

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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INTERIM PASTOR NAMED

The Church Session is pleased to announce that an Interim Pastor has been named. Dr. J. David Hester is a familiar name for us; he teaches the Gleaners' Sunday School Class and has preached from time to time in Pastor Kevin's absence. He has been instrumental in the Friendship Club leadership.

Dr. Hester was pastor of this church from 1970 to 1984. He left us to become President of Memphis Theological Seminary (a position he held for 13 years). He and his late wife Barbara retired from MTS and returned to Knoxville in 1998.

Dr. Hester will assume pastoral duties in mid-September upon Pastor Kevin Woods' departure.

IN MEMORIAM

Saturday, August 4 First Church celebrated in the sanctuary the life and home going of a great friend and sister-in-Christ, Faye O'Neal. God repeatedly blessed our lives in witnessing her faith and her incredible servant-heart. She rests from her labors of love now and leaves on earth an incredibly loving family who will carry on her legacy of faithful service to the Lord. May the peace of God comfort and strengthen us until we meet again!

CHANGE CAN BE PAINFUL, BUT NECESSARY!!!

"Churches often don't see much movement because they don't see much movement!"

"If that sounds radical, consider that God Himself tends to move and speak in different ways, in different ages, through different means. He has progressively revealed Himself through various dispensations and will continue to do so until literally *everything* changes when He makes all things completely new (Revelation 21:5)! Even within the New Testament era in which we live, God has used various churches and leaders quite powerfully to shape the direction of culture, but He tends to use them only for a season.

In his landmark book, The Purpose-Driven Church, Rick Warren speaks about surfing spiritual waves. He points out that it isn't up to us to make the waves, but rather to ride them well.

So, if your church isn't moving, growing, seeing fresh stories of life change, meeting new lost people, entering new missional territories, or raising up new leaders, then something must exert force upon your church to make it move again. Or as Newton's laws of motion might indicate, *something needs to happen to create new momentum*.

One of the classic arguments I've heard from church leaders in the past is "change just for the sake of change isn't good." I disagree. Sometimes change is good for me, even when it has no particular purpose other than to jettison me from my current rut.

Just remember that trying to simply improve things as they are is always in order, but rarely gets a motionless church in motion again. God uses change to infuse new life into dead, lifeless things, including churches.

--- excerpted from "What to Do When Your Church Has Stopped Moving," by Brandon A. Cox, Pastor and Editor of pastors.com

C.A.M. MISSION PROJECT: FINAL REPORT!

The final total of our Vacation Bible School offering was \$268.00! Because of your generosity, six children in three families will receive clothes and school supplies to begin a new school year. Every year C. A. M. (Coalition of Appalachian Ministries) works with five different denominations to minister to poor and needy school children in the thirteen-state area known as Appalachia. Our gratitude to Dianne Fielder, who shopped for the clothes and supplies and to all of you who gave!

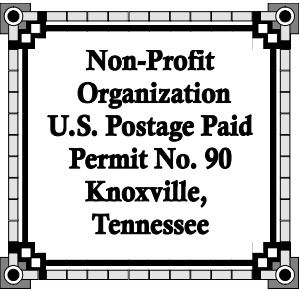


FIRST CHURCH TO HOST WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP!

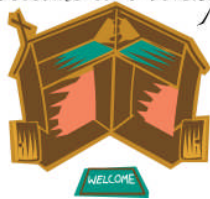
The Committee on Theology and Social Concerns of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will host a two-part "Workshop on Worship" Saturday, August 18 at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Saturday, August 25 at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The times for both workshops will be 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The workshop will focus on sharing the meaning of worship as well as worship ideas from other churches. The workshop is free for anyone who would like to attend. A light snack lunch will be served. Donations will be welcome! Join us!

~Pastor Kevin



Welcome to Worship!



Happy Birthday

August

- 21-Brandon Sprague
- 23-Judy GWilliams
- 23-Tom Witmer
- 25-Danny Eblen



Activities for August 19~25, 2012

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report August 12, 2012

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	75
Offering	\$2,580.15
Capital Improvements Fund	\$105.00



James, Peggy, Sydney, Emma and Elijah O'Neal
7702 Mills Way, 37919
Monuela Rodriguez-Hall
219 Williams Road, Blaine, TN 37709

BEAUTIFUL WHITE KITTENS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Nicholas left for his new home this week, so we have four beautiful white kittens remaining to go home with you! Two boys and two girls (Abner, Newman, Audra and Sophie) await your call (228-0710)!

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, August 19. All elders are encouraged to be present.



Please pray for the smooth transition in the Pastoral leadership of our church as we transition from Pastor Kevin Wood to Interim Pastor Dr. J. David Hester. Pray for the healing of feelings and for God to energize each and every one of us to continue His mission for this church. Pray for the search committee as they begin the task of locating God's chosen pastor for His church.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maixine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Ethel Bankert, (Tom Witmer's mother); Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Judy Gammon. Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.



Thanks to all of those who helped make this year's Charity Sale such a huge success. We netted close to \$3,000 this year. We could not have done this without the leadership of Maxine Curtis. Who took on this project while having to deal with a plateful of family matters. THANK YOU so much Maxine!! God surely energized you when you needed it the most. God provided the workers to set up the sale and to work the sale. He provided us with so many persons who donated their items to us to sale. May God bless all who gave, worked, support and supervised this sale. May God continue to use us to do His will and continue to energize us when we need that extra boost and strength to do what He is calling us to do. Thanks to all and Thanks to God!!