# The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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## The Truth Project

#### GET A 'SNEAK PEAK' DURING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!" (John 8:32)

Some people live their whole lives avoiding, evading, bypassing, and denying the truth. When asked by Pilate, "What is truth?," Jesus answered: "I was born for this purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true!" (John 18:37)

If you are open to discovering the truth, check out the preview of "The Truth Project" coming to Vacation Bible School Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17, 6:00 p.m. each evening. We will get a "sneak peak" of the small group experience planned for September.

#### BETHEL UNIVERSITY SUCCESS PROGRAM COMING TO KNOXVILLE!!!

Bethel University, the fastest growing university in Tennessee, and a Cumberland Presbyterian University as well, will offer its "SUCCESS" online bachelor's degree program in Knoxville and East Tennessee this fall. Working adults can earn their degree in just 14-19 months!

If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the program an informational meeting will be held Thursday, June 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at First Church. We are honored to host the informational meeting for the expansion of Bethel's online degree program which serves Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, McKenzie, Memphis, Nashville, and now Knoxville!

#### THE 'CRAZY GOLFERS' AT HOLSTON HILLS THIS SUNDAY!

The "Crazy Golfers" are all set to play one of the best golf courses in America this Sunday, May 31. We have one opening remaining so if you know of any golfer who would love to play Holston Hills, please call the church office this week—first come, first served!

Please show up at least 20 minutes before the 2:00 p.m. tee time or earlier if you plan to hit practice balls!

#### SPECIAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31

Just like people, churches have special needs from time to time! In the Presbytery of East Tennessee Corntassel Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a vision for growing and serving their community by building a new fellowship hall. The aging church building needs some major repairs and the best solution for the future is to build. This Sunday, May 31 First Church and all churches of the presbytery will take a special offering for the Corntassel CP Church Building fund. The estimated cost of the new fellowship hall is \$100,000, \$16,000 of which has already been raised. If you feel led to participate in encouraging our sister church as they reach out to the growing community around them, please use the offering envelopes in the pew this Sunday. Make your check to First Church and write "Corntassel" on the memo line.

#### **SUMMER CAMPS ARE FANTASTIC!**

The Presbytery of East Tennessee offers some great camps for kids this summer at our Camp Chilhowee—opportunities of a lifetime to grow closer to the Lord and develop some lifelong friendships with kids in other Cumberland Presbyterian churches.

Take a look below and enroll your children/grandchildren this summer!!!

Middle School June 14-19 for kids entering grades 6-8

Cost of the weeklong camp: \$120; deposit of \$60 required; deadline June 1 Director: Amy Brandon, Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Senior Camp June 21-26 for kids entering grades 9-12 Cost: \$120; deposit of \$60 required; deadline June 22

Director: Nick Coker, Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Junior Camp July 5-9 for kids entering grades 3-5 Cost: \$100; deposit of \$50 required; deadline June 8

Director: Nick Coker, Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Camp registration forms are now available in the pastor's office. All registration deadlines are final. All children must have a completed medical form and a copy of a current insurance card before they will be admitted to camp.

I will be happy to transport any and all children from First Church to and from camp. Opening day for each camp is Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m. Closing day for the camps are Thursday (Senior Camp) and Fridays (Middle School and Junior Camp), 10:30 a.m. For more information or directions to the camp, please call me (588-8581;228-0710).

#### SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH!!!

Sign up now for any of these awesome summer activities for children and youth!

#### Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. nightly.

"Crocodile Dock" Vacation Bible School at First Church. "Where fearless kids shine God's light." Swamp Party closing program on Wednesday night!

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.

"Summer Bible Olympics" for grades 1-4. Kids learn "The Beatitudes" while enjoying Olympic-style games of all kinds (10 weeks) Wednesday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.

"Kids in Christ" for grades 5 and above. Youth learn the meaning of discipleship and Christian service through hands-on-experiences (10 weeks)

#### ~Pastor Kevin





## Happy Birthday



May 31-Billy Ford June



1-Jack Missimer 3-Grant Thompson 4-Evelyn Crowell 5-Sam Luttrell 5-Jonathan Migas

#### Activities for May 31-June 6, 2009

Sun., 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 10:00 a.m. Bible Olympics
2:00 p.m. Evelyn Crowell R

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Wed., 10:00 a.m. Kids In Christ 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thur., 5:00 p.m. Bethel University

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

#### Stewardship Report for May 24, 2009

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Sunday School25	
Worship52	
Offering\$1,115.25	
Capital Improvements Fund\$100.00	
Memorial/Building Fund\$0.00	
Expenses paid last week\$4,920.96	
Year-to-Date (as of May 24, 2009)	
Offerings received to date:\$56,878.96	,
Facility usage fees received to date\$9,832.50	
Expenses paid to date: \$103,790.16	

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEEDS YOU

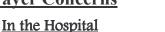
We need volunteers for May 31, June 7 and 14, and July 5, 12, 19 and 26. If you feel called to help with Children's Church, please call the office or Dianne Pipkin or Amanda Roberts. This is an important program.

#### Congratulations to...

...Stephanie Bridges and her Halls High School Lady Devils softball team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in District 3-AAA this season. Stephanie was named to the District 3-AAA All-Tournament Team and received team honors including Rookie of the Year, Most Stolen Bases, and the Golden Glove Award.

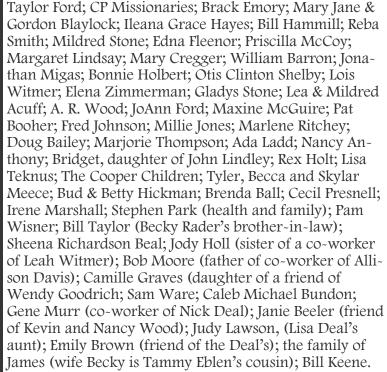


### Prayer Concerns



Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

#### **EVELYN CROWELL WILL BE 101**

Evelyn Crowell will be 101 years young on June 4, 2009. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Ladies of Rebecca and West Circles will host a reception at Evelyn's home at 7335 Manderly Way, 37909 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday June 2, 2009. All members of the congregation and friends are invited to visit during these hours to wish Evelyn a Happy Birthday. Light refreshments will be served. No gifts please but greeting cards are welcome. For more information contact Faye O'Neal at 693-0656 or Betty Hammill at 690-8739.

#### **Directory Update**

Mary Cregger—new address is 3512 Acorn Woods Way, Knoxville, TN 37918. Her phone number is still 865-688-3989.



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.

Got News??? Send it to me so we all will know your news.

