

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 2, 2007

### THIS SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

This coming Sunday, May 6, 10:45 a.m. we will look at the necessity of giving children a firm foundation on which to build their faith. We are the covenant family of God and we must do everything we can to introduce them and lead them toward a life-long, ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ. You need to be present to hear and accept the challenge God has for us. The title will be "For Those Who Love Children," based on Matthew 7:24-27.

### OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to Andy Godwin and Katie McVey who will graduate from the University of Tennessee May 10! We would like to have Andy, Katie and all other graduates join us this coming Sunday, May 6, 10:45 a.m. when we will honor them for their accomplishments with a gift from the church family.

We want to recognize graduates of all kinds including kindergarten, middle school, high school, college, post-graduate, business school, etc. Please call us this week (588-8581) and let us know who we should honor in person this Sunday morning.

Families of all members and regular attenders are included. It's "Graduate Sunday" and we don't want to overlook anyone!

### MAY IS FAMILY MONTH

May is "Family Month" at First Church and we are going to celebrate in some special ways.

Sunday, May 6 is "Graduate Sunday."

Sunday, May 13 is "Mother's Day" and we will honor all ladies and mothers during the morning service. Don't forget to bring your mother as our honoree for the day!

Sunday, May 20 is "50 Year-Plus Members" Sunday. According to our records we have 35 people who have been members 50 years or more with Vester Summitt being a member the longest. He joined the church November 8, 1926!

We will have a potluck luncheon in their honor following the morning service and they will all sit at the head table. Please help us find a way to transport all those who may need a ride! We really want to have everyone present!

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!

May is going to be a great month at First 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).

During this month I will offer pastor's classes for those who want to learn more about church membership. Classes for adults and youth (high-school age) will be held this Sunday and next (May 6 and 13); children's classes (junior-high age and below) will be held the last two Sundays (May 20 and 27). All classes will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 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 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Our annual "Family School of Christian Growth" also known as Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family will be held Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly.

Adult classes will include Bible study 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 lots of volunteers for classes, crafts, recreation, refreshments, etc. Please call the church office or sign up using the bulletin insert.

Pre-registration for the "Family School" a.k.a. VBS for the Whole Family begins Sunday, May 6 and will continue through Sunday morning 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!

### GOD IS ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS!

#### KEEP ON PRAYING...

- (1) ...Daily for church growth.
- (2) ...Daily for a continuing positive witness for the church.
- (3) ...Daily for our "potential congregation!"
- (4) ...About your personal commitment to stewardship and ministry support.
- (5) ...About your personal commitment to change old habits so new people will feel welcome!
- (6) ...About those who are thinking about joining the church and those who are planning for the Family School of Christian Growth, June 10-13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly.
- (7) ...Keep on "Praying Until Something Happens!"

Pastor Kevin

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

# Happy Birthday



May  
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## Activities for May 3- May 12, 2007

Thurs.,	7:00 p.m.	Youth Concert Committee
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service-Graduate Sunday
	6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Gifts Study
Tues.,	10:30 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee

## Stewardship Report for April 29, 2007

Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	77
Offering.....	\$2,095.00
Vera Stewart Memorial. . . . .	\$25.00

### Year-to-Date (as of April 29, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$49,910.88
Expenses paid to date:	\$79,852.79

## FISH FINAL REPORT

Our Fish campaign is over for another year. As usual, it takes a team effort to carry out this annual task. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your tremendous support in helping the hungry of our community.

### This year's Statistics:

Total contributions	\$4,192.00
Total expenditures	\$3,139.24
Amount for Next Year	\$1,052.76
Total Bags Packed	616
Total Bags Used	577
Total People helped	1,298

A written report is on the Fish Bulletin Board with copies for anyone to take. I look forward to going Fishing with you in 2008.

Betty Hammill

## Change in West Circle Meeting Time

West Circle will meet one week later than usual: Tuesday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Keene Room. There will be a short business meeting and a devotion-no lunch this month.



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

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Dick Congdon, 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, Marlene Ritchey, 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 Damron, Rose Gauthier, Kay Tipton, Carol King, Dorothy Damron and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr., Mary Lynn Tolar, Peggy Bradshaw, and 5-yr. old Julia (4 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.**

## Note of Thanks

To our friends in the congregation, We would like to thank you for all the kindnesses shown to our family after the death of Bill's Brother Steve. We appreciate how people stepped up to fulfill our commitments to FUNFEST, Sunday School, and janitorial duties. We received so many cards and expressions of love and we could feel your prayers lifting us up.

Bill, Kim, and Robyn Halbert

## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Faculty and Graduating Class of The University of Tennessee announce that  
*Andrew Thomas Godwin*  
is a candidate for the degree of  
Bachelor of Architecture  
May 10, 2007  
(Andy is the son of Rod and Lisa Godwin)

## Upcoming Events

Celebrate a Marriage  
That's as lasting and bright  
AS GOLD  
The children and grandchildren  
of Bill and Betty Hammill  
Invite you to an afternoon reception  
In celebration of their  
50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2007  
in the Keene Room