

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

120 people came to worship and fellowship with us. It was a glorious day in the Lord's Church! Did you see the story Josh West put together on the six o'clock news Sunday night? If you didn't go to www.wbir.com and look under the local news headline: "Church Reunites with KARM Families."

I want to thank God for the wonderful way He planned the day and all the activities leading up to it! We intend to maintain touch with our friends at KARM. One way we can do that is to invite them to the youth and children's activities coming in October. Another way is to provide scholarships to Upward Basketball which is getting underway soon.

Special thanks to Hallerin Hilton Hill for an inspired message, to all those who cooked, everyone who went on mission this summer, and all those who led in worship. May every Sunday be as blessed!

By the way, everybody won the "Draw the Sheep Contest" so be sure and see the great drawings on view in the narthex through October! If you missed your stuffed take-home lamb, please see me.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Name the spoiled teenager who on the inside was really a wounded soul longing for the love and acceptance of his family?

How did the people of Israel end up in Egypt in the first place?

If you would like to know more, join us in the Basic Bible 101 class this Sunday, September 30, 9:30 a.m. You'll get the big picture and also learn how to apply God's word to your life. See you in the chapel.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO OVERCOME!

Join J. David Hester and friends for life-lessons on "Overcoming," continuing this week in the conference room, 9:30 a.m.

NEW YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

Our friends Roy and Hannah Nicaud invite all young adults to join them for the beginning of a new small group on Tuesday evenings at the church beginning Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m. Come and hang out. Fellowship, prayer, Bible study, recreation, eating out, movies, special events, are all part of the mix.

For more information give Roy and Hannah a call (414-4162).

NEW YOUTH GROUP

John and Lindsay Duncan are making contact with parents and youth and are planning to start a new junior high/senior high youth group soon. Please pray for this ministry that God will open doors and send kids who need the Lord and His Church.

God bless you John and Lindsay for stepping out in faith and doing the Lord's work!

If you know a youth who needs a great group call them (357-1289).

FALL FUN SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

The youth and children of First Church will be leading our worship service Sunday, October 28 and then travel to "Jump-to-It" for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and pizza from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Michelle Luttrell and her family own "Jump-to-It" and they have reserved the whole building full of inflatables, games, and food just for us.

"Jump-to-It" is located at 7610 Maynardville Highway in Halls. Make your plans now and bring lots of friends who don't have a church!

IN OCTOBER...

...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: Worldwide Communion Sunday.

...FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 & 13; "Unhindered" Women's Conference.

...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14: "Loaves and Fishes"(formerly Love Loaves) offering for world hunger. Offering dedicated on November 18.

...TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16: "The Engaging Church" church growth conference (free for anyone from our church who can attend!)

...WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17: monthly Session meeting.

...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: Rev. Bill Ivey, preaching. Monthly covered dish dinner in the gym.

...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: "Fall Fun Sunday" for youth and children.

Call the church office for more details (588-8581).

"UNHINDERED"—A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Please be in prayer for the "Unhindered" Women's Conference coming Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13! For many women in the Knoxville area this can be a time of life-change, healing, and renewal.

For a brochure containing information, registration, and conference costs, please call the church office (588-8581). A few scholarships are available. Sign up right away and get your worship CD and conference materials. Registrations may be returned to 4815 Kingston Pike, Suite 145, Knoxville, TN 37919.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



September

30-Gracie Hayes



October

2-Hailey Davis

Activities for September 29 – October 6, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	10:45 a.m.	West Circle
	7:30 p.m.	FLEX (Young Adults)
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	8:00 a.m.	Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for September 23, 2007

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	120
Offering.....	\$1,388.18

Year-to-Date (as of September 23, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$111,114.63
Expenses paid to date:	\$190,603.29

West Circle

will meet at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at the church. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Phase #2 of the roof project has been completed. We are now ready to solicit bids for a new roof. The estimated cost for the new roof to replace the flat roof is \$220,000. Phase #2 of the HVAC project is well under way. We hope to have the proposal in hand by next week. Of course all repairs and projects are subject to funding. As has been published in this newsletter, we have estimated the roof and HVAC projects to require about \$500,000 to complete. Your support and prayers are needed. If you have any questions or comments about these projects, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O’Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

We need Cumberlander reporters. Job will be to provide articles of interest, stories of witness and faith, stories of encouragement and love, stories of praise and thanksgiving, all for publishing in the Cumberlander.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

If you would like to receive The Cumberlander via email in PDF format let Tom know.

Prayer Concerns



In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In the Hospital

David Summers, Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville
Elena Zimmerman, NHC Farragut
Pollye Pharaoh, Ft. Sanders Regional

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; JoAnn Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; 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; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; JoAnn Ford; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermoden; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s father); Lois Witmer; Betty Sparks; Sabrina Hilton; Eddie Connaster; Marion Biggs; Jimmy Curry; Joey Claber; family of Eugene Leach (Steve Summers’ uncle).

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

WBIR News Report Reaction

The TV report of KARM's visit by Channel 10 was a pleasant surprise. When we get to the end of this life, one thing we won’t regret is being kind to someone. If the love of God is in us, let us share it with others when and however you can... ...not a suggestion, an order for God... ...something about “loving your neighbor”. Wa-hoo! Look at us with this great PR!!!!!! We need to keep the momentum going!!

Sunday School News

The Class taught by Rev. Bill Ivey will begin a new study October 7. The discussion will involve selected Bible stories of men of Genesis to Timothy. If you do not presently attend a Sunday School Class, please join them in room 30 at 9:30 a.m.

SESSION CORNER

- 1) The Session authorized Roy and Hannah Nicaud to lead a Young Adult Bible Study at the Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM, beginning October 02, 2007.
- 2) The Session authorized John and Lindsey Duncan to serve as leaders for a junior high/senior high youth group, meeting at the Church on Sundays beginning October 13, 2007.
- 3) In order to reduce the amount of money we are required to borrow to repair the roof and HVAC system of the Church, and to develop a repayment plan for the loan we are seeking; the Stewardship & Finance Committee will lead a stewardship campaign to raise money to fund this repair work, and to solicit pledges for annual contributions until this debt is retired. This capital improvements campaign is in addition to our annual stewardship campaign to fund the ministry of our Church, which will also be conducted at this fall.