

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 4, 2006

A GREAT SERVICE LAST SUNDAY!

The Elders of the church did a wonderful job leading us in worship last Sunday. Praise God for Steve Summer's message from the heart and for Eugene McCammon's beautiful music. Special thanks to Steve Goodrich, James O'Neal and Jewell Kerr for their contributions and to all the Elders who served communion on World Communion Sunday.

We thank God for such dedicated, gifted, and Spirit-led leaders. Keep praying for them as they carry the responsibility of doing God's will and serving His people!

REV. GEORGE ESTES IS COMING

The Session has asked Rev. George Estes, Director of Evangelism and Church Growth for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to come and do an evaluation of First Church and explore with us options for continued ministry in our community.

Rev. Estes will be with us the weekend of November 19. To prepare for the evaluation all active members and regular attenders will be asked to complete a survey. The Elders, Pastor, and several others will be invited to participate in brief interviews. A demographic study of our ministry area (3-5 mile radius around the church) will be done. Four to six weeks after the evaluation, Rev. Estes will send us a report with specific suggestions for action. Please be praying for this important step in the process of planning our future ministry.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP THIS THURSDAY

Eric and Katie Gruen invite all young adults (19-35) to join them for the beginning of a new small group Bible study this Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please let Eric know if you need a nursery by calling the church office right away (588-8581).

LET'S PRAY!

You are invited to join us for a church-wide prayer meeting Sunday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. in the home of Faye O'Neal, 7702 Mills Way. Please set aside this evening to pray with us for the future of First Church. The Bible says "the earnest prayer of a believer has great power and wonderful results!" (James 5:16, LB)

A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS!

Sunday, October 22 all youth and young adults of the church are hereby challenged to bring your friends to a special worship service on a special Sunday. We're calling it "Youth/Young Adult Sunday" and the emphasis will be on reaching out to friends who are in junior and senior high school, college, and/or young adults (up to age 30).

Will you take up the challenge, youth and young adults of First Church? Will you pray for and invite all your schoolmates and co-workers to a service especially designed with you in mind with special guests and a potluck luncheon in the gymnasium?

How about the rest of us? Do we know youth and young adult families and friends we can invite? Look for more details about the youth/young adult challenge in the next issue of The Cumberlander!

OUT AT THE BARN!

The Friendship Club will visit the Apple Barn restaurant near Sevierville Tuesday, October 31. Everyone 55 and up are welcome to join us in a "car-a-van" to the restaurant. We will leave from the First Church parking lot by 10:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CRAZY GOLFERS FALL OUTING

Sunday, October 29, 1:30 p.m. all crazy golfers and their friends are invited to join us for a fall golf outing at Whittle Springs Golf Course, 3113 Valley View Drive. The cost to ride and play will be \$25.00 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

BUDGET REQUESTS

The Stewardship and Finance Committee requests that committees (Worship, Christian Education, Outreach, and Building and Grounds) assist them with budget requests for the 2007 church budget. Please meet and get your proposals to them by their next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

WITH APPRECIATION

The entire church family expresses gratitude to Tom Witmer, Dianne Fielder, Lisa Hayes, Billy Davis and others (some who remain anonymous) who have kept the "inner-workings" of the church running smoothly the last couple of weeks. We couldn't do it without you!

~**Pastor Kevin**

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please express your gratitude to Pastor Kevin during this month by sending him a card or note. On October 15th, we plan to recognize him and express our appreciation by presenting him a monetary gift. Please make donations to Betty Hammill on Oct 8.

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Happy Birthday

October

- 10 Bonnie Bridges
- 10 Donna Walker
- 10 Lindsay Hammill Duncan
- 13 Dianne Fielder

NOTE: If you want your birthday acknowledged, please contact the office. Our records are not complete.

Activities for Oct. 15-21

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.,	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study

Stewardship Report for October 1

Sunday School.....	32
Worship.....	60
Offering.....	\$3,184.00

Year-to-Date (as of October 1)

Offerings received to date: \$97,447.81
Expenses paid to date: \$188,088.16

Upcoming CPWM Events

Oct. 14-CPWM Presbytery at Oak Ridge CPC
Oct. 22—Gifts of money and gift certificates for Katie & Eric Gruen. Please bring to the Sunday Service and put them in the Gift Bag in the Narthex. These will be presented to Katie and Eric by Reverend Wood during the Children’s Sermon at the morning Worship Service.
Nov. 19 & 26-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale

INVITATIONS FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Beaver Creek CP Church, Powell, TN, will host the fall meeting of East Tennessee Presbytery Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.
The Mercy Hispanic Fellowship invites all sister CP churches to a night of praise and worship at Young’s Chapel CP Church, Kingston, TN, Sunday October 22, 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring special groups to participate in the service and some finger foods for all to enjoy afterward.

Do You Have????

Do you have or know of anyone who has a recliner or other furniture, that is not needed? Well if you do please call the Church office or Betty Hammill at 690-8739. We know where they can go and have a home and be needed. Thanks.

Prayer Concerns
In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O’Neal’s brother) in Iraq

On-going Health Concerns

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Pollye Pharaoh, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert’s mother), Margaret Lindsay, Ewell J. Reagin, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Mary Jane Blaylock, Frances Healer (Dorothy Porter’s friend), Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother), JoAnn Ford, Alice Montgomery, Howard Eblen, Don Franks, Y. J. Allan, Pat Booher, Alberta Rose (Mildred Acuff’s cousin), William Barron (Lee’s Father), Donna Walker (surgery)

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

News from the Gruens

Back in June, Katie and I took our vacation and went to a Missions conference in Florida. There we met for two weeks with an organization called South America Mission (you can check them out on the web: www.southamericamission.org). We decided there that we wanted to pursue joining this organization and go on a two year mission in the future. Well things have worked a little faster than we expected. They want us to go to Kansas City in April for a year to study Spanish, work with a Hispanic ministry, and to take some Seminary classes. After that we would go to South America for two years to serve as missionaries. We feel like these are doors that God is opening and we are walking through them.

Now, that means that our stay here in Knoxville is coming to a close. We have to raise full support by April and with the baby on the way we know that will be hard. Because of that we are going to Fairfield, Illinois to live there for the next five months to raise our support, since most of our contacts are up there. Our last Sunday here will be Oct. 22nd. We ask for your prayers, for our baby girl who is due on Dec. 25th and for us raising financial support. If you would like to help us out and support us just let me know and I would be happy to talk to you about it. Thank you for your support. And we thank you ahead of time to all of you who will be praying for us and supporting us in the future!
~Eric

Come join the Handbell Choir!!!

The Handbell Choir has begun practice. They practice each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Interested? No experience needed. Come and be a ‘Ding-a-Ling!’ See Sam or Karen.

Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to ThomasWitmer@comcast.net.