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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 4, 2007

THE LIVING LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SERVICE

This Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. you are invited to the chapel to hear, see, and experience a re-enactment of the first "Lord's Supper" featuring Jesus' first disciples. You do not want to miss this service! Please bring your family and friends! *Special note: Those who are portraying the disciples are asked to be present and ready for a last-minute walk-through by 6:30 p.m. this Thursday. Thank you!*

EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.

All children and friends up to grade 5 are invited to join us on the church grounds for an Easter egg hunt this coming Saturday, April 7. Please meet in the gym by 10:30 a.m. Donations of candy and plastic eggs are welcome in the church office anytime this week. There will be no lunch following the egg hunt this year.

AN EASTER LOVE STORY THIS SUNDAY APRIL 8!

This love story doesn't include hearts and romance, hugs and kisses. It involves a much greater love: God's love, in sacrificing His Son for us and offering us the gift of eternal life!

This is your special invitation from First Church to experience life at it's best—life now and life to come with Jesus Christ.

Easter is your story, too!

7:45 A.M. Sunrise Service in the Courtyard
followed by breakfast in the gym. Dr. J. David Hester preaching.
(if it is rainy or cold, the service will be held in the chapel)

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Celebration of Life in the Sanctuary
with the pastor preaching and Rev. Bill Ivey, Communion Celebrant

"FUNFEST!" APRIL 14

We want to reach all the children and youth we can Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We still need every member and friend of the church to be present to welcome kids, parents, and grandparents from everywhere in Knoxville with inflatables and carnival games and plenty of good food.

"I Love My Church" t-shirts are on the way and all the proceeds will go to help build our new denominational center in Memphis. Thank you for your generous response! Thursday Connection, Jazzercise, scouts, and other groups will be helping us with "FUNFEST." It will be a great day of friendship and outreach. Plan to spend part or all of your day here representing First Church!

Take some flyers from the narthex this Easter Sunday and spread the word!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS APRIL 15

Dr. J. David Hester will lead a class on "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" six Sunday evenings in April and May beginning Sunday, April 15. You can sign up any Sunday by using the insert provided in the bulletin.

NEW STUDY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Everyone not presently attending a Sunday School class is invited to take part in a new 13-week study, "The Thirteen Apostles." Each Sunday will be devoted to one of Christ's followers ending with the elected substitute Matthias. The study, being taught by Rev. Bill Ivey, begins Sunday, April 15, 9:30 a.m. in room 30. If you would like to participate and purchase a text, please let Bill know.

NEW CLASS FOR GRADES 3-6

Beginning this Sunday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. the Christian Education Committee will offer a new Sunday School class for children, grades 3-6 in room 31. Nancy Wood and others will lead the class until a permanent teacher/s can be found. We don't want any of our children to miss out on the joy of growing in the faith!

Bill and Kim Halbert will be taking the junior high/senior high class during this time.

The church family expresses appreciation to the CE Committee for responding to this opportunity for ministry with children!

UPWARD BASKETBALL TRAINING

First Church is looking for four people who will be pioneers in organizing our first Upward Basketball league in 2008. Churches who participate are required to attend a training session which will be held in Knoxville at Grace Baptist Church April 20 and 21 (Friday night and Saturday).

If you feel God calling you to be part of this new ministry with the potential to reach hundreds of youth and children, please let me know right away. We are sending in the \$300.00 fee immediately, believing those who are called will come forward!

PEGGY'S REPORT: MISSION TO PANAMA!

Sunday, April 22, 10:45 a.m. Peggy O'Neal will tell the story of her medical mission trip to Panama. Peggy had an eye-opening, life-changing experience and you won't want to miss the details. Following the morning service we will enjoy our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym. Please put this special mission Sunday on your calendar now!

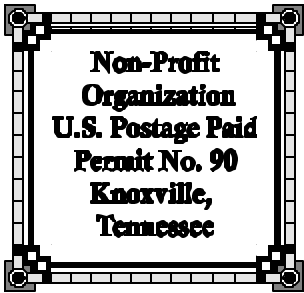
LET'S STAY FOCUSED!

- (1) Daily prayer for church growth.
- (2) Daily positive witness for the church.
- (3) Pray for and invite our "potential congregation."
- (4) Personal commitment to stewardship and ministry support.
- (5) Personal involvement in "FUNFEST" April 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- (6) Change old habits to make new people feel like "family."
- (7) "Pray Until Something Happens!"

Pastor Kevin



The Resurrection of our Lord



Happy Birthday

April 2007

6~Angie Missimer
7~Tracy Van de Vate
11~Rev. Jean Richardson
11~Karen Ware
12~Eric Bachman
13~Joyce Watson
15~Dorothy Porter

Activities for April 7-14, 2007

Sat.,	10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sun.,	7:45 a.m.	Sunrise Worship Service
	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Finance and Stewardship Committee
Sat.,	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	FUNFEST

Stewardship Report for April 1, 2007

Sunday School.....45
Worship.....105
Offering.....\$4,943.00
One Great Hour of Sharing. . . . \$125.00

Year-to-Date (as of April 1, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$40,921.31
Expenses paid to date: \$60,544.36

Fabulous Faithful Families

We think it is noteworthy that **three** different families had **four** generations present last Sunday: Hammill, Hester, and Ware.

FISH UPDATE

Last week we successfully transported 277 cases of food to our pantry. My thanks go out to Charles Franks, Larry Fielder, Tom and Marikate Walker, Kevin Wood, and Lindsay Duncan for accomplishing this task. Our first bagging session went extremely well. A super team of baggers set a new record by filling 232 bags of food in about one hour. The baggers were Steve and Wendy Goodrich (who also took the cardboard to recycle), Jane and Jack Carroll, Faye, James, Sydney, Emma and Eli O'Neal, Donna, Marikate, and Jessica Walker, Mark Boggs, John and Lindsay Duncan, Curt, Brenda, Carson and Betty Hammill, and Kristi and Kathryn of Thursday Connection. Hats off to such super workers. Our next bagging session will be this Saturday April 7th, at 9 o'clock. This is a half hour earlier than usual so we can finish earlier and get to the church for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for such tremendous help this week and every week. Betty Hammill



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
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

In Convalescence

Pollye Pharaoh at Brakebill

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Dick Congdon, 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, 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, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), family of Claude Wilkins, Rose Gauthler, Mary Matthew, Kay Tipton, Carol King, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers.

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

Christian Sympathy Offered

Former FCPC member, Margie House, mother of Barbara Lancaster, died last week; services were held in Martin, TN.

CPWM SUPPORTS FUNFEST

As our spring activity, CPWM will participate in the April 14 Funfest. In addition to helping with other events of the day, we will hold a Cake Walk. All ladies are asked to bring a cake, either home baked or purchased. (Cakes should be brought to the church Friday, April 13.) Anyone who cannot provide a cake can contribute money. We are hoping this will be a fundraiser as well as fun for the kids! For more information, please call Ann Bachman at 694-0097.

Lay Witness Corner by Donna Walker New Eyes

One of the great joys of parenthood is to see things we've long since dismissed as "normal" or "usual" through the eyes of our children as they experience things consciously for the very first time. A sunset, the ocean, a flower, Christmas morning-can suddenly seem new and wonderful through the eyes of a small child. This is also true of the enthusiasm of new Christians as they grow and learn in Christ. They see each day as a gift and opportunity to grow in relationship and knowledge of Christ. May we never become so "mature" in our faith that we lose our zest and love of discovery in our spiritual growth and ability to wonder vicariously through the experience and faith as we build one another through shared testimony. This week, I challenge you to see this Easter not as a celebration just like last year, but through new eyes. Look for the "Easter egg" treasure that God puts before you that you will miss if you just look straight ahead. Search high and low also for the experience God has hidden just for you. Don't miss the joy of God's presence in your life. That's what the Easter experience is all about!

Easter Lily Delivery
Please help in getting the Easter lilies to our shut-ins. Sign the list on the bulletin board outside the church office. They will appreciate your visit.

