

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 13, 2008

40 DAY PRAYER GATHERING THIS SUNDAY!



Please join us this Sunday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. in the home of Mike and Ann Bachman (1701 Dunwoody Drive) for a special "Prayer Gathering" focusing on our upcoming "40 Days of Community" Spiritual Growth Campaign October 5-November 23. There are so many people all around our church who need the Lord and we have a wonderful opportunity to reach them during '40 Days!' For directions please call 694-0097.

PRAISE GOD FOR MIRACLES LAST WEEK AT K.A.R.M.!

Our lives and theirs will never be the same! God really blessed our mission at Knox Area Rescue Ministries last week!!! We had a wonderful VBS and the Splash Country trip was the best yet! The generosity of countless people from Jazzercise and the First Church family was amazing! You will hear the miracle stories when families from K.A.R.M. join us for worship and our potluck luncheon Sunday, August 24. They will be our special guests for a very special Sunday! Please bring extra meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts that day.

PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 24

We will celebrate a new year in Sunday School Sunday, August 24 by promoting children to new classes and installing new teachers and Christian education leaders in the morning service. If you are not presently involved in Sunday School you'll never have a better opportunity to start learning the Word of God and growing in your faith again. Bring your whole family and join us! We've got the perfect class for you!

IN MEMORIAM

The entire city of Knoxville has been moved by the heroic sacrifice of two dedicated members of the Tennessee Valley and Westside Unitarian Universalist churches, Greg McKendry and Linda Kraeger. For the next three Sundays, the Session of First Church will honor them by giving our congregation the opportunity to participate in a memorial offering. Please make checks to First Church and designate them "TVUUC Memorial Fund." We will forward the entire amount to TVUUC at the end of August. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB OUTINGS

The Friendship Club invites all 55 year-olds and up to join them for a fellowship luncheon at TGI-Fridays, 135 N. Northshore Drive, Wednesday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581).

During the month of November the Friendship Club will travel to Cumberland Mountain State Park and the Cumberland County Playhouse for a buffet luncheon and Christmas musical, "White Christmas." Reservations for the buffet, musical, and charter bus are being taken now. Contact Esther Congdon (689-9692) or Rev. Bill Ivey (966-5946).

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present! Packets will be available Sunday, August 17 in the narthex.

THE FIVE PURPOSES

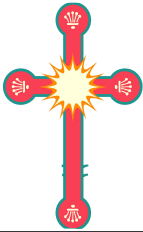
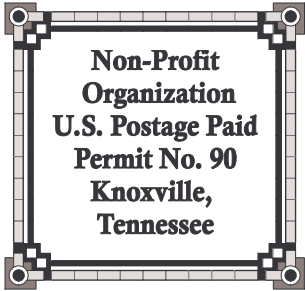
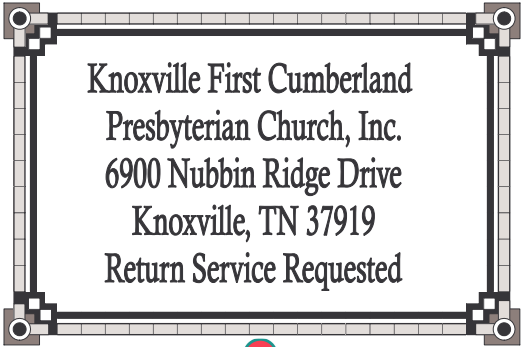
Sunday, August 17	"You Were Planned for God's Pleasure"
Sunday, August 24	"You Were Formed for God's Family"
Sunday, August 31	"You Were Created to Become Like Christ"
Sunday, September 7	"You Were Shaped for Serving God"
Sunday, September 14	"You Were Made for a Mission"

Get to know God's purposes for your life, one a Sunday for the next five Sundays. Read the scriptures and Pastor Rick Warren's book, The Purpose-Driven Life. Free copies are available in the narthex! Ready, set, grow!!!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

First Church will host some new member classes for adults, youth, and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) in September and October. If you are thinking about church membership let me encourage you to attend the classes. We will talk about what it means to make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, the privilege and responsibility of church membership, and the mission, purpose, and direction of First Church.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday

August



21-LuAnn Jarnigan
21-Brandon Sprague
23-Judy Gwilliams
23-Tom Witmer



Activities for August 16–23, 2008

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Reberras Circle—Perkins
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 10, 2008

Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	72
Offering.....	\$2,806.10
Capital Improvements Fund	30.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	00.00
Expenses paid last week	\$10,206.73

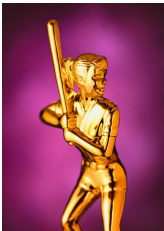
Year-to-Date (as of August 10, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$99,207.77
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$162,442.75
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$78,965.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Congratulations to ...

...**Stephanie Bridges** and her Knoxville Thunder fast-pitch softball team. The team recently won the ASA State Championship in Chattanooga and went on to the ASA Nationals in Midland, TX where they defeated teams from California, Texas, and Maryland and placed 33rd out of 83 of the country's best teams. The team was the first 14 & under Knoxville team to qualify for the Nationals in over a decade and the first team this year from Tennessee to qualify. Their season started in June and concluded with the ASA Nationals in August. Thunder compiled 5 first-place championships out of 7 tournaments this summer and with an impressive 32-9 season.



Needed

We need a full time nursery worker. This person needs to be mature and have a current Infant CPR certification. This position will require being at church each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If you know anyone who would like to work as our Nursery worker, please contact the office, or anyone on the Worship Committee, or the Human Recourses Sub-committee of the Session, or any Session member. **Filling this position is vital to the growth of our church. We need your help!!**

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

Edna Fleenor is recovering in Holston Health, #411
Gordon Blaylock, Ft. Sanders Regional

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; Irene Brooks; 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; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Lou Jackson (by-pass surgery at Park West Hospital); Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother, moved to new nursing home facility).

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

The **Friendship Club** is planning a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse, Crossville, to see the musical **White Christmas**, \$25.00 plus tax. The dates



being considered are Tuesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 13. We will depart the Church at 11:30 A.M., eat lunch at the Cumberland Mountain State Park buffet and see the play at 2:30 P.M. If you would like to go, please see Bill Ivey (966-5946) by August 24.

NOTE on Birthdays

If your birthday or someone you know birthday does not show up in the Birthday list, **guess what?** We most likely do not have it here in the office. So do you know what to do? **CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!!!!!!**

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

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.



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.