

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 23, 2008

GET READY FOR 40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY!



More than two years ago we engaged in a church growth campaign entitled "40 Days of Purpose." In just a few short months we are going to participate in the follow-up entitled "40 Days of Community!"

This fall, from October 5-November 23 we will take a 7-week journey that is designed to answer the question, "What on earth are WE here for?" Together, our entire church family will expand outwardly on God's five purposes to focus on Jesus' power to change us, our church and our community. This campaign is a great opportunity to serve our community—to make a life-changing impact! Let's show

others our faith in God by what we do!

To receive the full benefit of these 40 life-changing days, you will want to participate in each spiritual emphasis:

- (1) Hear all seven Sunday morning messages;
- (2) Read the 40 daily devotions from the workbook, "What on Earth are WE Here For?"
- (3) Join a 40 Days of Community small group Bible study either through Sunday School or small group meetings in homes. We will have one for you on Sunday or during the week, whatever fits your schedule!

Will you begin praying now that God will do a mighty work during this campaign? Will you and your family participate in this great spiritual journey? Imagine the impact if we deepened the community within our church and served the community around the church! Get ready to be blessed this fall!

A special "Kick-Off Prayer Gathering" for "40 Days of Community" will be held in August in the home of Mike and Ann Bachman with the exact date to be announced soon.

Do you have a heart for your church and want to grow deeper in your walk with God? Would you be willing to lead a small group or offer your home to watch six sessions on DVD with a few friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even other church members? If so, please call Steve Goodrich (691-4069) right away!

OUR VBS AT K.A.R.M.

Plans are coming along well for our second annual VBS at Knox Area Rescue Ministries August 4-7. You can help in several important ways. Volunteer to help us on site from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. each day, OR go with us on the bus to Splash Country all day Thursday the 7th, OR donate money for new school clothes, Splash Country tickets or lunches for homeless children and families. Contact Steve and Kim McCurry (690-1601) or the church office. Please make your checks to First Church and designate for K.A.R.M. VBS. VBS leaders are still needed! Please contact Miriam Seylar, director (693-8237).

Children of the church who want to donate school supplies to be given to the children at K.A.R.M. are invited to bring them the next two Sundays (July 27 or August 3) and place them in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

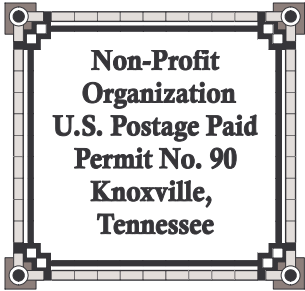
BIBLE OLYMPICS

A wonderful children's ministry has been happening on Wednesdays this summer entitled "Bible Olympics." Children of the church and community (as many as 12-14) have memorized "The Lord's Prayer" and enjoyed recreation and lunch together here at the church. Lindsay Bridges has been the director of this summer program. The church family is thankful for what she has accomplished and we pray God's great blessings on her as she leaves for Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee this fall. A final competition and "graduation" ceremony was held for "Bible Olympics" on Wednesday with parents and children attending. Well done everyone!



*"Love
your Neighbor
as Yourself."*

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



July
28-Tom Walker
30-Margaret Migas
1-Aaron Boggs
1-Connor Davis
2-Hannah Davis



Activities for July 26-August 2, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 20, 2008

Sunday School.....47
Worship.....90
Offering.....\$3,354.00
Capital Improvements Fund255.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....15.00
Expenses paid last week\$5,923.82

Year-to-Date (as of July 20, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$89,143.32
Expenses paid to date:.....\$147,571.12
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$78,830.55*
*Includes giving toward pledges

Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed

Christian Education Committee is looking specifically for a teacher(s) to teach the 2nd-5th grade class beginning in August (NEXT WEEK). If you would like to teach our children in this age group, please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office. The new Christian Education year will soon be starting. If you have a desire to help with Sunday School in any way. Please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office.

Roof Update

The roof has been inspected by the roofing material manufacturer and they have certified and granted a warranty of 20 years. The Building and Grounds committee has accepted the completion of the work on behalf of this congregation and the roofing contractor has been paid in full.

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

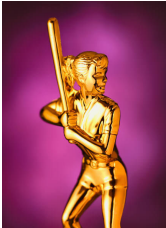
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

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; Gordon Blaylock (gall bladder surgery); the family of Justin May (Jewell Kerr’s son’s nephew).

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

Congratulations...

...to Stephanie Bridges and her Knoxville Thunder 14&under softball team for being the 1st team in Tennessee to qualify for the ASA Nationals in Texas. The team went undefeated in a state-wide tournament in Chattanooga the end of May.



Upcoming Events

...Thursday Conneciton begins classes here on August 14th.
...There will be a Youth version of the Rocky Top League here the end of August.
...Workday coming soon to a church you love.

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 her in the office. So do you know what to do? CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!!!!!!

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.