

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 15, 2008

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY—BETTER TOGETHER!

"Why We Need Each Other!"

We began last Sunday with a great message from the Scriptures!

God hates loneliness, and He wants us to be together in His forever family, the Church!

Real happiness as God designed it happens in community. We are better together. We need each other if we are ever going to fulfill the five purposes for which He created us. We cannot, we must not do it alone!

Five reasons we need each other:

(1) I need others to *walk* with me on this journey called the Christian walk. It's safer, it's supportive, it's smarter! Community is God's answer to loneliness!

(2) I need others to *work* with me. The "good works" I was created to do is my ministry with the body of Christ. I need others to work with me so I won't get worn out. Community is God's answer to fatigue!

(3) I need others to *watch out* for me. I need people in my life who will love me and watch out for my soul and help keep me growing. I need people who will tell me when I'm going the wrong way into the typical traps set by the devil. Community is God's answer to defeat!

(4) I need others to *wait* and *weep* with me--God's people to be with me in the crises of life. People who will be part of God's safety net for me. Community is God's answer to despair!

(5) I need others to *witness* with me. Have you ever written out your story, your testimony of what God has done for you? If you haven't, you need to during 40 Days of Community! Your best testimony to the world is how much you love other believers! Community is God's answer to fear!

Join us for the remaining messages during 40 Days! Get your devotional book and get in on a small group. It's not too late, we're just getting started. And God will richly bless you if you do!

JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR "40 DAYS"

You and your family have a wide-open invitation to join any of the small group meetings listed below. They are meeting on the following schedule this week:

*Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m., a first meeting at the church in the Keene Room led by Kevin Wood with subsequent meetings in the home of John and Lindsay Duncan, 8136 Faircrest Lane, led by the Duncans (357-1289).

*Sunday, October 19, 9:30 a.m. The Berean Sunday School class with hosts Steve Summers and Steve Goodrich (room 26).

*Sunday, October 19, 9:30 a.m. The Friendship Class with host Dianne Fielder (room 20).

*Sunday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. The home of Faye O'Neal, 7702 Mills Way, led by Nancy Wood (693-0656).

*Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 p.m. The home of John and Lindsay Duncan, 8136 Faircrest Lane, led by the Duncans (357-1289).

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

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

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 them (588-8581;357-1946;228-0710).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The church family is honored to welcome Steven and Maggie Park as our newest members. Steven and Maggie joined the church last Sunday on profession of faith and received baptism. Their children are Joseph and Juliana. Their home is located at 1717 Wilder Place, 37915. God bless you, and welcome home!

WE'RE HEADED OUT TO THE APPLE BARN!

Everyone 55 and older is invited to join the Friendship Club for our annual outing to the Apple Barn in Sevierville Wednesday, October 22. We will gather at the church by 10:00 a.m. and carpool together. Come along with us for some great food and outstanding fellowship! Sign up on the bulletin board this Sunday, October 19 or call the church office (588-8581).

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR COMMITMENT!

In the coming weeks your church will ask you to make commitments of time, talent, and financial resources. It's the time of year when you are called on to stand up and affirm your faith in the Lord and His Church. In an increasingly secular culture where faith in God is ridiculed you have to make the choice that Joshua demanded of the people of Israel:

"Choose this day whom you will serve?" Will it be the Lord or will it be those other gods? Where you spend your time, your money, and your Sunday mornings will reveal your decision! Commitment Sunday will be November 9.

A CARD FROM FRIENDS!

Dear Kevin, Steve, Kim, and all the gang at First Cumberland Presbyterian:

Thank you so much for bringing VBS to us this year and for taking us to Splash Country, Mr. Gatti's, etc. We appreciated your many kindnesses! ---David Lay and the Family of New Life Inn (Knox Area Rescue Ministries)

*The card above included personal notes from all our VBS friends. Please take a look on the bulletin board outside the church offices!

THANK GOD FOR THE PIONEER CLUB KIDS!

Last Saturday the Pioneer Club kids did a wonderful job singing "We Grow!" for the ladies of the CPWM Regional meeting held at First Church! Later many of them and their families attended the Shriner's Circus.

Last Sunday evening we had a great time together followed by pizza, apples, and brownies prepared wonderfully well by Valerie, Olivia, and Riley Wann.

If you have children and grandchildren not in Pioneer Clubs why not bring them this Sunday, October 19, 4:00 p.m. They will thank you all week long! It's a super program for all kids, four years to grade seven!

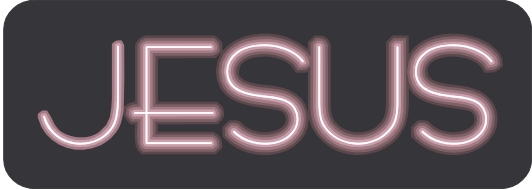
THANK YOU FOR A FIRST CLASS DAY!

Special thanks to Dianne Pipkin, chief chef, and all the ladies of First Church who were superb hostesses for the CPWM regional meeting last Saturday. Congratulations on a job well done!

~Pastor Kevin

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24-Jeff Gollhofer



Activities for October 18-25, 2008

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas Circle—Perkins
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	10:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Apple Barn
	6:30 p.m.	Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 12, 2008

Sunday School.....	52
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$2,580.28
Capital Improvements Fund	210.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$10,063.34

Year-to-Date (as of October 12, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$118,725.31
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$195,763.92
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$80,970.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Fantastic Music

If you have not been in church on Sundays to hear great sermons you are missing some of the best music to be heard in these parts, I am so sorry for you. You need to come and hear the music talent that this church is so blessed to have. Starting with Sam and Karen Ware as our Music Directors and having the with us the vast music talent of Eugene McCammon. We have heard our God speak to us through the voices of Brent Witmer, two weeks ago, Sheila Emory, this past week, and then the awesome trio of Sam and Karen Ware and their daughter Laura Ware Paschke also sang this past Sunday. WHAT is NEXT? Come and listen. Bring a friend!



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

Please let me know of your events so we can get them on the calendar and publicize them. 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.



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

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; 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 Witmer's); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory's sister-in-law); Edna Ivey (knee replacement); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Cal Cantrill (Margaret Migas' father); Dolores Hall (friend of Esther Congdon); Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman's).

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

A Washing Machine Is Needed

We have learned that one of our members has a need of a washing machine. If anyone has a washing machine they would like to donate, please call the church office @ 588-8581.



Church Directory

This is your *last chance* to change, add, delete, subtract, etc. to your information in the Church Directory. The revised directory will go to print next week. So get your information to the office or wait until next printing!!! That's a fact Jack. (Line from Stripes)



Congratulations to...

... Hailey Davis for receiving a Silver Medal on the beam at the Foothills Fall Festival Gymnastics Meet in Maryville Friday night.

