

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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### **GOD BE WITH YOU!**

For 55 years J. David and Barbara Hester co-pastored across the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with devotion. They loved God and they loved people and they made themselves available as "ambassadors of reconciliation." For 37 years Barbara was a faithful member of First Church and served in every capacity, whether she wore the title or not.

Our love and prayers are with J. David and all the family. Let's continue our race as God's family, "looking ever to Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish."

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 4**

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 4 immediately following morning worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to share plans for financing a new roof and HVAC system. This will also be the beginning of our annual stewardship campaign.

Every member and regular participant who is committed to the ministry of First Church is asked to be present.

### **FALL FUN SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**

This Sunday, October 28 all children of First Church will travel to "Jump-to-It" for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and pizza from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Toddlers through high schoolers are all welcome!

"Jump-to-It" is located at 7610 Maynardville Highway in Halls. Make your plans now and bring lots of friends who don't have a church!

### **LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER**

The children of Darfur are depending on our generosity as we collect the Loaves and Fishes offering until Sunday, November 25. If you didn't get your offering box please pick up one in the narthex this Sunday. 75% of the offering will be distributed by the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions and 25% will go to the Love and Company ministry of First Church. Please give generously!

### **'ELDER ON CALL' DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

October 28: Eugene McCammon

November 18: Valerie Wann

November 4: James O'Neal

November 25: Lois Witmer

November 11: Steve Summers

Each week the "Elder on Call" will assist the pastor in leading worship, visitation of the sick and shut-in, and pastoral care of the church family. Please pray for them in this important ministry!

### **UPWARD BASKETBALL SUNDAYS**

October 28 and November 4 will be "Upward Basketball Sundays" at First Church. Steve Summers, Director, will share information about UP on the 28<sup>th</sup> and "Sign-Up Sunday" will be November 4 for all our children and their friends, K-6.

Every member and friend of the church is asked to do at least two things as we prepare to begin the first season of Upward Basketball:

(1) Become a Prayer Partner for UP and begin praying immediately for everyone involved;

(2) Consider becoming a coach, referee, commissioner, devotional speaker, concession helper, set up and clean up crew; or help provide scholarships for children who will need financial assistance.

The motto of UP is "every child is a winner!" We pray our first year will be a complete success in sharing the love of Jesus Christ with kids and their families.

Start praying now!

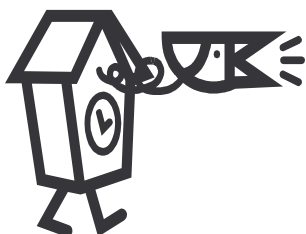
### **SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 14**

The Session will meet a week early on Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. All elders are encouraged to be present.

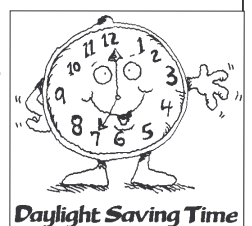
### **THANK YOU!**

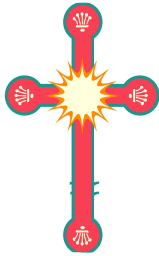
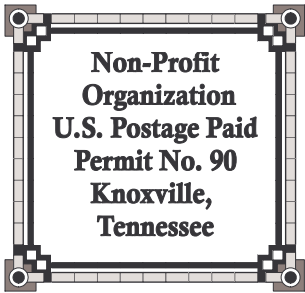
The congregation expresses gratitude to all of you who served the Lord and His Church with dedication during a long and difficult week of ministry last week. The love, hope, and hospitality you shared speak volumes about your faith. God bless you!

~Pastor Kevin



What is the last Saturday in October? It is the last Saturday in October. What is the first Saturday in November? It is the day daylight savings time ends. It is November 4. Mark your calendars. Make yourself a note(s).





# Happy Birthday

October

28-Mary Ann Haney  
30-Lisa Deal



## Activities for October 27–November 3, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Fall Fun Day—Jump-To-It!
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for October 21, 2007

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	73
Offering.....	\$2,324.58
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$0.00
Barbara Hester Memorial/Building Fund...\$770	
Expenses paid last week .....	\$6,554.30

## Year-to-Date (as of October 21, 2007)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$122,613.03
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$207,690.53
Building Fund.....	\$840.00

## Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

We are now soliciting bids for a new roof. The bid opening will be this week. The estimated cost for the new roof to replace the flat roof is \$220,000. Phase #2 of the HVAC project is well under way. We hope to have the proposal in hand by this week with budget numbers. After reviewing it a construction package will be created and submitted to mechanical contractors for bids. We have begun collections for the Capital Improvements and are keeping these funds separate from Operating funds. If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O’Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

We need Cumberlander reporters. Job will be to provide articles of interest, stories of witness and faith, stories of encouragement and love, stories of praise and thanksgiving, all for publishing in the Cumberlander.



## Newsletter Deadline

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

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; JoAnn 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; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charollette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermolen; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Jessie Black; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s father); Lois Witmer; Sabrina Hilton; Eddie Connaster; Marion Biggs; Jimmy Curry; Joey Claber; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; ; Henry Andrell; Mike Blazer; Barbara Leith; Esther Gibson and her daughter Kaela; Elena Zimmerman; Allan Smith; Adrienne Murphy; the family of Barbara Hester.

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

## Sunday School News

The former Bible Discovery Class and Friendship Class have combined and now are named the Bible Fellowship Class. This class is currently studying the Book of Daniel. Adults are invited to join us in this interesting study.

## MENTORING MINISTRY AT K.A.R.M.

Many of you will remember the mother’s plea for Christian men and women to help mentor the boys and girls who live in the apartments at Knox Area Rescue Ministries. If you are interested in helping, you will need to attend a special one-time training session specifically for members of First Church. Please call Steve McCurry now and share your desire to get involved (690-1601).

## Work Day Report

Thanks to our work crew that came out on Saturday. They were: Richard Congdon, Billy Davis, Joe Watson, James O’Neal, Sydney O’Neal, Emma O’Neal, Eli O’Neal and Tom Witmer. Thanks to your hard work!! There is still many things to do. If you have some time, call Tom Witmer and ask what you can do.

## A SUPER Thank You!!

Thank you very much to all of the women and men of the church who so ably provided the luncheon for the Hester Family. Thanks to the Friday morning Jazzercise class and Steve who helped set up the tables. Special thanks to Betty, Faye, Jewell, Jin, Nancy, Mary Ann and Lois.

