

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### **DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?**

Without looking, how does the Bible begin?

How many books are in the Bible and how long did it take to write?

According to the Bible what is life's greatest dilemma?

Name all the "firsts" you find in Genesis.

If you would like to know more, join us in the Basic Bible 101 class this Sunday, September 16, 9:30 a.m.

You'll get the big picture and also learn how to apply God's word to your life. See you in the chapel.

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO OVERCOME!**

Join J. David Hester and friends for life-lessons on "Overcoming," continuing this week in the conference room, 9:30 a.m.

### **THE FIFTY BARRIER IS BROKEN!**

Last Sunday we smashed the 50 barrier in Sunday School for the first time in a long while. 57 were present in five adult and four youth and children's classes.

Catch the excitement of learning and sharing the word in Sunday School! Join us!

### **WHO AND WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE PARTY?**

WHO: Hallerin Hilton Hill, KARM Families, and First Church Family and Friends

WHAT: The Church Gathering You've Always Wanted to Attend

WHEN: Sunday, September 23, 10:45 a.m.

WHERE: The Sanctuary and The Gym

WHY: Because God Intended for It to Happen This Way!!!

Please bring everyone you can and all the food you can—meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

### **NEW YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP**

Our friends Roy and Hannah Nicaud invite all young adults to join them for the beginning of a new small group on Tuesday evenings at the church beginning Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m. Come and hang out. Fellowship, prayer, Bible study, recreation, eating out, movies, special events, are all part of the mix.

For more information give Roy and Hannah a call (414-4162).

### **NEW YOUTH GROUP**

John and Lindsay Duncan are making contact with parents and youth and are planning to start a new junior high/senior high youth group soon. Please pray for this ministry that God will open doors and send kids who need the Lord and His Church.

God bless you John and Lindsay for stepping out in faith and doing the Lord's work!

If you know a youth who needs a great group call them (357-1289).

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. at Bravo's on Bearden Hill.

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### **FORE!**

The crazy golfers and friends will tee it up at Three Ridges Golf Course this Sunday, September 16. The cost including cart will be \$31.00 per person. Sign up or show up, but you must be on time. Tee times start at 2:00 p.m.!

### **"UNHINDERED"—A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

First Church is very pleased to announce a conference for women of all ages entitled "Unhindered" led by well-known local author Jana Spicka Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13 in our sanctuary. We are inviting all sister Cumberland Presbyterian churches to join us as well as women all over Knoxville.

"Unhindered" is a ministry of healing which strips off all the culture's lies about being a woman. Use this time of spiritual retreat to shut out the world and open your heart to hear what God has to say to you!

For a brochure containing information, registration, and conference costs, please call the church office (588-8581). A few scholarships are available. Sign up right away and get your worship CD and conference materials. Registrations may be returned to 4815 Kingston Pike, Suite 145, Knoxville, TN 37919.

### **REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

The Session will meet for our regular monthly meeting Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. Packets will be available this Sunday in the narthex.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



September

- 10-Gladys Garrett
- 10-Pat Hughes
- 10-Victoria Van-DeVate
- 12-Reba Smith
- 14-Eugene McCammon
- 14-Dwight VanDeVate
- 16-Bill Hammill
- 16-Charlie Johnson
- 17-Maxine McGuire
- 22-Lois Witmer



Activities for September 15 – 22, 2007

- Sat., 10:00 a.m. Rebeccas-Perkins Restaurant
  - Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
  - 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
  - Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
  - 7:30 p.m. Session
  - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. Thursday Connection Classes
- (See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 9, 2007

- Sunday School.....57
- Worship.....90
- Offering.....\$3,182.40

Year-to-Date (as of September 9, 2007)

- Offerings received to date: \$107,350.55
- Expenses paid to date: \$184,585.15

Directory Update

Jim and Maxine Curtis, 8405 Mecklenburg Ct., Knoxville, TN 37923. Phone 357-0441. Also, Dawn, Chrissy, Chris, Justin & Patrick.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Have you noticed the refurbished hand rails along the steps from the back parking lot. Thanks to Paul Pipkin, Paul’s father and grandson Josh for installing them this past Saturday. Thanks to Paul’s company Pip’s Iron Works for refurbishing them and making them better than new. Glass that has been cracked in the hallway near the library was replaced this past weekend. The two sliding glass door glass panels will be replaced in about two weeks when the new glass panels come in.

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

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In the Hospital

David Summers, Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville  
Beddingfield twins, premature birth, Children's Hospital  
Betty Sparks (neighbor of Faye O’Neal) Vanderbilt Hospital  
Elena Zimmerman, Park West Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; 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; 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; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; JoAnn Ford; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charollette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermlen; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s father).

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

MOMS

Calling all MOMS. The MOMS Club® of Knoxville-SW, TN has begun meeting at our church on the second Wednesday of the month, starting September 12. They cover those moms living in the zip codes of 37919, 37922 (East of Pellissippi Parkway) and 37923 (South of I-40). The MOMS Club® is a worldwide support group designed just for the at-home mother of today. They are ideal for stay-at-home mothers as well as moms with part-time or alternative work schedules. Deciding to stay home or reduce your work schedule to raise your child/children is an important emotional and financial decision. With all the benefits and joys that come from staying at home, many women miss the friendships and camaraderie of other adults. The MOMS Club® is one solution! By joining you have the opportunity to meet other moms in the same situation and your children will meet, play, and make friends with other kids of similar ages.



The Chancel Choir has begun holding practices again after taking the month of August off to relax and rest. Now is the time for any person who would like to come and join the most serious, straight laced group of singers in Knoxville. I don’t know where that group meets but if you want to come and share fellowship and a deep love of God with a group of people who attempt to sing their best in praise to our Lord, then come on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and join us as we worship God with our voices.