

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

September 17, 2008

PASTOR'S PROMISE STILL GOOD!

I didn't get to sing last Sunday but I am still available to sing the verses of my favorite hymn as soon as you decide to bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to church on Sunday and the total equals 100 or more present. The hymn I will sing is "Heaven Came Down." The first verse is a great affirmation of faith:

*"O what a wonderful, wonderful day—day I will never forget;
after I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend—He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling, He made all the darkness depart!"*

PIONEER CLUBS CAN BE A GREAT MINISTRY!...

...if you bring all your children, grandchildren, neighbor children, and everybody's children to our new Sunday afternoon ministry beginning this coming Sunday, September 21, 4:00 p.m. Every child needs a spiritual foundation and a growing relationship with the Lord of life. Will you work with us to build those foundations?

Pioneer Clubs is for all ages, from two years to grade 7. We have dedicated leaders and a great curriculum with lots of activities. We are asking that all church families pre-register their children. The cost for the ten week program is \$15.00 per child (maximum of \$50.00 per family) plus a colored t-shirt for the club emblem. For information call me anytime at 588-8581; 357-1946; or 228-0710.

Please arrive by 3:50 p.m. this Sunday in order to register your children. The opening assembly for Pioneer Clubs will be in the assembly hall downstairs next to the youth room. Follow the signs to Pioneer Clubs!

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.) on the following schedule in September and October.

Adults Sundays, September 21 and 28 in the Keene Room

Youth (grades 6-12) Sundays, October 5 and 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 yourself or your children (588-8581; 357-1946; or 228-0710).

NEEDED: HOST HOMES AND LEADERS FOR '40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY!'

We are looking for small group leaders and host homes for the "40 Days of Community" spiritual growth campaign October 5-November 23. The teaching sessions will be on DVD so all you need to do is be a discussion leader and/or provide a television and a place to sit for a total of six weekly meetings. If you feel God wants you to participate in this way please call the church (588-8581) or Steve Goodrich (691-4069).

Currently, two adult Sunday School classes will be doing the small group study at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You have an automatic invitation to join them. Several homes will be available on selected evenings. Please look for a complete listing of places in next week's Cumberland.

WHO ARE YOU INVITING?

Who are you going to invite to "40 Days of Community" October 5-November 23? Please pray for and develop your own invitation list of guests to bring to church every Sunday, to small group Bible studies during the week, and to get in on some of the big service projects that will be carried out.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will travel to Lakeside Tavern restaurant Wednesday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. for lunch and fellowship. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to join us. The address is 10911 Concord Park Drive (671-2980). Reservations are expected so please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581).

DON'T MISS GOD'S PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE!

Purpose #5 "You Were Made for a Mission!"

Life is preparation for eternity! God wants us to live for His purposes on earth and in eternity. First, we are to know and love God. That's worship. Second, we are to learn how to love each other in the family of God. That's fellowship. Third, we are to learn how to become like Christ in character and values. That's discipleship. Fourth, we are to serve God by serving others. That's ministry.

And the fifth of God's purposes is to share the Good News. Our life mission is to tell others the story of what God has done for us through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's evangelism. This is the only one of the five purposes we will complete while still on earth.

Our mission of sharing the Good News begins with those closest to us (family, friends, those whom God will bring into our sphere of influence); then those who are near but different from us (different languages, cultures, races, and socio-economic backgrounds); and finally, we must care what God cares about and reach out to the whole world.

If you want to know more, read the Bible and Rick Warren's book, The Purpose-Driven Life! Free copies are still available in the narthex.

Discover God's purposes for your life:

Sunday, September 21 (conclusion of The Purpose-Driven Life series)

"What Have We Learned?"

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



September

- 22-Lois Witmer
- 23-Billy Davis
- 24-Lea Acuff
- 24-Sheila Boggs
- 25-Hazel Johnson
- 25-Riley Wann
- 25-Brack Emory



Activities for September 20-27, 2008

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| Sun., | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Pioneer Club |
| Wed., | 6:30 p.m. | Choir |

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 14, 2008

Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	77
Offering.....	\$1,726.53
Capital Improvements Fund	10.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	15.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,030.85

Year-to-Date (as of September 14, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$108,919.37
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$175,367.28

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$80,260.55*
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*Includes giving toward pledges

Note—Schedule Change

The Rebeccas Circle will not meet this Saturday. But instead will meet Saturday September 27 at Perkins Restaurant at 10 a.m.



Ladybug’s of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

Twice the smiles and
twice the curls.

Justin and Julie and

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 by October 5th to: Lindsay Duncan at 300-2226 or Lduncan@tanasi.org



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
Gordon Blaylock, Ft. Sanders Regional
Bill Hammill, NHC Farragut

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; 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.

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

Directory Updates

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Cumberland Presbyterian Bluegrass Festival

Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host an all-day Bluegrass Festival on the church grounds Saturday, September 27 from 10 am-6 pm. Bethel College Bluegrass band will be among the performers. Admission is free. Bring your lawn chairs. Arts, crafts, food and kids games are available!

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.