

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

September 3, 2008

### PROMOTED!

Last Sunday during morning worship we recognized children who have been faithful in Sunday School as they “graduated” from one class to the next. Among them were Gracie Hayes and Riley Wann (3-4 years to 5-6-7 year-old class); Chrissy Curtis and Hunter Witmer (5-6-7 years-Grades 2-5 class) and Emily Pierce (Grades 2-5 –Junior High/Senior High class. Congratulations to one and all. Keep growing in the Lord!

### ‘PRAYER GATHERING’ SEPTEMBER 14

The “Prayer Gathering” for the month of September will be in the home of Kevin and Nancy Wood, 1116 Park Hill Circle, Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all of you there including young adult families who are encouraged to bring their children along for some DVD’s downstairs. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with the rest of us. We will supply the coffee, tea, and sodas.

We will continue to lift up our “40 Days of Community” spiritual growth campaign and a new ministry called “Pioneer Clubs.” In addition you are encouraged to mention names of those who need prayer for healing, direction, encouragement, etc. Hope to see you there!

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

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

Adults Sundays, September 21 and 28 in the Keene Room

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 yourself or your children (588-8581;357-1946;228-0710).

### NEEDED: HOST HOMES AND LEADERS FOR ‘40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY!’

We are looking for 7 small group leaders and 7 host homes for the “40 Days of Community” spiritual growth campaign October 5-November 23. The teaching sessions will be on DVD so all you need to do is be a discussion leader and/or provide a television and a place to sit for a total of six weekly meetings. If you feel God wants you to participate in this way please call the church (588-8581) or Steve Goodrich (691-4069).

### 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.

### PIONEER CLUBS

Are you available to help get a new kids and youth ministry off the ground for all ages, from 2 years to high school? God knows we need it! Will you answer the call? Details of the plan, the leadership, and the resources needed for “Pioneer Clubs” will be shared this Sunday, September 7, 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you love children and want to see them grow spiritually please join us!

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will travel to Lakeside Tavern restaurant Wednesday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. for lunch and fellowship. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to join us. The address is 10911 Concord Park Drive (671-2980). Reservations are expected so please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581).

### REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

### DON’T MISS GOD’S PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE!

#### Purpose #3 “You Were Created to Become Like Christ!”

Our first purpose in life is to respond to God’s love by loving Him back. That’s worship! Our second purpose involves belonging and learning to love God’s family, the Church. That’s fellowship!

Our third purpose is to become like Jesus Christ! That’s discipleship!

God’s plan for us is not personal comfort but character development. The process of discipleship is a lifelong learning process in which God uses certain tools to help us develop the character and values of Christ. Two tools we know well are the Bible and other believers. But He also uses three very unexpected tools: (1) God uses trouble to teach us to trust Him; (2) He uses temptation to teach us to obey Him; and (3) God uses trespasses to teach us to forgive.

If you want to know more, read the Bible and Rick Warren’s book, The Purpose-Driven Life! A few free copies are still available in the narthex.

Discover God’s purposes for your life:

Sunday, September 7 “You Were Shaped for Serving God”

Sunday, September 14 “You Were Made for a Mission”

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



September  
8-Syndey O’Neal  
8-Jeff Curtis  
10-Victoria VanDeVate  
10-Gladys Garrett  
11-Bob McVey  
12-Reba Smith



Activities for September 6–13, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 31, 2008

Sunday School.....39  
Worship.....60  
Offering.....\$3,243.75  
Capital Improvements Fund .....140.00\*  
Memorial/Building Fund.....5.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$2,253.24

Year-to-Date (as of August 31, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$103,475.03  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$161,834.06  
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$79,550.55\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

Thanks Partners

PRAYER WARRIORS, Thanks for all of your continuing prayers for my recovery. I am doing so much better and each day I seem to be able to take one more step using the walker. God is so good! I have said: “The Lord is my Shepherd” through out my life to help me face crisis. I have said this almost non-stop during the last couple of weeks and can assure you all that the part that say, “I am with you”, is correct for I have felt the comfort from the Good Shepherd. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving church. Thank you for all you have done to show my family your love. Thanks for the inspiration given to me by visits from Reverends Wood and Hester, kindergarten class get well cards and the ‘helping hands’ poster from Junior Church. Thanks also for the get well cards, prayers, delicious food, and your continuing concern. I am truly optimistic that my rehab will result in my return home. I will be patient for it would be ungrateful to let us all down. Your acts continue to provide a great inspiration to me. Please save any visits to NHC for later because now I am still adjusting.

Love,  
Bill Hammill



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  
Gordon Blaylock, Ft. Sanders Regional  
Bill Hammill, NHC 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; 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 Witmers); 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.

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

Note on Directory Information

We will be doing a reprint of the Church Directory within the next month. We are asking all of you to please review your information and let the office know of any and all corrections that need to be made. You may call the office, call Esther Congdon or email the office, either way please do this. There are Directory Update forms in the Narthex. See one of the Ushers for a form, complete it and give it back to the Usher or turn in to the office. Please do this in the next week or so. Thanks so much.

PARTY LINE

We will include in the Directory a revised Party Line. Jewell Kerr has been working on it for several weeks and it is almost done. We will issue one before we put in the Directory so we can correct any mistakes or make any needed changes to it.  
Thanks—Jewell

Cumberland Presbyterian Bluegrass Festival

Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host an all-day Bluegrass Festival on the church grounds Saturday, September 27 from 10 am-6 pm. Bethel College Bluegrass band will be among the performers. Admission is free. Bring your lawn chairs. Arts, crafts, food and kids games are available!

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

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.