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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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OUR STORIES THIS SUNDAY!

The book, "Our Faith Stories---First Cumberland Presbyterian Church" will be available this Sunday, February 22 in the narthex. Each family is encouraged to take one and use them each day during the season of Lent which begins Wednesday, February 25 (Ash Wednesday).

CAN YOU HELP THIS FAMILY?

A family has some special needs for the home. Good used items or new items are welcome. Check out the list below and see if you can help:

Living Room Furniture

Seven sets of drapes (57"x32")

Bed Linen (full size)

Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Wash Clothes

Two Full Size Bed Spreads

Kitchen Knives

Blankets

Pots & Pans

Toaster

Used Electric Washer & Dryer Mixing Bowls Ladies Winter Coat (Size 8-12)

Please call 588-8581 or 228-0710. Thank you!

"THE TRUTH PROJECT" IS COMING TO FIRST CHURCH!

"What is Truth?"

What does the Bible say about Truth?

Why did Jesus say He came? Read John 18:37.

If you would like to be involved in the most intense study of Truth ever, you can sign up for the small group experience starting this Sunday, February 22. Look for the bulletin insert.

UPWARD BASKETBALL AWARDS NIGHT

God has blessed us with a wonderful season in Upward Basketball but soon it will be coming to an end! Just ask anyone who has been involved and they can tell you stories of children and adults whose lives have been touched and changed!

Sunday, March 1, 5:00 p.m. is Awards Night and I invite all of you to come and see the fruits of this dynamic ministry. A light meal will be served at a cost of \$2.50 each followed by a special guest speaker, an invitation to follow Jesus Christ, and then awards and recognition for all children who played this year. Don't miss this special season-ending program! If you can help prepare the meal, set up chairs and tables, or clean up afterwards, please contact Upward director Steve Summers (548-9698).

PIONEER CLUBS MEALS AND SCHEDULE

We have been blessed by the expressions of love and care by those who prepare meals for our Pioneer Club children. The remaining schedule is:

February 22--- Jane Carroll & Wendy Goodrich March 15--- Valerie Wann

March 8--- Kevin and Nancy Wood March 22--- Mike and Ann Bachman

Pioneer Clubs meets every Sunday evening from 4:00-6:00 p.m. New kids, from pre-school through middle school, are always welcome!

SPECIAL SESSION RETREAT

The annual Session Retreat has been set for this Sunday, February 22 following morning worship. All elders are encouraged to attend. A pizza lunch will be provided in the Keene Room before the retreat begins.

"RENAISSANCE" IS COMING MARCH 8!

Our favorite college choir, "Renaissance," representing Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee, will be leading us in worship Sunday, March 8, 10:45 a.m. We are thrilled to have "Renaissance" include us as one of the stops on their spring tour. Tell everyone you can to reserve the date and come with you. You and they will be blessed right out of your socks! A free-will offering will be taken using donation plates in the narthex following the service.

We will also host one of our patented, home-cooked potluck luncheons on the 8^{th.} So plan now to bring plenty of meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts to share with our hungry college family plus Knoxville-area Bethel College alumni who have been invited to join us for the concert!

It will be a great day of praise and fellowship!!!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING IN MARCH

For the first time in quite a few years First Church will have a new pictorial directory! Lifetouch will take our church family pictures the weekend of March 28 and 29.

We hope everyone can be part of the directory and we will be contacting you soon to schedule an appointment. We want everyone included---no exceptions! Smile!!!

~Pastor Kevin

Be the Salt of the Earth for Fish

Once again our Fish campaign has begun. Our job is to stock the West Knox Fish Pantry with groceries and bread during the month of April. Our bagging sessions will be at the Pantry site on Saturdays March 28, April 4, 11, and 18 at 9:30 a.m. . Here is how you can participate in this endeavor:

- 1-Pray for the campaign.
- 2-Contribute to fund the purchase of the food. Our Goal is \$4,500. We have \$784.25 left from last year and received \$100.00 in contributions last Sunday so we have \$884.25 toward our goal .Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Checks should be made payable to the church marked for FISH.
- 3-We need <u>large-sized PAPER</u> grocery bags. Please leave them in the office.
- 4-We need people to meet at the Fish Pantry on Saturday mornings on the dates listed above to bag groceries. Sign up on the sheet on the Fish Bulletin Board if you can help.
- 5-We need people to help transport groceries on the last week of March and to accompany Betty Hammill weekly to the Second Harvest Food Bank beginning this week.
- 6-We need people to transport cardboard to recycle after each bagging session. One volunteer already has committed for this chore.
- 7- Also, someone has volunteered to take care of the bread.
- If you can do any of these chores contact Betty at 690-8739.

She looks forward to another successful campaign as we strive to relieve hunger in our community and are the Salt of the Earth for Fish.

Thank you. **Betty Hammill**



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February

23-Vester Summitt 23-Becky Rader 26-Tiffany May 27-Al Hall 28-Sam Ware



Activities for February 22-28, 2009

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Session Retreat
4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir practice
4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Upward Basketball Games
	10:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for February	<u>15, 2009</u>	
Sunday School	45	
Worship	89	
Offering		
Capital Improvements Fund		
Memorial/Building Fund		
Expenses paid last week		
Year-to-Date (as of February 15, 2009)		

Year-to-Date (as of February 1	<u>5, 2009)</u>
Offerings received to date:	\$24,549.57
Facility usage fees received to date	\$7,010.00
Expenses paid to date:	\$35,848.04
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund	\$102,970.55



DONUT SALE

The Pioneer Club Kids are having a fund raiser by selling donuts. Krispy Kreme donuts. Can you smell them? UMMMM! Sale started February 8 and lasts until February 22. The cost is \$6 for a box of 12. See one of the kids to buy yours.

All the ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for

Courtney McCurry Sunday, March 1st at 3:00pm Keene Room

Registered at BabiesRUS Colors: Pale pink, brown, pale sage green, cream





Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; 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 & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood: Lisa Deal and baby; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks; Doug Bailey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley; Rex Holt; Lisa Teknus; The Cooper Children; Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Upward Basketball and Pioneer Club Ministries; Pam Wisner; Bill Taylor (Becky Rader's brother-in-law); Samantha Caruso (student of Wendy Goodrich) and her mother, Susan Caruso at the death of brother and son, Jimmy Breeden; Dorothy Smith (friend of the Gastons); Sheena Richardson Beal; Jody Holl (sister of a co-worker of Leah Witmer); Bob Moore (father of co-worker of Allison Davis).

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information), firewood, canning jars (quart or pint).

Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition. Please call the office for information on the above items. If you have good give away items or need an item call the church office and we will add to our list.

Directory Update

Mary Cregger, 1115 Gregory Oaks Lane, 37912

Coalition of Appalachian Ministries

Jewell Kerr, Mary Ann Haney and I delivered the mittens, gloves, scarves and sewing supplies to CAM last week. The ladies there expressed great appreciation for everything and had already identified places where needs would be met.

Faye O'Neal