks on home schooling this year it is a comfort and joy to know that Cumberland Presbyterian Church is so willing to support us in this practical way.

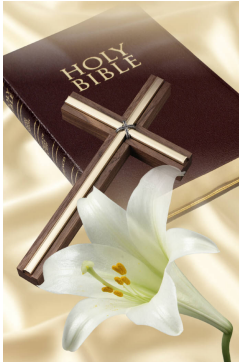
May God bless you in all of your ways throughout the summer and beyond!

--Julie Glandon

We feel blessed and honored to share this facility with all our partners in ministry including Thursday Connection, Jazzercise, MOMS, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Smoky Mountain Harmony, ...

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



May
21-Brian Godwin
22-RuthAnn Self



Activities for May 17-24, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	The Crossing (Youth Group)
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting-Goodrich's
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Olive Garden
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for May 11, 2008

Sunday School.....	45
Worship.....	95
Offering.....	\$2,177.68
Capital Improvements Fund	\$150.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	15.00
Expenses paid last week	\$7,930.38

Year-to-Date (as of May 11, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$65,837.72
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$101,392.57

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$76,889.55*
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*Includes giving toward pledges

Rebate Challenge

There has been a lot in the press about how taxpayers will spend their rebates. My idea is to share the money with our church! We would receive the rebate and we could have a new investment fund or one tenth of the rebate above your usual pledge or offering.

Dianne Fielder

Update!!!

We have received \$120 so far in this Rebate Challenge. Mark your envelope or check "Tax Rebate Challenge".

Directory Changes

Shetterly, Sherrie-----755-8719
1005 Morrell Road, 37919
E-mail:shetterly@knology.net

Congratulations!!!! To...

...Kari Summers for being selected a majorette for Halls High School.
...Kristi Summers who won the title "College Miss Majorette of Tennessee".
...Hailey Davis who made the competitive gymnastics team at Tataru's Gym and will compete as a USAG Level 4 gymnast.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran
Taylor Adkins (friend of Marikate Walker),
St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Curtis McNabb, Park West (Tammy Eblen's father)
James Derreberry, Park West (Maxine Curtis's father)

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor 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; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Judy and Toby Rogers; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder's cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Jerrie Moffet; Pat Booher; Dan Miller; Traci Van De Vate; Lisa Hayes; Kevin Wood: Mister Childs; the family of Mrs. Don G. Etelka Franks; Judy Gwilliams; Jane & Martin Terrin; the family of Jean Bullard; Diane Seffernick (friend of Maxine McGuire); Jane Matthews (friend of Tom Witmer); Molly Deuschle; Ruthanne Henry; Diane Desvaux; Sheila Parker; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter).

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

Thank you for the plaque recognizing my service for FISH The 28 years have seemed to have passed too quickly. Our Church can well be proud of our commitment as evidenced by the \$88,000 contributed to feed 35,000 people during this period. This plaque is actually for all members of the church. The success of the program is dependent upon the entire congregation. I am humbled by this recognition and gesture of appreciation.

Betty Hammill

Vacation Bible School—Rainforest Adventure A Tree Top Bible Blast!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for June 22, 23, 24, and 25. They will need teachers, helpers, kitchen help, set up help, clean up help, prayers and other items not known yet. Please contact CE Chairman, Bill Halbert or any other member of the CE Committee for information.

Injured Jazzercise Women

The office has the home addresses for the three women from the Jazzercise class who were injured Friday May 2nd when a large tree branch fell on them in our parking lot, if you want to send them a card or get well wishes. All are home from the hospital now.