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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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AN INVITATION TO UNITE WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER

Imagine our entire church family committed to praying wherever they are each day for ninety days to enter into God's Presence! Would all our prayers make a tremendous difference in the spiritual, numerical, and financial growth of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tennessee?

We are about to find out! The elders and I invite you to join us for a special season of prayer for the future of First Church beginning Sunday, June 26, 10:45 a.m. On that day we will begin a 90-day prayer emphasis with worship and a potluck fellowship luncheon in the gym. A church wide prayer plan will be revealed and you will be asked to make a commitment to unite with us in earnestly petitioning God for the future of our church.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks! Get ready to find out what the Lord will do when we pray!

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Following our Vacation Bible School June 12-16 First Church will offer several summer programs for children and youth on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. The programs are still in the planning stages and we are looking for adult leaders. If you can help, please contact the pastor (588-8581/228-0710).

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR V.B.S. AND SUMMER CAMPS

For the next two Sundays (May 29 and June 5) First Church will continue pre-registration for both Vacation Bible School and Summer Church Camps in the narthex prior to and following morning worship. Parents and grandparents: we will answer your questions and provide you with the proper forms. Sign your children/grandchildren up for some great adventures in the Christian faith this summer!!!



SUMMER CAMPS

Our presbytery has a complete summer church camping program at Camp Chilhowee and Camp John Speer for children of all ages. The schedule for this summer:

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 5-9 at Camp John Speer, Greeneville.

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 12-16 at Camp Chilhowee, Seymour.

Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) June 19-24 at Camp Chilhowee, Seymour.

Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) July 10-14 at Camp John Speer, Greeneville.

Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12) June 26-July 1 at Camp Chilhowee, Seymour.

The church will pay ½ the cost of all camp fees! No other camping experience will compare! Registration forms are available in the church office. Registration deadline for junior camp is May 30; junior high camp, June 6; senior high camp, June 13. Please turn your completed forms into the church office as soon as possible!

VBS AT FIRST CHURCH JUNE 12-16!

What an exciting time we will have at "SonSurf Beach Bash VBS" this summer at First Church, June 12-16, 5:30-8:30 p.m. nightly! Five nights of fun while we explore the beach and get BIG answers to BIG questions about Jesus? Hey, kids! Start inviting your friends now!!!

The VBS Schedule for the week will look something like this:

5:30-6:15 p.m. Light Supper for Everyone (reservations required; \$3/adult; children 12 and under \$1; Family \$7)

6:15-6:30 p.m. Opening Assembly for Everyone in the Chapel

6:30-7:30 p.m. "Choices in Senior Care" (adults)

6:30-8:15 p.m. Beach Bash VBS (children and youth, nursery available)

8:15-8:30 p.m. Closing Assembly in the Chapel

A special nightly offering will be taken during Vacation Bible School for the hot lunch programs of Colombia, South America. Please give generously to this vital ministry!

Sign up for VBS now!

~ Pastor Kevin

Several people have asked for a ball room dance class taught by Jin and Jack Gaston to be held at the church. If you are interested in taking ball room dance classes please contact Jin or Jack at 573-3754. We are trying to get a feel for how many are interested.



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







30-Scott Roberts

Activities for May 29-June 4, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Mon.. Memorial Day—Office will be closed

Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for May 15, 2011

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SonSurf Beach Bash VBS 2011 June 12-16





Bible Storu: Runaway Returns Home

Jesus tells the story of Prodigal Son so that we know about God's constant love. Luke 15:11-24

The Big Question: How can Jesus help me when I mess up?

The Big Answer: When I open up to Jesus about my sin, He forgives me

and helps me make a fresh start.

Memory Verse: "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him." Daniel 9:9

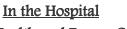
CHARITY SALE FOR RENOVATING HVAC

The time has come for another "garage" Charity Sale. Maxine Curtis is heading this event up with the help of all of our members and facility users. The date has been set for July 15—16 and will be held in the basement. You can contact Maxine by phone 865-357-0441 or email mcurtis103@knology.net; or you can contact the office. Save your sale items and look for additional information on meetings and times.

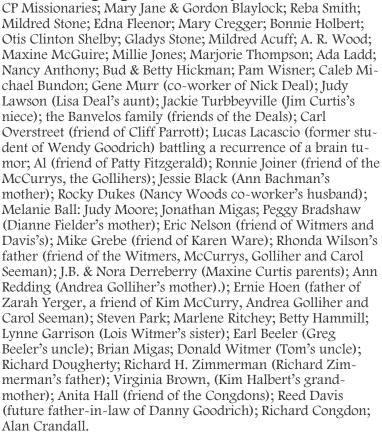
All proceeds will go toward the HVAC renovation. All leftover items will be given to the Hospitality Pantry. Thanking you all in advance for your support and help.



Prayer Concerns



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Choices in Senior Care (<u>www.choicesinseniorcare.com</u>)

On Monday, June 13th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Elder Care University will conduct its second program in a four part series titled, Financing Long Term Care Services. Financing long term care services can be confusing with a large array of options to include Veterans benefits, long term care insurance, and Medicaid. The attendee will develop an increased understanding of the cost of long term care services and options available to pay for them. The program will be led by Steve Jergesen, an independent Financial Consultant who provides investment and insurance options for families, individuals and businesses. He keys on client education, recommending the best product, and following up as life changes occur.

We are now taking items for the Charity Sale. Please contact the office or Maxine Curtis. If you know of anyone moving and wants to give items to the sale, that is a good source of items. We will give out receipts for items given for your tax records. Pitch in and help the reduce what money we need for the HVAC by giving your unwanted items. Thank you.