

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 1, 2008

YOUR SUGGESTIONS NEEDED FOR NEW ELDERS

Each year at this time we begin the process of nominating and electing three new elders to serve three-year terms. As a member of the church you are encouraged to pray for the nominating committee as they consider candidates for the office of elder. Elders who will rotate off the Session at the end of 2008 will serve as the nominating committee. They are Lee Barron, James O'Neal, and Steve Summers.

As a member of the church you should feel free to suggest names of other members to the committee or any member of Session you believe would serve the Lord and His church well. They will look forward to hearing from you!

THE CHURCH IS GOING TO LOOK BEAUTIFUL!

The First Church facility and grounds will be undergoing some major renovations and additions in the next few months. Our new hymnals are in and a "Dedication Sunday" is being planned. The Session approved new carpeting for the sanctuary, balcony, and choir area to be installed over the next two months. And out front a new meditation area has already been completed as a special Eagle Scout project of Kyle Maupin, a member of Boy Scout Troop 20.

Last Saturday, the first of several building and grounds workdays was completed by a faithful band of volunteers. Special thanks to everyone who offered their time and hard work to make the Lord's house more beautiful!

PRAYING FOR 40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY

"40 Days of Community" is going to be a wonderful time of spiritual growth! We will begin this coming Sunday, October 5 which also happens to be "Worldwide Communion Sunday."

I challenge you to pray for the Lord to move in a powerful way during "40 Days of Community."

Pray that we will dedicate ourselves to prayer in order to be ready for what God wants to do among us.

Pray that everyone in our congregation will join a "40 Days" small group and that they will experience deeper relationships and changed lives.

Pray that each person in our church family will read What on Earth Are We Here For? daily for 40 days and memorize a Bible verse each week.

Pray that everyone will attend the seven Sunday services and hear the messages of the campaign along with the friends and family they bring with them.

Pray that we will all hunger for spiritual transformation in our families, small groups, and church, as well as a harvest of souls in our community.

Pray that God will show us the special mission projects He wants all of us to be part of during "40 Days."

Pray that every person in our church will live in heartfelt community with other church members and neighbors, that we will cultivate a deeper spirit of harmony, love, respect, and appreciation for each other.

"40 Days of Community" can be a pivotal moment in the life of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Come, Lord Jesus!

HERE'S THE LATEST AT PIONEER CLUBS!!!

We're having a blast at Pioneer Clubs and we even gained some new members last week! Saturday, October 11 we are planning to sing for the CPWM Women's regional meeting before we go to the circus that afternoon!

Bill and Kim Halbert treated us to a picnic supper last Sunday evening! Thanks Bill and Kim! We are still looking for families and individuals to help us with a meal on the following Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m.: October 26, November 2 and 16.

We are grateful for all who have volunteered so far and with continued prayer the Pioneer Clubs can grow into an outstanding ministry for children and youth. If you would like to help please call me anytime (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

First Church will host some new member classes for youth and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) on the following schedule in October.

Youth (grades 6-12) Sundays, October 5 and 12 in the Conference Room

Children (grade 5 and below) Sundays, October 19 and 26 in the Conference Room

The classes are for information only. A commitment to membership is not required. Parents, please talk with your children and youth to determine if they are thinking about a commitment to Christ and His Church. Please call the pastor if you are interested in the classes for them (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

WHO ARE YOU INVITING?

Who are you going to invite to "40 Days of Community" October 5-November 23? Please pray for and develop your own invitation list of guests to bring to church every Sunday, to small group Bible studies during the week, and to get in on some of the big service projects that will be carried out.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10:00 A.M.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry regional gathering here at First Church with ladies from CP churches all over East Tennessee. Join us for worship, fellowship and a noon luncheon in the gym. All ladies of First Church are welcome and encouraged to lend a hand and enjoy the day!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

"Unhindered Encounter" Women's Retreat with Jana Spicka at West High School.

More information available on the website www.janaspicka.com.

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



October

4-Paige Stafford
9-Sarah Grace Paschke
10-Bonnie Bridges
10-Lindsay Duncan
10-Donna Walker
13-Dianne Fielder



Activities for October 4–11, 2008

Sat.,	9:00 a.m.	Work Day
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Committee

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 28, 2008

Sunday School.....	36
Worship.....	86
Offering.....	\$1,280.41
Capital Improvements Fund	60.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	5.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,483.21

Year-to-Date (as of September 28, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$113,069.53
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$182,562.00
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$80,550.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges



Ladybug’s of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

Twice the smiles and
twice the curls.
Justin and Julie are
expecting TWIN baby girls!

Please join us for a “Ladybug” baby shower honoring Julie Rech, Sunday, October 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the Keen Room of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Julie is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target. Please RSVP by October 5th to: Lindsay Duncan at 300-2226 or Lduncan@tanasi.org

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

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; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; 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; Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother, moved to new nursing home facility); Doug Bailey (friend of Witmer’s); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Edna Ivey (knee replacement); Ada Ladd; Amy Pittman (friend of Becky Rader); Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Cal Cantrill (Margaret Migas’ father).

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

Directory Updates

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Thanks, Prayer Warriors

Wow, I am home! I arrived last Thursday, Sept 25. It is certainly good to be back in familiar and comfortable places. Our son, Curt, visited, and with Lan Seylar’s help, transformed a down stairs bedroom and bath into a first rate rehab area. Betty is able to manage my needs with visiting therapist and nurse coming several times a week for the next two months. Thank all of you for your prayers and concern. Thanks especially to Pastor Kevin and Dr. J. David Hester for their visits. I am blessed.

Sincerely, Bill Hammill

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, Oct 7 at 11 am in the Keene Room. We will only have a short business and devotional meeting and no lunch. Hope all can come.

HELP NEEDED....

...For the Presbyterial CPWM to be held at our church on Saturday October 11, I need 10 homemade salads and 5 homemade desserts. If anyone can help, please call Dianne Pipkin.

