

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 6, 2012

HEAVEN IS THE HOME OF DEEP, ETERNAL FRIENDSHIPS!

We talk often of the beauty of heaven, but most of all heaven will be where friendships deepen for eternity! This is the witness of the apostle John in Revelation as God gave him a vision of what is to come:

"I heard a voice from the throne. The voice said, 'Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them and will be their God!'" (Revelation 21:3)

To know the friendship of God and of His Son and the Spirit forever and ever is so much more than just a restoration of a lost Eden. It is the surpassing glory of perfected, uninterrupted fellowship with the Father and all His children.

The First Church family mourns with Gail and Karen and their families the tragic loss of Dick and Esther Congdon in a fatal car accident last Sunday. They were our dear friends and devoted members of the Body of Christ. Not long after they left worship and the faithful completion of their weekly accounting of the church offering they journeyed together with the Lord of life into their heavenly home.

By faith, someday soon we will have the pleasure of their company again, without interruption and without end!

Rest in God's peace, Dick and Esther!

"But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like Him. We will see Him as He really is!" (1 John 3:2b)

ATTENDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will meet June 17-22 in Florence, Alabama. Dr. J. David Hester and Rev. Kevin Wood will attend as minister-delegates. Our guest pastor for Sunday, June 17 will be Rev. Mark Hester, a former staff member and friend of First Church.

Please remember in prayer the General Assembly and Women's Ministry Convention who will be meeting concurrently to make decisions affecting the future of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please also remember and welcome Rev. Mark Hester and family, as he leads worship and brings the morning message!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS

The Presbytery of East Tennessee has a complete summer church camping program at Camp Chilhowee and Camp John Speer for children of all ages. The schedule for the summer of 2012:

Middle School Camp (completed grades 6-8) June 3-7, Camp John Speer, Greeneville

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 10-15, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Middle School Camp (completed grades 6-8) June 17-22, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 24-28, Camp John Speer, Greeneville

High School Camp (completed grades 9-12) June 24-29, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Our denominational Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC, for those who have completed grades 9-12) will be held July 8-13 on the campus of Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee.

The church will pay ½ the cost of all camp fees! Registration forms and complete information will be available in the church office. Please call 588-8581 or 228-0710.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING, JUNE 24-28!

God's Promise: "I am with you!"

God's Promise: "I care about you!"

God's Promise: I give you what you need!"

God's Promise: "I will save you!"

God's Promise: "I will answer you!"

Bring Your Friends and Join Us on Promise Island!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

June

10-Phil Bridges
10-Greg Curtis
13-Marlene Ritchey

Activities for June 10-16, 2012

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

Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for June 3, 2012

Sunday School.....36

Worship.....52

Offering\$3,692.25

Capital Improvements Fund\$105.00

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CHARITY SALE

The dates for our Annual Charity Sale have been set. July 13 and 14. Details of times will be announced later. Please begin to collect your items that you want to donate to the church for us to sell. Left over yard sale items. Moving? Not enough room? Bring your extras here. Estate sale items. No item will be turned away. We will need lots of help, sorting, arranging, pricing, working the sale. Please contact the office if you want to help or call Maxine Curtis. We are also inviting all of our facility users to help in this major event.

C H U R C H
GARAGE SALE

BEAUTIFUL WHITE KITTENS AVAILABLE!

Nancy and I have five beautiful white kittens available for adoption to a loving home! They will already be fixed, litter-trained, tested and treated for fleas and ear mites. A rabies vaccination will be required as soon as they are old enough (three months). Come by and check them out. They are ready to go home with you! Please call for an appointment (228-0710).

JUNE SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Packets will be in the narthex this Sunday, June 10.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHEON

The Friendship Club invites everyone to their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. at The Chop House in Franklin Square, 9700 Kingston Pike (539-9991). Bring a guest and join us!

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Sarah Woodcox, (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood), Park West Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery's niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Faye O'Neal; Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; John Kujawski, (Esther Congdon's nephew—cancer); Steve Kujawski, (Esther Congdon's great nephew-blood clot); Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); the family of Esther and Richard Congdon..

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

Hey Kids!

Don't Miss Our Outstanding VBS June 24-28!!!

Bring Your Friends! Sign Up Soon!

TADPOLE
BAY

Time
to
Grieve

In their short time with us at First Church Esther and Richard Congdon have touched many of us and have done so much behind the curtains work. I will miss them tremendously every day they are not at the church to help me. Tom