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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 16, 2007

WHAT A GREAT MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE!

Mildred Acuff sang "The M-O-T-H-E-R Song" and blessed all who heard her! That was just one part of our great day in the Lord's house last Sunday.

At the close of the service Steve and Kim McCurry were received as our newest members by transfer of letters from Lake Hills Presbyterian and Bridgewater Baptist Churches respectively. We believe God directed Steve and Kim to our fellowship and we trust He will bless us with many years of fellowship and ministry together!

All ladies were recognized during the service with bookmarks, plus the following "special" awards:

Mother Who's Been a Mother the longest: Mildred Acuff.

Mother Who Knows the Words to "The M-O-T-H-E-R Song:" Mildred Acuff.

Mother with the Most Children/Grandchildren Present: Lois Witmer

Youngest Mother: Julie Rech

Oldest Mother: Mildred Acuff

Mothers-to-Be: Allison Davis, Tiffany May

Mother with the Most Colorful Outfit: Judy Gwilliams

Mother Who's Planning a Trip to Las Vegas: Dianne Fielder

Mother with the Most Family Photos in Her Wallet: Betty Hammill.

FAMILY MONTH CONTINUES!

May is "Family Month" at First Church and we are enjoying our celebrations and special Sundays.

This **Sunday, May 20, 10:45 A.M. is "50-Plus Years Members Sunday."** We are planning to honor all those who have been members of First Church since at least 1957. Many of the 35 listed have been members much longer. For those who are able to come we plan to recognize them in worship and then escort them and their families to the head table for our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym after the service.

Please plan now to bring a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share on this great day honoring those who have been so faithful to the Lord and His Church!

Sunday, May 27 is "Bring a Special Friend Day" so you can bring someone to meet the church family who's been a wonderful friend to your family through the years or even a new friend. We will have each one of them stand and they will receive a church coffee mug. On this day we ask that everyone dress informally and wear their "I Love My Church" t-shirt to church!

It's all about "loving God and loving people!"

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS IN MAY

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership during the month of May!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church; or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

The next two Sundays (May 20 and 27) children and youth up to junior high age are invited to meet with the pastor to talk about the Christian faith and church membership. The classes will be held 9:30 a.m. in the conference room next to my office.

These classes are not required for membership but they will help everyone understand the church's vision for ministry and the joys and privileges of being a Christian and a committed member of First Church.

FAMILY VBS!

Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family will be held Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. We are inviting adults, youth, and children from all over the community. Who do you know on your street, at your school, or at work whom you could bring with you to our Family VBS? Use one of our brochures and invite them now to call the church office and sign up!

Adult classes will include Bible study in I Peter with Rev. Bill Ivey and a special series for parents and prospective parents from James Dobson entitled "*Essentials of Discipline: What's OK, What's Not, and What Works.*"

Children and youth will participate in "*Water Works Water Park.*"

The Christian Education Committee needs a few more volunteers for classes, crafts, recreation, refreshments, etc. Please call the church office or sign up using the bulletin insert this Sunday, May 20.

Pre-registration for the "Family VBS" continues every Sunday morning through June 10.

WOULD YOU HOST ONE SUMMER PRAYER MEETING?

We are looking for host homes this summer to host a monthly church-wide prayer meeting on Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. If you feel led to host one of the four meetings this summer, please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

CHURCH CAMPS THIS SUMMER

Along with all our sister churches of East Tennessee Presbytery, First Church is pleased to offer the following church camp experiences this summer:

June 17-22 Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) at Camp Chilhowee

June 24-28 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp John Speer

June 24-29 Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12) at Camp Chilhowee

July 7-12 CPYC (completed grades 9-12) at Centerville, Tennessee

July 8-12 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp Chilhowee

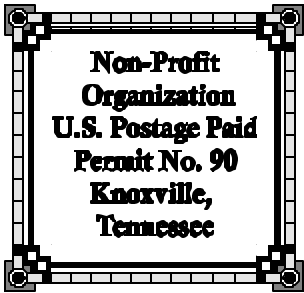
All members and regular attenders are eligible to attend church camps. The church will assist with the cost of fees for the week. For camp registration forms and details, call the church office. Registration deadlines are coming soon!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club outing this month is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. at Louis' Restaurant, 4661 Old Broadway. Everyone 55 and up are invited to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

GOD IS ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS! KEEP ON PRAYING!!!

Pastor Kevin



Join Us For Worship this
Sunday!
And bring a friend!

Happy Birthday



May

19~Robyn Halbert
21~Brian Godwin
22~Ruth Ann Self
27~Danny Goodrich



Activities for May 19- 26, 2007

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca's Circle at Perkin's
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		Librarian Esther Congdon on duty
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 20 Picnic
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Stewardship Report for May 13, 2007

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	91
Offering.....	\$2,925.00

Year-to-Date (as of May 13, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$57,390.88
Expenses paid to date:	\$95,396.78

Join Us For...

Be sure to stay for the fellowship luncheon following the worship service and bring something to share: meat, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert.

HELP KIDS BUILD THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

- *VBS (June 10-13, 6-8:30 p.m. nightly)
- *Bible Olympics, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 5
- *"Kids in Christ," Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 6
- *Sunday School every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Faye O'Neal was in Chapel Hill last weekend to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, Katie Tolliver from the University of North Carolina. Katie received two Bachelor of Arts degrees: majors in Political Science and Sociology. She will be attending Law School at the University of Tennessee this fall.

T-shirts for Sale: two "I Love My Church" shirts are left, one large, one extra large, price \$10 each. Contact Dianne at the church office to purchase one.



Newsletter
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In Convalescence

Pollye Pharaoh at Brakebill
Marlene Ritchey at home

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Donna Wingard and Bob Neal (daughter and son-in-law of Acuffs had surgery this week), Allison Watson, Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Pearl Matthews, Coy Sharp, David and Dorothy Damron, Rose Gauthler, Kay Tip-ton, Carol King, Sue Hunshell, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, Barry Emerton, Jane Matthews, and Kim Fulkerson (4 requests by the Witmers), Dewaine Moncier, Jr. and Mary Lynn Tolar, (2 requests by Dianne Fielder), Joyce Creason and Joyce Creidman (friends of Wendy Goodrich), Caitlyn Stone, granddaughter of Mildred Stone. **Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.**

Praise Report

Dianne Fielder would like to report that the doctors of five-year-old Julia have found a successful treatment and she is much improved. Julia's grandmother LaRue would like to express appreciation for your prayers.

Children's Home Sunday

This Sunday you will find brochures about the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX and special offering envelopes in the bulletins. If you wish to contribute, please make the check to First Church and mark "Children's Home" so we may forward any donations to them.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE RAINGUTTER REGATTA

What is **that**, you say? Cub Scout Pack 20 is having their end of the year picnic on the back lawn Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Afterwards they will race their handcrafted boats in actual gutters. You are invited to come to the event and represent our church.

Baby Cribs Needed

The Building and Grounds Committee is beginning the updating of the nursery and needs cribs and "pack 'n' plays". The baby beds we have now do not meet current safety codes. Please notify Tom Witmer if you have items to donate.

THANK YOU EXPRESSED

This week's improved appearance of our grounds is due to the work by the following men: Danny Eblen, Steve McCurry, Tom Witmer, and Billy Davis. If you would like to help, contact Tom Witmer, as the to-do list of needed tasks is ongoing.