

The Cumberland

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MOTHER’S DAY THIS SUNDAY!

We are planning special recognition of all ladies and mothers this Sunday, May 10, 10:45 a.m. during our annual Mother’s Day service. Bring your mother or a guest-mother if yours is in heaven. The following categories will be among those recognized. Some categories may be added on Sunday morning!

- Oldest Mother*
- Youngest Mother*
- Mother with the Most Children/Grandchildren Present*
- Mother with the Youngest Child Present*
- Mother with the Oldest Child Present*
- Mother Who Got Up the Earliest*
- Mother with the Most Family Photos with Her*
- Mother Who Can Recite the 23rd Psalm*
- Mother with the Most Makeup in Her Purse*
- Mother with the Most Graduates Present*

WHAT YOU MISS WHEN YOU MISS CHURCH!

Some people say you don’t miss anything when you miss church. Apparently, they don’t know what the word of God says about the subject.

When you miss church...

- ...you miss the presence of God! Matthew 18:20*
- ...you fail to recognize the importance of a day of worship! Exodus 20:8*
- ...you fail to encourage other believers! Hebrews 10:25*
- ...you neglect your responsibility to God and to other believers! Psalm 22:25*
- ...you fail to glorify God! Ephesians 3:20-21*
- ...you disrupt the unity of the Body of Christ! Ephesians 4:3-6*
- ...you miss an opportunity to affirm the value Christ Himself places on His Church! Ephesians 5:25b-26*

In my lifetime I have heard an entire library of reasons it’s okay to miss church, a few of them legitimate but the great majority of them baseless. Honor the Lord of life this Sunday and make it to church!

ATTEND A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE MAY 7

The annual “National Day of Prayer” for our nation will be held this Thursday, May 7 at different host churches throughout Knoxville. You are encouraged to attend a service near you (see listing below). All services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th.

- Northeast: Berean Bible Church (2329 Prosser Road, 522-2374)*
- South: Sevier Heights Baptist Church (3232 Alcoa Highway, 577-4222)*
- West: Fellowship Evangelical Free Church (8000 Middlebrook Pike, 470-9800)*
- Deep West: Faith Promise Church (10740 Faith Promise Lane, 251-2590).*

“PRAYER GATHERING” STARTING SUNDAY, MAY 17

You are invited to join the elders and me for our first monthly “Prayer Gathering” Sunday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. We are going to pray together to reach new families for Christ and that we will be able to fulfill the Great Commission in our community. East Tennessee Presbytery has directed that all churches participate in a regular day of prayer and fasting for evangelism and the “Prayer Gatherings” will be one way we fulfill that call. All members and friends of First Church are encouraged to attend our first “Prayer Gathering” on the 17th. A nursery will be provided.

THE ‘CRAZY GOLFERS’ AT HOLSTON HILLS RE-SCHEDULED!

The “Crazy Golfers” trip to Holston Hills has been re-scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. The cost will be \$40.00 per player.

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. nightly
“Crocodile Dock” Vacation Bible School at First Church. Sign up begins Sunday, May 17.

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.
“Summer Bible Olympics” for grades 1-4. Sign up begins this Sunday, May 10.

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.
“Kids in Christ” for grades 5 and above. Sign up begins this Sunday, May 10.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TO LITTON’S MAY 20

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them at Litton’s Market and Restaurant Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. for great food and fellowship. Litton’s is located at 2803 Essary Road in Fountain City (688-0429). Sign up on the bulletin board or call us (588-8581).

ADULT SMALL GROUP THIS FALL

“Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?”

“The Truth Project” is an in-depth presentation of Biblical truth. It is an examination of the Christian worldview in stark contrast to all other religious, cultural, and philosophical views. If you really want to know the difference, then sign-up for this adult small group experience this fall. Pray about your participation and let me know. Call 588-8581 or 228-0710 to enroll.

Requirements: A commitment of twelve weeks, two hours per week; limited to the first twelve participants; willingness after completion to consider leading another group in the experience. Participants should be believing Christians who accept the authority of the Scriptures as being the true word of God!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

May 10-16, 2009

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Activities for May 10-16, 2009		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	7:00 p.m.	Eagle Scout Ceremony
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca's Circle—Perkins
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report for May 3, 2009	
Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	73
Offering.....	\$4,149.25
Capital Improvements Fund	\$95.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$3.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,241.40
Year-to-Date (as of May 3, 2009)	
Offerings received to date:.....	\$51,682.76
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$9,087.50
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$87,426.92
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$104,605.55

THANK YOU!!!!
To Jewell Kerr and Mary Ann Haney for deep cleaning the kitchen and the pantry over the last two weeks. They worked their fingers to the bones and did a fine job. The kitchen looks great.

EARTH DAY
Earth day was celebrated by Girl Scout Juniors Troop 959 and Brownies Troop 1006 here by planting a dogwood tree in the grass circle in the back parking lot. Thank you so much for this gift to the church.

THANKS TO...
...Thursday Connection for fixing the sliding door to the kitchen at the serving window. We appreciate you being here and what you do for us. Look forward to seeing you on Thursdays and hopefully on Sundays also.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEEDS YOU
We need volunteers for May 10, 24 and 31, June 7 and 14, and July 5, 12, 19 and 26. If you feel called to help with Children's Church call the office or Dianne Pipkin or Amanda Roberts.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker),
St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Bill Keene, Norris Nursing Home
Judy Lawson, Methodist, ICU (Lisa Deal's aunt)

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Doug Bailey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley; Rex Holt; Lisa Teknus; The Cooper Children; Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bill Taylor (Becky Rader's brother-in-law); Dorothy Smith (friend of the Gastons); Sheena Richardson Beal; Jody Holl (sister of a co-worker of Leah Witmer); Bob Moore (father of co-worker of Allison Davis); Camille Graves (daughter of a friend of Wendy Goodrich); Rob Domer (friend of Tammy Eblen); Sam Ware; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Janie Beeler (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood).

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

Still in need of canning jars, bring them to the church office. Giving away a computer system and computer desk; love seat; and a stroller. Selling—Fred Johnson's famous chow-chow (mild, sweet, hot) \$8/qt & \$4/pint. Call church office.

Our FISH Campaign has successfully ended for another year. I want to thank each and every one of you for the faithful and loyal support you have given me this year. This year's statistics are:

Total Contributions	\$4280.82
Total Expenditures	\$3972.21
Amount for next year	\$308.61
Total Bags Packed	670
Total Bags Used	710
Total People Helped	1,599
Total Loaves of Bread	474

Next year we will have a partner church. Church of the Savior has agreed to take the last two weeks of April and this will permit us to take only the first two weeks. This should greatly reduce our expenses and workload. Thank you again for your support in helping to provide food to the hungry in our community. May our church be the Salt of the Earth for Fish.
Betty Hammill