The Cumberlander

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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GREAT DAY OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!

Last Sunday was truly a great day at First Church!

We praised God for His goodness and grace and took time to honor our 20 new members who joined since January, 2005.

At the close of the service Jeff and Andrea Golliher were received as our newest members and their children, Taylor and John, were added to the roll of baptized children.

The Golliher family transferred their membership from Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Knoxville.

During our potluck luncheon in the gym, Chris Goodrich and Julie Grodrian were given a money tree in honor of their wedding on Saturday, July 21 in Dayton, Ohio.

Sunday evening the church family enjoyed a concert by "Christians In Action," a youth choir from Waverly, Tennessee.

We thank God for a full day of worship and celebration. May we continue to glorify Him for the people and ministry opportunities He is bringing our way!

Special thanks to all of you who went the extra mile in faithfulness and service!

MOMENTUM FOR VBS IS GROWING!

We have expanded our dates for the VBS for homeless children from July 30-August 2. Monday-Wednesday will be VBS from 9:00-11:00 a.m. each day and Thursday we will make a trip to Splash Country Water Park next to Dollywood.

What can you do to help us get ready? (1) If you want to work with us during VBS please join us for a planning meeting this Sunday, July 15, 12:15 p.m. in the conference room outside my office. (2) If you want to make a money gift for personal items for the children or to purchase a child's ticket for Splash Country, please contact Steve and Kim McCurry (690-1601). (3) If you have good used/new toys, books, clothes (ages 5-12, any size), shoes (1-13) or adult backpacks please bring them to the church any Sunday until July 29 and place in the boxes (gym kitchen or narthex).

We can still use a few extra helpers, especially a photographer to come one day or all four. Please continue to pray that God will send us the right resources and the right people to complete this mission. It's all about loving God and loving people!

SUMMER MISSION RALLY!

Would you take time to pray about the following mission possibility this summer?...

...A work trip to Mexico to help build new homes for the poor along with members of sister CP churches in the Knoxville area. Dates are July 20-28. Cost: \$400.00 per person. Deadline to sign up: July 13. Leader: Rev. Alfonzo Marquez, pastor of Mercy Hispanic CP Mission, Lenoir City, TN.

A special Summer Mission Rally for area CP's is planned this Sunday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. at Lenoir City Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Come and meet Rev. Alphonzo Marquez, enjoy worship and fellowship and hear Rev. David Burkett, Laredo, TX pastor whose church housed the mission team from Knoxville last year.

BACK DOOR OPEN GOLF OUTING JULY 29

The fabulous "Back Door Open Golf Tournament" is planned for Ruggles Ferry Golf Course Sunday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. Get out those clubs and join us. If you have friends, please bring them. We are trying for 2-3 foursomes. Both men and women are welcome to join us! The prizes are outrageous—cars, tickets to big events, \$1,000 for a hole-in-one, etc. You get the idea! The cost for the golf tournament with cart will be \$36.00.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB JULY 25

Everyone 55 and up is invited to our monthly Friendship Club outing Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 a.m. at the Chop House, 4870 Harvest Mill Way. Call the church or sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices. Hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY AUGUST 12

The young adults of First Church will lead us in worship Sunday, August 12, 10:45 a.m. Special guest speaker will be Roy Nicaud, longtime friend of Lindsay Duncan. Roy has visited our church on several occasions.

All young adults are encouraged to participate in the service by volunteering to make announcements, lead prayers, do the offering, provide special music, etc.

Please take this opportunity to bring friends who need the Lord and a loving church family. More details later.

BIBLE OLYMPICS AND 'KIC' DATES FOR THE REST OF SUMMER

With so many scheduling conflicts this summer, "Bible Olympics" (grades 1-4) and "Kids in Christ" (grades 5-8) will meet on the following dates:

"BIBLE OLYMPICS" (Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.): July 10, 17, and 24.

"KIDS IN CHRIST" (Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.): July 11, 18, and 25.

~Pastor Kevin









July

14~Carol Long 19~Ashley Windham 19~Steve Ogle 19~Dick Booher 20~Ann Pierce 23~Pat Booher



Activities for July 14-21, 2007

Sun.. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Librarian on duty) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., 10:00 a.m. Bible Olympics

"KIC" Wed.. 10:00 a.m 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Session

Stewardship Report for July 8, 2007

Sunday School	35
Worship	84
Offering	

Year-to-Date (as of July 8 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$80,681.52 Expenses paid to date: \$126,775.70

Sunday School Class Update

The Sunday Class being taught by Rev. Bill Ivey will begin a new study July 15th. The title of the study is "Strong Was Her Faith, Women of the New Testament". Everyone not presently attending Sunday School is invited!

Congratulations!

Margaret Lindsay celebrated her 91st birthday July 9th.



July 2nd was Louse Franks' birthday. Happy ??th Birthday!!! Belatedly. Sorry I missed it. ~ Tom

Condolences

To the family of Lily Watson who passed away July 9th. Lily is the mother of David Watson. Please keep the family and loved ones in your prayers.

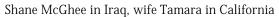
All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

If you would like to receive The Cumberlander via email in PDF format let Tom know.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military



In the Hospital

Bonnie Holbert, Ft. Sanders

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot); Marlene Ritchey; 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; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother); Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); JoAnn Ford; Howard Eblen; William Barron (Lee's Father); Nellie Ramold, Edna Fugate, Millie McNeil, Heidi Holton, Fred and Emily Ford, Rose Gauthler, Georgianna Harned, Charolette and Frank Disney, Dorothy Parker and Michael Blazer (friends of Dorothy Porter); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmers); Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich); Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey, Children's Hospital, nephew of Melissa Luttrell; Dick Booher, recovering from surgery; Ruth McNabb, Tammy Eblen's mother; Lillian Stephens (friend of Jewell Kerr); Elena Zimmerman (recovering from surgery); Neal Denton, Tammie Eblen's cousin's husband.

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

Upcoming Events

Our second Christian Music Concert is scheduled for Friday, **July 13**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. If you want to help staff the concert please let anyone on the Outreach Committee, Steve Summers or the office know. We will need help in the kitchen, door, security and general help. These concerts would appeal to anyone in middle school thru college. Spread the word. This is an opportunity to present Christ to youth and young adults in a media they like and under-

Mark your calendars. **Saturday July 28th** we will host a church wide garage sale. So bring your garage sale items to the church. This will be inclusive of Jazzercise, Thursday Connection, Smoky Mountain Harmony, and Scouts. All items not sold will be given to a charity for their use on July 30th. Call the church office for more details.

New Task

We will be putting together a new and updated phone list and membership roster. We will be doing this in the office using our church management software. In order to do this we will be asking everyone to provide us with updated information to be entered into our system. We will be mailing out a form in next week's Cumberlander for you to fill out and return to us. You may also pick up a form in the Narthex or in the office. Thank you for your help and cooperation!!