

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

May 30, 2007

### WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!

What a privilege to welcome four new members to First Church!

Last Sunday Dick and Esther Congdon and Jack and Jeanine Walker answered the questions of commitment to Christ and His Church and were received by transfer of letters from the Church of the Nazarene (Venice, Florida) and Grassy Valley Baptist Church respectively.

We thank God for their faith and their desire to join us as we worship and serve the Lord together!

### OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS...

...are with Flora Mae Keene and family in the death of her sister, Helen Summitt Dalyon, who went home to heaven on Sunday, May 27. Services were held Tuesday at Kiker's Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

### 99 YEARS-YOUNG!

Happy birthday to Evelyn Crowell, a longtime member of First Church, who will be 99 years-young June 4. The church family is encouraged to celebrate with Evelyn by sending cards to 7335 Manderly Way, 37909.

### OOPS. WE FORGOT ALICE!

Alice Montgomery has been a member of the church since she made her profession of faith at age 13 in 1939. We regret omitting her name from the list of 50+year members. We're so glad you're a part of us, Alice!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

This Sunday, June 3 the children of First Church will join the pastor in leading worship on "Children's Sunday." They will light the candles, make announcements, take up the offering, read scripture, provide special music, do the sharing time, and other elements for the morning service. Please pray for them as they prepare to lead us!

### COMING IN JUNE!

June 3, 10:45 a.m.: Children's Sunday.

June 10, 6:00 p.m.: Family VBS begins.

June 17, 10:45 a.m. Father's Day with a special guest dad preaching (announcement will be made in next week's Cumberlander).

All men and fathers will be honored during the service including the following: youngest and oldest fathers present, father with the most outdoor sporting equipment, fathers-to-be, father with the most Oregon quarters in their pockets, father with the most children present, father who can hit a golf ball the farthest, and two other secret awards.

### HONORING NEW MEMBERS

First Church will honor our new members on Sunday, July 8. They will receive special recognition during the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service and will be guests of honor at a potluck luncheon in the gym afterward. We will have a special head table just for those who have joined us since January, 2005!

The church family is encouraged to bring all those great meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share on July 8!

### YOU CAN JOIN THE FAMILY ANYTIME!

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church; or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

If you and your family would like to talk with the pastor about church membership, please contact me. My phone numbers are 588-8581 (church), 357-1946 (home), or 228-0710 (cell).

### FAMILY VBS IS CLOSE!

Vacation Bible School for the Whole Family will be held Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. We are inviting adults, youth, and children from all over the community. Who do you know on your street, at your school, or in your workplace whom you could bring with you to our Family VBS? Use one of our brochures and invite them now to call the church office and sign up!

Adult classes will include Bible study in I Peter with Rev. Bill Ivey and a special series for parents and prospective parents from James Dobson entitled "*Essentials of Discipline: What's OK, What's Not, and What Works.*" Children and youth will participate in "Water Works Water Park."

If you and your family plan to attend and bring friends please pre-register on Sunday mornings using the cards in the narthex. We need to know how many we should expect for each class and activity. Thank you for your cooperation! Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee and all who have volunteered to make our Family VBS successful!

### FINAL CALL FOR CHURCH CAMPS!

Along with all our sister churches of East Tennessee Presbytery, First Church is pleased to offer the following church camp experiences this summer:

June 17-22 Junior High Camp (completed grades 6-8) at Camp Chilhowee

June 24-28 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp John Speer

June 24-29 Senior High Camp (completed grades 9-12) at Camp Chilhowee

July 7-12 CPYC (completed grades 9-12) at Centerville, Tennessee

July 8-12 Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) at Camp Chilhowee

All members and regular attenders are eligible to attend church camps. The church will assist with the cost of fees for the week. For camp registration forms and details, call the church office. Registration deadline is Friday, June 8!

The church expresses gratitude to:

...Michelle Lovett and Kristy Nenninger for leading children's church during May.

...to Barbara McCammon for floral arrangements and decorating inside and outside the church facility.

... to Dr. J. David Hester for his recently completed Spiritual Gifts Class.

Thanks for all your time, effort, and dedication to the Lord!

### BAND CONCERT FOR YOUTH IN GYM

All youth of the church and the Knoxville community are gearing up for a Christian rock band concert featuring three bands Friday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. in our gym! Bring friends and if you're over 30, bring ear plugs too! Pray with us that these monthly concerts will reach many youth for Jesus Christ!

Featured bands include Honor Among Thieves, Coat of Arms, and Amber's Ashes.

It'll be a blast!!!

Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship  
this Sunday!  
And bring a friend!

# Happy Birthday



June

4~Evelyn Crowell  
4~Nikki Aarant  
8~Kristin Summers



## Activities for June 3-9, 2007

|        |            |                                  |
|--------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Sun.,  | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                    |
|        |            | Librarian Esther Congdon on duty |
|        | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service                  |
| Tues., | 11:00 a.m. | West Circle                      |
| Wed.,  | 6:30 p. m. | Choir Practice                   |
| Fri.,  | 7:00 p.m.  | Band Concert in Gym              |

## Stewardship Report for May 27, 2007

Sunday School.....31  
Worship.....71  
Offering.....\$2,566.50

### Year-to-Date (as of May 27, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$61,597.38  
Expenses paid to date: \$101,265.36

## West Circle

will meet on Tuesday, June 5 at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room.  
Please bring a sandwich—drinks and dessert will be provided.

## HELP KIDS BUILD THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

- \*VBS (June 10-13, 6-8:30 p. m. nightly)
- \*Bible Olympics, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 5
- \*"Kids in Christ," Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. beginning June 6
- \*Sunday School every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Join Us For...

Rev. Bill Ivey, who will be teaching an adult class in the Vacation Bible School, has given us the following information regarding the class. Purpose of the class: To provide a foundation from which class members can be helped to listen to what the text is saying to them. To help them engage the text and listen for God's Word. Purpose of the book of **I Peter**: To encourage followers of Christ in Roman providences to trust the presence of God and His power. To give them new hope and to help them feel closer to each other and to God for salvation, peace and support. Topics by class: "Greeting" (1:1-2), The Blessing " (1:3-9), "Revelation to the Prophets" (1:10-12), "Holy People of God's Household" (1:13-2:10), Living in a Non-Christian World" (2:11-3:12), "Christians do Suffer"(3:13-4:19), and "Shepherds and Everyone Else" (5:1-14)



Newsletter  
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

## Prayer Concerns

### In the Military



Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California



### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot), Marlene Ritchey, Allison Watson, 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 (mother of David 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 (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Midlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Bill Leatherwood, Rich Carline, Coy Sharp, Rose Gauthler, Carol King, Emma Ruth Cates, Michael Blazer, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, Barry Emerton, Jane Matthews, and Kim Fulkerson (4 requests by the Witmers), Dewaines (Jr. and Sr.) Moncier, and Mary Lynn Tolar, (3 requests by Dianne Fielder), Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich), Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family.

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

## Praise Report

Donna Wingard and Bob Neal, daughter and son-in-law of Mildred and Lea Acuff, are recovering nicely from their surgeries two weeks ago. May God be praised!

## Lay Witness Corner

By Donna Walker  
(#3 in a series of 5 topics)

## "Greatest Gift "

All gifts are necessary. Be careful of wasting your spiritual strength coveting what someone else has been gifted to do. God's will can only be accomplished and blessing can only be found in doing our own mission that God has set before us. To try to accomplish a task you are not gifted to do will be a burden, not a blessing. Trying to accomplish the task you covet but are not gifted to do is simply an act of vanity and not a service of God. God can use you mightily. It may not be "showy," but it will be a pure joy to do the work that God's called you to do.



## Thanks so much...

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the book you gave me for graduation. I really appreciate all the love and support you have given me over the years. As I move forward into the next stage of my life, it is nice to know I have my church family behind me.  
Thanks again,  
Love, Kristi (Summers)