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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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KEEP PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH!

First Church always needs your prayers and as a new year begins we ask you to help us seek God's direction.

Sometime in January we are anticipating a report from Rev. George Estes recommending possible courses of action. The elders will also be meeting with the East Tennessee Presbyterial Board of Missions to ask for their guidance.

Once we receive their counsel, the elders and I will retreat and prayerfully consider all the options. Then we will meet with you to share the information and add your ideas and suggestions.

The most important thing each of us can do in all of this is to pray that God will show us a clearer vision, then give us faith to believe and power to act. Remember, we are His church and He wants us to fulfill His plan!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, December 31 a congregational meeting will be held at the close of worship for the purpose of electing three new elders. At that time Tom Witmer, Lois Witmer, and Valerie Wann will be placed in nomination. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the person has been contacted ahead of time and agreed to serve if elected.

The election will be secret ballot with the elders counting the votes. All members of First Church are encouraged to vote in the election.

The ordination and installation of new elders will be held on Sunday, January 7 during the morning service.

The church family expresses appreciation to those elders who will rotate off (Bill Halbert and Steve Goodrich). Lois Witmer is eligible for re-election because she was completing an unexpired term.

Please be in prayer for the new elders and the Session as they discern God's direction and lead the church forward.

WORSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 7, 10:45 a.m. will be a special worship service with the theme "Hope, Healing, and Reconciliation." We will also ordain and install three new elders.

Sunday, January 14, 10:45 a.m. we will have as our guest Ginny Weatherstone of Volunteer Ministry Center, an organization which works with the homeless of Knoxville. Ginny has asked us to collect over-the-counter cold medications for the VMC medical clinic. The liquids should be non-alcoholic. They will be dispensed, as needed, by the volunteer nurses at the clinic. We will ask "Jazzercise" to join us for this mission project.

Begin the new year by inviting family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and school mates to join us in worship! God wants us to grow by welcoming and loving new people!!!

BASKETBALL BASICS

Saturday, January 6 begins our 20th annual Basketball Basics ministry at First Church and we need you to coach, welcome, register, and host children and their families. If you will help in any way please contact Steve Summers immediately (922-3999).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Christian Education Committee is looking for individuals and/or families who will lead Children's Church one month at a time beginning in February, 2007. We thank those who have helped so far (Nancy Wood, Bill and Kim Halbert, and Dave and Valerie Wann). If you will volunteer, please call Wendy Goodrich (691-4069).

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

January
3~Lindsey O'Neal
9~Mrs. Stella Holt

Activities for Dec. 31, 2006–Jan 6, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.,	10:30 a.m.	20th Annual Basketball Basics

Stewardship Report for December 24, 2006

Sunday School.....	30
Worship.....	67
Evening Communion.....	97
Offering.....	\$2406.82

Year-to-Date (as of December 24, 2006)

Offerings received to date:	\$127,435.37
Expenses paid to date:	\$232,178.75

Guidelines for End Of Year Giving

Offerings put into the offering plate during the morning worship will be counted as 2006 giving. According to the **Internal Revenue Service**, “for offerings sent through the mail, the postmark date, not the date of the check determines whether the offering counts for 2006 or 2007. To insure that one’s church contributions are tax deductible, 2006 income tax returns should not be filed without a written acknowledgement of the contributions from the church.” The 2006 year end giving statements for this purpose will be issued by the church in January, based on our records by individual.


If you have any questions, please call Dianne Fielder in the church office 588-5851.

WEST CIRCLE will meet at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday January 9, 2007 (week later than our usual meeting date) in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tom Witmer now has a Villanova Black Belt certificate. Ask him what grade he made on the Six Sigma Black Belt course.

Travis Hammill, son of Curt and Brenda, and grandson of Betty and Bill Hammill, recently was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

Recently Home from the Hospital

Polly Pharaoh
Mary Jane Blaylock

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), May Webb, Shelia Franklin, Diane Barker, Rose Gauthler, Vickie Webb, Mary Matthew, Jim Deardorf and Lee Oberlieesen, (friends of Dorothy Porter), Mrs. James F. (Irene) Dunford (friend of Mary Jane Blaylock), Karen Shilling (daughter of the Congdons), and Joanne Bradshaw (aunt of Dianne Fielder).

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

COMING SOON: The **20th Annual Basketball Basics** begins Saturday January 6, 2007. Flyers were distributed in schools before Christmas vacation. If you would like to volunteer for this outreach activity of the church, please contact Steve Summers. People are needed for many tasks, not only instruction of the children. You can work only one Saturday or every week. There are opportunities for record keeping and greeting as well as coaching. There will be more emphasis on hospitality for the parents this year. Let's get to know these folks who come to our church times other than Sunday worship.

CPWM Events

Our Pecan and Bake and Craft sale is complete. We very much appreciate all the support members of the church gave us. All the pecans have been sold.

The items from the Mitten Tree have been taken to CAM for distribution to needy folks in the Appalachian area.

Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to Dianne at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office 588-8581.