

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 2, 2008



### **THANK ALL OF YOU!**

During these last few weeks I have been reminded over and over how near God is. Sometimes we have to endure things. We have to endure frightening words like "cancer." We have to feel pain and suffer sickness. Our world is turned upside down and inside out. Every negative thing and every negative feeling happens and there's nothing we can do. Yet God is there.

How has God been there for me? Through people like you. Through visits and prayers and cards and calls; a word, a gesture, a smile, even a sigh. Life can be rough and uncertain. But I have never been left alone. Every moment a confirmation comes--God is near.

Thank you for your caring and for allowing God to speak through you!

### **NEW HYMNAL UPDATE**

Praise God, we have surpassed our goal of 200 hymnals! (actual total is 214) We will definitely be able to dedicate the new hymnals in July to the glory of God and in memory/honor of those who have worshipped faithfully with us through the years. You still have time to purchase additional hymnals by calling the church office (588-8581). We will need a total of 250 hymnals in all to also place hymnals in the McDonald Chapel and transepts. Thank you for your gifts to the Kingdom!

### **RECOVERING AND RETURNING**

Recovering from major surgery is much slower than I thought! But then again I had never had surgery before! My best guess is I will be back in worship with you by Sunday, July 13! Special thanks to Rev. J. David Hester and all of you who have led services and continued the ministry of First Church! You've done an excellent job!

### **PRAYER GATHERING JULY 13**

Steve and Kim McCurry invite you to their home (9732 Tunbridge Lane) Sunday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. for a "Prayer Gathering" to pray for the Lord's direction and empowerment as we lay claim to the future He has for us. The Bible tells us that "with God, all things are possible." Let's come together and pray about these exciting possibilities! Jesus reminds us that a little faith moves mountains!

### **GO ON MISSION WITH US AT KARM!!!**

For all alumni from last year and for new folks who want to share God's love with some special people, we invite you to join us for our second annual Vacation Bible School at Knox Area Rescue Ministries (K.A.R.M.). The dates are August 4-7 including a trip to Splash Country on Thursday, the 7th. If you are interested in being part of the VBS team, please come to a brief sign-up meeting this Sunday, July 6 in the Keene Room following the morning worship service. If you can't be present for the meeting but want to help, contact Steve and Kim McCurry right away (690-1601).

### **SESSION MEETING IN JULY**

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

~Pastor Kevin

**GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND AMERICA ON THIS  
FOURTH OF JULY.**

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2 Corinthians 3:17

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# Happy Birthday

July

7-Steve Goodrich  
8-Emily Pierce  
12-Jack Gaston



## Activities for July 5-July 12, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(Librarian on duty)  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Tues., 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee  
Wed., 10:00a.m. Bible Olympics  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship&Finance Committee

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for June 29, 2008

Sunday School.....39  
Worship.....77  
Offering.....\$2,986.00  
Capital Improvements Fund .....160.00\*  
Memorial/Building Fund.....15.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$1,768.29

### Year-to-Date (as of June 29, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$79,067.72  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$134,088.02  
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$77,990.55\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

## Tax Rebate Challenge

The total received in our Tax Rebate Challenge is \$960. We thank those who participated in the challenge. This will be the final reporting on the Tax Rebate Challenge.

## Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed

Christian Education Committee is looking specifically for a teacher(s) to teach the 2nd-5th grade class beginning in August. If you would like to teach our children in this age group, please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office. The new Christian Education year will soon be starting. If you have a desire to help with Sunday School in any way. Please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office.

## Committee Meetings this Week

The **Christian Education Committee** meets on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Keene Room.  
The **Stewardship & Finance Committee** meets on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.  
Please make arrangements to attend these meetings if you are on these committee. If you cannot attend please let the Committee Chair or acting Chairperson know. Your participation is needed.



## Prayer Concerns



### In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

### In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of Marikate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Curtis McNabb, Park West (Tammy Eblen's father)  
Marlene Ritchey is recovering in NHC of Farragut

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; 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; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Levi Bailey; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich.

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

## Shoes to fill

We are searching for a person or persons to fill Betty Hammill's shoes as our FISH coordinator. If interested please call the office, Steve McCurry or any other member of the Outreach Committee. Feel free to contact Betty to find out what is involved in this position. Let us continue this ministry to feed the hungry.

## Work Needed

**Fred Johnson** is looking for handyman type work. He paints (inside and out), carpentry, vegetation removal, and can do other handyman work with no heavy lifting. Please call the office if you know of some work.

## Prayer Meeting

We are in need hosts to open their homes to those who will gather and hold our August Prayer Meeting. If you would like to host this meeting, please let the office know. The July Prayer Meeting will be hosted by the Steve and Kim McCurry.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.