

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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IN THE QUIET PLACES!

One afternoon in March, 1912 C. Austin Miles was in the darkroom waiting for some film to develop when he had a profound spiritual experience. He had an incredible vision of Mary Magdalene leaving the empty tomb and walking into a beautiful garden where she met the resurrected Lord. Through the morning mist she heard Him speak in a gentle whisper: "Mary!"

Miles was so moved, it took him only a single day to complete the words and the musical score:

"I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses. And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me and He talks with me; and He tells me I am his own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

When we look back at the highs and lows, the tragedies and triumphs of our lives, we often find what the Bible confirms! God speaks in the stillness, when He has our attention, when the noise and clamor cease, when the strife is over!

Moses sees the spectacle of the burning bush, but he hears the quiet voice of God calling him to take off his shoes and walk on holy ground. When in their calamity the people of Israel turn to everyone and everything but God, Isaiah prophesies: *"The sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel says: only in returning to Me and waiting for Me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength!"* (Isaiah 30:15)

In one day Elijah goes from the champion of the mountain against 450 prophets of Baal to a cave-dweller who spends his time sulking, praying to die. Then God speaks to him in the "still small voice," stands him up and sends him out with new marching orders!

In the silence of the garden, Jesus, in his most human moment, hears and responds to the gentle whisper confirming what He must do. *"Not my will Father, but Your will be done."* (Luke 22:42b)

The Psalmist tells us: *"Be still, and know that I am God!"* (Psalm 46:10) God speaks to us in the quiet places; in solitude His word often comes. For all who will hear and respond, the final word from God is not death, but life. Our response need only be the name above every name: Jesus!

ELDER NOMINATIONS

It is time again for the nomination and election of three new elders on the church Session. Elders are elected by the congregation to serve three year terms. Those rotating off at the end of 2011 are Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis and Kim Halbert. They will form a Nominating Committee to receive your suggestions for the office. Please prayerfully consider the names of those members of the church whom you believe would serve best at this time and pass them on to the Nominating Committee or any elder currently active on Session. The deadline for your suggestions will be this Sunday, September 18.

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. Packets will be available in the narthex this Sunday, September 18. All elders are encouraged to be present.

THE SEASON OF PRAYER CONTINUES

Pray that the Lord will build His Church at 6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive

Pray that God's People will be open to the Spirit

Pray that barriers to church growth will fall

Pray for those facing trials and trouble, addictions and disease

Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world

Pray for the Youth and Children's Ministries of First Church

Pray for the Task Force on a new Contemporary Service

Pray for the growth of our Sunday Morning Worship Service

Pray for the growth of our Sunday School

Pray that America will turn to the Lord

Thank God for prayers already answered!!!

The Season of Prayer will conclude Sunday, October 2,

Worldwide Communion Sunday!

FIRST CHURCH TO HOST PRESBYTERY

First Church will host the fall meeting of East Tennessee Presbytery Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. Pastors and elders from 44 churches will be present to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of the church at large that day. You are encouraged to attend and observe any part or all of the meeting to learn more about how the Cumberland Presbyterian Church works. A catered luncheon will be served. Our delegates will include both pastors and elder Allison Davis. Come and see!

~Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!
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Happy Birthday

September

18- Leah Witmer
22- Lois Witmer
23- Billy Davis



Activities for September 18-24, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 11, 2011

Sunday School.....	44
Worship.....	60
Offering.....	\$2,204.25
Capital Improvements Fund	\$6.00

Lay Ministry Corner

Embracing Change

As I sent my last child off to college this month, I had more than a few moments where I felt paralyzed and overcome, unwilling to accept the inevitable change that would result from this event. I finally had to wake up to the fact that change is part of life though.

If we only look to our rituals and stick with the familiar instead of allowing new things to happen, we cease to grow socially and mature emotionally. No matter our age, we essentially surrender our ability to excel. Our control of our environment cannot be our source of our stability! If it is, our world will inevitably come crumbling down around us. (Matthew 7:24-29).

If we base our security on Jesus though, we have peace no matter the situation! We can embrace change that happens in our lives because we know that all these alterations come with purpose. Without edification there can be no sanctification in our lives. Rest your feet on the Lord and know you are loved and have stability, no matter what comes. Embracing change is not only good, it's necessary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Jeff Golliher qualified for the US Mid-Amateur Championship at the Shadow Hawk Golf Club in Richmond, Texas, September 17-22. Way to go Jeff. Enjoy the trip and hit them straight.

...Kari Summers who was elected "Miss Halls High School" by the senior class.

BABY SHOWER

All the Ladies of the church are invited to a
Baby Shower
honoring

Tara Eblen Shelley

Sunday, September 25

2:00 pm Keene Room

Registered at BabiesRUs and Walmart



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker's husband); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis's); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Reed Davis (Whitney Goodrich's father); Richard Congdon; Marlana Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Nell Souder (Whitney Goodrich's grandmother); David Rech (Justin Rech's father); Rue Dougherty; J.A. Boone and Joyce Boone; Steve GWilliams; Jeff Yates (Phil Bridges nephew).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

COOKIE MIX FOR SALE

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix is \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

Directory Update

We have begun the process of updating our Church Directory. Please fill out the forms located in the Narthex and give turn them into the office. We hope to have a new directory printed by the end of September. Any questions, ask Wendy Goodrich.

FAVORITE HYMN MONTH

The Worship Committee has declared the months of September and October to be "Favorite Hymn Month". There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out and suggest your Favorite Hymn(s).



Rebeccas

will meet Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10:00
for breakfast at Perkins. Join us!

