

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Last Sunday we received Jim and Maxine Curtis as our newest members on transfer of letters. Jim and Maxine have been part of First Church in the past and it was our honor to welcome them home, along with the five beautiful children they are raising: Dawn, Christina, Patrick, Justin and Christopher Curtis.

May God bless all of us as we grow in our love for Him and for each other!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!

We had a great "Rally Day" Sunday to mark the beginning of a new year in Christian Education. The potluck luncheon following morning worship was wonderful! Thanks to all of you who prepared food and helped set up and clean up, making our time together a real blessing. We are grateful for your kind hospitality!

A SPECIAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23!

I believe September 23, 10:45 a.m. will go down as one of our most memorable at First Church because we have a lot of very special guests coming that day.

First, we will have a reunion with all the kids and families from Knox Area Rescue Ministries who participated in VBS and Splash Country earlier this summer.

Then, we will also welcome Hallerin Hilton Hill, Knoxville's famous radio-host, for the morning message.

Following the service we will all gather for a great potluck in the gym and meet a lot of new friends in the Lord.

What a great time to encourage your unchurched family and friends to join us!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

...SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:30 A.M.

Two new adult Sunday School classes begin: "Overcoming..." with J. David Hester and "Basic Bible 101—Express Version" with Kevin Wood.

Topics for "Overcoming..." include Grief, Pride, Uncertainty, and Prejudice based on both Old and New Testament passages.

"Basic Bible 101—Express Version" is a rapid-fire run through the Old and New Testaments using "The Essential Bible Guide. Get the "big picture" of the entire Bible in just 20 weeks!

Sign up for these classes continues using the Sunday bulletin inserts provided.

THANK GOD FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

The following dedicated people will lead our Sunday School ministries for 2007-2008:

Toddlers: (new class!): Justin and Julie Rech, Dianne Pipkin.

Kindergarten-Grade 1: Lois Witmer, Maxine Curtis.

Grades 2-5: Wendy Goodrich, Jane Carrol.

Junior High/Senior High: Bill Halbert.

Bereans: Steve Summers.

Bible Fellowship: (new name!): Betty Hammill, Gene McCammon.

Young Adults: Donna Walker.

Adult Elective: Bill Ivey.

Volunteers are always needed as assistants. Contact the Christian Education Committee, Nancy Wood, chairperson (357-1946).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB SEPTEMBER 19

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. at Bravo's on Bearden Hill.

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

"UNHINDERED"—A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

First Church is very pleased to announce a once-in-a-lifetime conference for women of all ages entitled "Unhindered" led by well-known local author Jana Spicka Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13 in our sanctuary.

"Unhindered" is a ministry of healing which strips off all the culture's lies about being a woman. Use this time of spiritual retreat to shut out the world and open your heart to hear what God has to say to you!

For a brochure containing information, registration, and conference costs, please call the church office (588-8581). Sign up right away and get your worship CD and conference materials. Registrations may be returned to 4815 Kingston Pike, Suite 145, Knoxville, TN 37919.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



September

5-Julie Rech
8-Sydney O’Neal



Activities for September 1 – 8, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	Labor Day Holiday—Office closed	
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

Stewardship Report for August 26, 2007

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	92
Offering.....	\$3,666.71

Year-to-Date (as of August 26, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$99,827.15
Expenses paid to date:	\$168,126.28

West Circle

Will meet at the church at 1030 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4,2007.
Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Have you had a chance to look at the progress on the bathroom conversion to handicap? As I am writing this the finishing touches are being done. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this project. We hope that it will be finished this week and ready for use.
Have you noticed that the lights in the Sanctuary are not flashing and blinking anymore? We had a contactor installed to by pass the dimmer switches on the fluorescent lights. So now they turn on from a single on / off switch.



Newsletter Deadline

office at 588-8581.
If you would like to receive The Cumberlander via email in PDF format let Tom know.

Please do not assume that the office knows all and sees all. We need for you to tell us about meetings and events. So please contact us and let us know. This is your newsletter!
All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstpcp@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In the Hospital

David Summers, Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville
Beddingfield twins, premature birth, Children's Hospital
Betty Sparks (neighbor of Faye O’Neal) UT Hospital ICU

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Donna Wann; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; JoAnn Ford; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Fred and Emily Ford; Rose Gauthler; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermolten; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman; Otis Clinton Shelby; family of Tish Sparrow; Valerie Wann’s mother; Reba Hauser; Helen Kane; Josephine and Albert Davies; and Clifton Limerick.

A special request for prayers for the safe release of the South Korean missionaries being held hostage by the Taliban.

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



Web Site

Have you looked at our web site lately?
Do you know that there are calendars for the current month and next month? They show all facility uses by all groups using our building and all of our activities.
Do you know that there are links to the web sites of the groups that use our facility?
Do you know that there is a link to our denomination’s web site?
Do you know that each Worship Bulletin and each Cumberlander is there to read? So if you can not find your paper copy to find old information, go to the web site.
Do you know that there are pictures there? Maybe your picture is there.
Comments and contributions to the web site are more than welcome.

Building Use

I had a meeting with most of the groups that use our facility last Wednesday evening. We discussed the use of the building and how to resolve any conflicts in the use of the same areas. We all got to know each other a little better and started a line of communications.
Not only does this apply to the groups but to all of us. If you have a problem or concern about building / room use please let me know. I cannot fix or resolve what I do not know about. Communicate. ~ Tom Witmer