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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 14, 2007

SPECIAL THANKS...

...to the East Tennessee Presbyterial Committee on Missions and Dr. David Hester, General Presbyter, who spent the morning with the elders last Saturday praying with us and offering wisdom and encouragement.

...to Boy Scout Troop 20 and their families who worshipped and enjoyed potluck with us on Sunday.

...to Jeff Hall for sharing the story of God's grace in his life.

...to all of you who proved again how gracious and welcoming a church family you are!

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

"The Essential 100 Challenge" is a new and exciting way for everyone at First Church to read through the Bible together. The Challenge is based on a carefully selected list of short Bible passages—50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. It's the through-the-Bible program you can easily complete...and enjoy.

Whether you're a new or experienced Bible reader, "The Essential 100 Challenge" will be the fastest, most rewarding journey through God's Word you've ever taken.

We will begin The Challenge with the New Testament 50 February 21 ("Ash Wednesday") and reading daily, we will complete it by April 11 (three days after Easter Sunday). This Fall we will take The Old Testament 50 (October 1-November 19).

Sign up this Sunday with the bulletin insert or on the bulletin board outside the church office. A study book, The Essential Bible Guide, is available to help you in your daily readings at a cost of \$8.80. The books will be available this Sunday, February 18. Please make your checks to First Church for "Bible Guide."

CONSULTATION REPORT

Beginning this Sunday, February 18 the consultation report from Rev. George Estes will be available for everyone to read and study. Look for your copy (one per family, please!) on the table in the narthex.

On Sunday, March 4 a congregational meeting will be held to discuss the report and hear opinions and suggestions from the congregation. The elders and pastor want to hear from you as we pray and prepare for the future God has for us. Every member and regular attender is encouraged to be present for an abbreviated worship service and the discussion which follows.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB FEBRUARY 21

Wednesday, February 21, 11:00 a.m. the Friendship Club invites anyone 55 and older to join them for outrageous food, fellowship, and fun at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant just off Merchants Road in north Knoxville. You can sign on the bulletin board outside the church office or just show up at the appointed time and place. Following the luncheon, we will be making a special visit to the home of Vester Summitt to wish him a happy 100th birthday!

PEGGY WILL BE LEAVING SOON!

Peggy O'Neal is getting ready to leave on a medical mission trip to Panama March 2-9. She will be part of a team of doctors and nurses providing medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy care. The mission team will also share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people.

Thank you for your generous response so far! The scope of the need is great and you still have time to donate again before Sunday, February 25. The following items are especially requested:

Children's Vitamins Toothpaste and Toothbrushes Reading Glasses

All of these items are for children, youth, or adults. Used glasses are acceptable. Boxes for the donations are located in the gym kitchen and the narthex.

There will be a brief commissioning service for Peggy on Sunday, February 25 during morning worship. When she returns she will share her experiences with us. Please keep the medical team in your prayers.

MODERATOR WITH US

Sunday, February 25 we will have Rev. Don Hubbard, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, deliver the morning message. Don lives in Knoxville and was pastor of the Marietta CP Church for many years. It will be an honor to have the moderator with us!

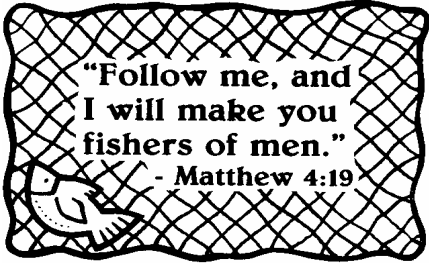
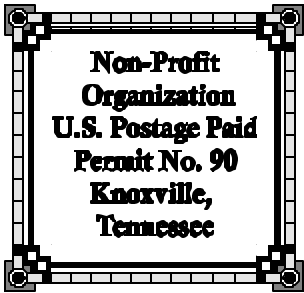
OUR GUESTS SUNDAY MARCH 11

Our special guests Sunday, March 11, 10:45 a.m. will be the families of "Thursday Connection" Home School Co-operative. Some of them will join us in worship and many more will come later as honored guests for our monthly potluck luncheon in the gymnasium. They will join us in bringing meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts to share in this "family get-together!" They will also spend the afternoon looking at the facility as a possible meeting place beginning this fall. What a great opportunity we will have to make them feel at home with us! Maybe God has "brought us together for such a time as this!"

'LIVING LORD'S SUPPER' PARTICIPANTS

"Holy Week" is the first week of April this year and we will be looking for men who want to participate in our second annual "Living Lord's Supper" Communion Service. A planning meeting will be held Sunday, March 4 following the morning service.

Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday

February 2007

22~GayleSteyer

23~Vester Summitt

Activities for February 17-24, 2007

Sat.,	10:00a.m.	Reberras Circle
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Stewardship Report for February 11, 2007

Sunday School.....	32
Worship.....	147
Offering.....	\$3,897.25
Special Offerings:	
Peggy O'Neal Missionary Fund	\$250.00

Year-to-Date (as of February 11, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$19,703.81
Expenses paid to date:	\$28,381.41

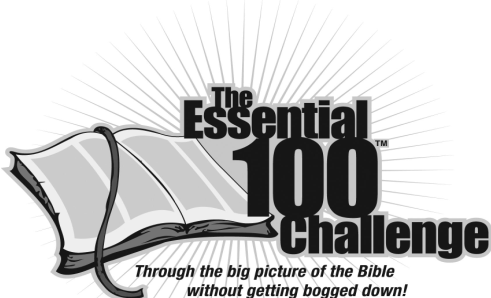
Special Recognition

There is a couple in our midst who, when they see things that need to be done, get out their checkbook and get it done! Among the things recently paid for by Richard and Esther Congdon are painting of the hallways, replacement of a sink in the men's restroom, and grinding of stumps in the front yard. Richard serves on the Building and Grounds Committee and Esther is on the Library Volunteer Staff. We are so glad God guided them to our church. Thank you to Richard and Esther.

ATTENTION!

"THE ESSENTIAL 100 CHALLENGE"
is coming to First Church!
Will you be ready???

New Testament: February 21-April 11, 2007
Old Testament: October 1- November 19, 2007



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

Recovering from Surgery

Stephanie Saults

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Richard Congdon, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Pollye Pharaoh, Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), May Webb, Shelia Franklin, Diane Barker, Rose Gauthler, Vickie Webb, Mary Matthew, Jim Deardorf, John Donovan, Jenny McGill, Lee Oberlieesen, Beth Framer, and Adrian Murphy (friends of Dorothy Porter), Natalie Meadows, expecting twins to be delivered this week and Dewaine Moncier, Jr. and Mary Lynn Tolar and infant Thomas Moffat (requests by Dianne Fielder).

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

Meet Us for Breakfast

Reberras will meet for breakfast Saturday February 17, 10:00 a.m. at Perkins on Kingston Pike. Bring a friend.

OUR CENTURION

Vester Summitt will be one hundred years old on February 23. Yes, 100!!! Let's help him and his family celebrate with style by sending him lots of birthday cards from our church family. His address is 5505 Crestwood Road, Knoxville, TN 37918



Newsletter Deadline

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