

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 8, 2008

PLEASE DON'T MISS 40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY!

You just can't miss the best chance you will ever have to grow in your relationship with the Lord and His Church!

"40 Days of Community" is here and the good news is it doesn't really get started until next Sunday, October 12!

Next Sunday you can hear the first message in the series!

Next Sunday you can get your devotional book with 40 daily readings and extra space to write down your thoughts and prayers as God speaks to your heart!

Next Sunday you can choose a small group and get in on the very first meeting (a list of groups, dates, and times is listed below)!

"40 Days of Community" can be a world-shaking moment in your life and the life of your church family!

JOIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SMALL GROUPS FOR '40 DAYS'

You and your family have a wide-open invitation to join any of the small group meetings listed below. They will all be meeting starting this Sunday, October 12.

*Sunday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. The Berean Sunday School class with hosts Steve Summers and Steve Goodrich (room 26).

*Sunday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. The Friendship Class with host Diane Fielder (room 20).

*Sunday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. The home of Faye O'Neal, 7702 Mills Way, led by Nancy Wood (693-0656).

*Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m., a first meeting at the church in the Keene Room led by Kevin Wood with subsequent meetings in the home of John and Lindsay Duncan, 8136 Faircrest Lane, led by the Duncans (357-1289).

If none of these groups are convenient for you, please let me know and we will see if there is interest in adding another small group meeting in someone's home (first two weeks only).

PIONEER CLUBS PERFORMANCE AND CIRCUS TRIP SATURDAY

The Pioneer Clubs will perform for the CPWM regional meeting at First Church this Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. They will do a special song entitled, "We Grow!"

Following the performance they will have a "sack snack" at the church and then travel together to see the Shrine Circus at Thompson Bowling Arena.

Parents, please have your children at the church by 9:45 a.m. and we will rehearse one time in the sanctuary. Also please bring money for food at the circus. The church will provide a snack only.

Special thanks to those who are providing meals for Pioneer Clubs. Faye O'Neal and Jewell Kerr did a great job with taco rollups last week! We still need volunteers for light evening meals on Sundays, October 26, November 2 and 16, 5:45 p.m.

We are grateful for all who have volunteered so far and with continued prayer the Pioneer Clubs can grow into an out-standing ministry for children and youth. If you would like to help please call me anytime (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

First Church will host some new member classes for youth and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) on the following schedule in October.

Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday, October 12 in the Conference Room

Children (grade 5 and below) Sundays, October 19 and 26 in the Conference Room

The classes are for information only. A commitment to membership is not required. Parents, please talk with your children and youth to determine if they are thinking about a commitment to Christ and His Church. Please call the pastor if you are interested in the classes for them (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR COMMITMENT!

In the coming weeks your church will ask you to make commitments of time, talent, and financial resources. It's the time of year when you are called on to stand up and affirm your faith in the Lord and His Church. In an increasingly secular culture where faith in God is ridiculed you have to make the choice that Joshua demanded of the people of Israel:

"Choose this day whom you will serve?" Will it be the Lord or will it be those other gods?

Where you spend your time, your money, and your Sunday mornings will reveal your decision! Commitment Sunday will be November 9.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

It was a pleasure to install our new CPWM officers last Sunday and recognize women's ministry at First Church! Donna Walker was installed as president, Faye O'Neal as secretary, and Dianne Fielder as treasurer and Church Women United representative. Special thanks to Nancy Wood who completed her term as president last Sunday.

The first project of the new year will be to host the CPWM regional meeting this Saturday. All ladies of the church are welcome to join them for worship at 10:00 a.m. and the luncheon in the gym at 12 noon. Please contact Dianne Pipkin if you can help provide salads, desserts, set up or clean up!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

"Unhindered Encounter" Women's Retreat with Jana Spicka at West High School.

More information available on the website www.janaspicka.com.

NEW NURSERY DIRECTOR

The Session has just hired a new nursery director! Mary Ann Watkins, a student at Johnson Bible College, began her duties last Sunday, October 5. She will be available every Sunday during Sunday School and Church from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Please welcome Mary Ann to First Church! And don't forget to let young adult families you know who are looking for a church we have a great nursery every Sunday!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

October

13-Dianne Fielder
17-Devin Sprague



Activities for October 11–18, 2008

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	CPWM Presbyterial Meeting
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Julie Rech Baby Shower
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 5, 2008

Sunday School.....	46
Worship.....	66
Offering.....	\$3,075.50
Capital Improvements Fund	210.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,138.58

Year-to-Date (as of October 5, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$116,145.03
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$185,700.58

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$80,760.55*
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*Includes giving toward pledges



Ladybug’s of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

Twice the smiles and
twice the curls.

Justin and Julie are

expecting TWIN baby girls!

Please join us for a “Ladybug” baby shower honoring Julie Rech, Sunday, October 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the Keen Room of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Julie is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.

Please RSVP to: Lindsay Duncan at 300-2226 or Email at Lduncan@tanasi.org

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



Please let me know of your events so we can get them on the calendar and publicize them.
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.



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

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; 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; Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother, moved to new nursing home facility); Doug Bailey (friend of Witmer’s); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Edna Ivey (knee replacement); Ada Ladd; Amy Pittman (friend of Becky Rader); Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Cal Cantrill (Margaret Migas’ father); Deloris Hall (friend of Esther Congdon).

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

Directory Updates

Nathaniel Hester 206 Daksi Lane, Loudon, TN 37774

Session Corner

Items for the September 16 Session Meeting:

- 1) The Session intends to spend more time in prayer as a body, and to explore new ministries such as Men’s Fellowship and Women’s Bible Study.
- 2) The Session voted to purchase new carpeting for the sanctuary, with the funds to be drawn from a Memorial account, and from the building maintenance loan.
- 3) Suggestions for people to serve as elders for 2009-2011 can be made any current elder, and will be forwarded to the nominating committee.

HELP NEEDED....

...For the Presbyterial CPWM to be held at our church on Saturday October 11. 10 home-made salads and 5 homemade desserts are needed to provide lunch for the delegates. If any-

one can help with the luncheon, set up, cleanup, make a salad or a dessert, please call Dianne Pipkin at 675-2872.

