

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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EVER WONDER WHY...?

... You don't feel as close to God as you once did?
... Your attendance at Sunday School and Church has become so hit and miss?
... Your faith is not as 'alive' as you'd like it to be?
... You seldom read the Bible or pray anymore?

Honestly, it's because you are neglecting the most important relationship of all. Your relationship with God takes time, care, and devotion.

I've heard lots of people say, "well, I can always come back to it later."

But the world, the flesh, and Satan may take you further away than you ever intended to go. Examine your life. If you are putting everything else ahead of God, it's happening to you right now!

Today, why not stop and renew your faith in Jesus Christ and your intention to make Him Lord of every area of your life? Why not re-commit yourself to a daily time of prayer and devotion and weekly worship on Sundays?

Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will fall into place as well!" (Matthew 6:33)

NEW CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY!

"OVERCOMING..." with J. David Hester, 9:30 a.m.

...Grief, Pride, Uncertainty, and Prejudice (eight weeks).

(Location: conference room next to the church offices)

"BASIC BIBLE 101—Express Version" with Kevin Wood, 9:30 a.m.

Get the "big picture" of the Bible (twenty weeks).

If you already have a copy of "The Essential Bible Guide" you are encouraged to join us! Extra copies will be available this Sunday (\$10.00 each).

(Location: chapel next to the sanctuary)

This is a new year in Sunday School. By God's grace we now have classes for all ages of children, youth, and adults!

Bring your whole family and grow with us!

SPECIAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

All parents/grandparents and friends of children and youth are invited to a special meeting this Sunday, September 9 immediately following morning worship. Please join us in the chapel for a brief meeting to determine support for a "Pioneer Club" program on Wednesday nights this fall. We can't do it without you. Please let us know how you feel!

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY IT WILL BE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10:45 A. M.

"The Church I've Always Wanted to Belong To!"

featuring special guest

HALLERIN HILTON HILL

and

A FAMILY REUNION WITH FRIENDS FROM K.A.R.M.

(bring your unchurched family and friends

and extra food for the potluck luncheon in the gym after worship)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB SEPTEMBER 19

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. at Bravo's on Bearden Hill. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CRAZY GOLFERS OUTING SEPTEMBER 16

The time is right and the weather is right. Calling all crazy golfers to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Three Ridges Golf Course Sunday, September 16, 2:00 p.m. The cost including cart will be \$31.00 per person. Sign up right away on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

"UNHINDERED"—A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

First Church is very pleased to announce a once-in-a-lifetime conference for women of all ages entitled "Unhindered" led by well-known local author Jana Spicka Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13 in our sanctuary.

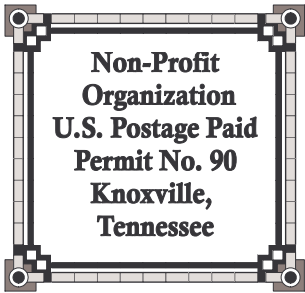
"Unhindered" is a ministry of healing which strips off all the culture's lies about being a woman. Use this time of spiritual retreat to shut out the world and open your heart to hear what God has to say to you!

For a brochure containing information, registration, and conference costs, please call the church office (588-8581). A few scholarships are available. Sign up right away and get your worship CD and conference materials. Registrations may be returned to 4815 Kingston Pike, Suite 145, Knoxville, TN 37919.

ANOTHER BARRIER FALLS!

Thanks to your generosity, we are now handicap accessible at First Church. The new restroom down the main hallway from the sanctuary will be open in the next two weeks and a "power chair" has been donated by the Golliher family for anyone who needs it while inside the facility. Also, special thanks to the Kerr family construction company for a job well done.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



September

5-Julie Rech
8-Sydney O’Neal
8-Jeff Curtis



Activities for September 8 – 15, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 2, 2007

Sunday School.....40
Worship.....84
Offering.....\$4,341.00

Year-to-Date (as of September 2, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$104,168.15
Expenses paid to date: \$173,486.96

Directory Update

Jim and Maxine Curtis, 8405 Mecklenburg Ct., Knoxville, TN 37923. Phone 357-0441. Also, Dawn, Chrissy, Chris, Justin & Patrick.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Have you had a chance to look at the progress on the bathroom conversion to handicap? As I am writing this the finishing touches are being done and I hope that it will be completed by Thursday. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this project. We hope that it will be finished this week and ready for use.

Have you noticed that the emergency lights that have been installed in the building?
Glass that has been cracked in the hallway near the library is being replaced this week. Along with two sliding glass door glass panels that have been fogged up for too many years. Phase #2 of the roof project is almost completed. This phase is the preparing of a construction document for soliciting bids for the replacement roof.
Phase #2 of the HVAC project was approved by Session and will now proceed.

Please do not assume that the office knows all and sees all. We need for you to tell us about meetings and events. So please contact us and let us know. This is your newsletter! 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
Betty Sparks (neighbor of Faye O’Neal) Vanderbilt Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; 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; 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; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Fred and Emily Ford; Rose Gauthler; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermolten; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Helen Kane; Josephine and Albert Davies; and Clifton Limerick; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008.

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

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

Thank You

To our family in Christ,

We would like to thank you for your care and concern while Levi was in the hospital. We know that prayer changes things, so we would like to thank you even more for the ones raised up for Levi.

In His Love,
Darren, Christy & Madilyn Bailey

BRACK'S 60!

SHHHHHHHHHH!!!

IT'S A SURPRISE PARTY!!

FOR:

BRACK EMORY

WHEN:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

TIME:

5-7 PM

WHERE:

IN THE GYMNASIUM

RSVP: PLEASE LET US KNOW TODAY IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING! TELL OR CALL SHEILA (748-6509), AMANDA (382-5344) OR HANNAH (748-6636)

COME HELP US CELEBRATE BRACK'S LIFE!!!!