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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...STRONG CHURCHES...

The following conclusions about what makes churches grow came from a U. S. Congregational Life Survey involving thousands of worshippers and congregations. The survey was first taken in 2001 and again in 2008-2009 with results still being studied. **Strong churches welcome new people!** Increase the number of worship visitors; increase the visibility of the congregation in the community, encourage and equip members to invite others effectively; identify and make personal follow-up contact with all visitors, especially first timers; offer a group for new people.

Strong churches encourage participation! Fast-track new people into meaningful ministry roles; identify what types of new people the congregation attracts; create additional small group experiences (prayer/study groups).

Strong churches offer meaningful worship experiences! Evaluate current worship service for vitality; offer more worship service options (additional services, more variety in worship and music styles, different types of services).

Strong churches help people grow spiritually! Focus on the long-term development of disciples.

Strong churches commit to a positive future! Use multiple ministry methods and strategies all the time; identify congregational strengths and work in areas that encourage numerical growth; evaluate current church organization and committee structure, create ministry teams; try new strategies, evaluate efforts, learn from failed efforts, fix it and try again.

According to the survey, a major research question remains unanswered: How do we get pastors and lay leaders and members to take the actions that research demonstrates works? Otherwise, fewer and fewer children of God will gather in churches!

As a member of First Church, what do you think? Why not contact one of your elders and let them know! Are you willing to help make First Church a strong church???

CHURCH AND CULTURE --- THE BATTLE IS ON!

Take a closer look with us at critical issues facing the church today! You don't want to miss the topics and guest speakers planned for our adult VBS class this coming Sunday—Thursday, July 22-26 at First Church, 6:15-8:15 nightly. The list includes:

Sunday, July 22: "The Church and the Nation of Israel" with special guest H. Michael Weiner, Shomair Yisrael Messianic Jewish Congregation. Mr. Weiner has just returned from a trip to Israel!

Monday, July 23: "Life and Conscience Issues Threatened by the Affordable Health Care Act," with special guest Paul Simoneau, Director, Office of Justice and Peace, The Diocese of Knoxville.

Tuesday, July 24: "Science and Creationism," with special guest Frank Galbraith from Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, July 25: "Separation of Church and State."

Thursday, July 26: "The Church and Same-Sex Marriage."

Join us and learn more about the growing conflict! Family and friends are also welcome. There will be time for discussion! A minimum of ten people will be needed for the series to be held. Please call the church office this week and confirm your plans to attend (588-8581/228-0710). Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 22-26

Nightly Schedule

6:00-6:15 P.M. Opening Assembly in the Chapel for Everyone

6:15-8:15 P.M. For Adults: Church and Culture—The Battle Is On!

6:15-8:15 P.M. For Children & Youth: Adventures on Promise Island

8:15-8:30 P.M. Closing Assembly in the Chapel for Everyone

**A special nightly offering will be taken for Coalition of Appalachian Ministries!*

Call to Sign Up Now!

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~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

July

25-Amy Pipkin
28-Tom Walker



Activities for July 22-28, 2012

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Mon.,	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Weds.,	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thurs.,	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 15, 2012

Sunday School.....	45
Worship.....	75
Offering	\$3,240.08
Capital Improvements Fund	\$235.00

BEAUTIFUL WHITE KITTENS

Nancy and I have five beautiful white kittens available for adoption to a loving home! They have been fixed, tested, vaccinated, and litter-trained. Come by and check them out. They are ready to go home with you! Please call for an appointment (228-0710).

OUR CHURCH BILLS

Do you know that even if you are not here, that our church bills continue to come in on a regular basis? Just like they do at your house. If you are gone on vacation, remember to mail in your offering to support your church. Thank you!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

To **James Paschke** for receiving another 4.0 for this past semester and making the Dean's List. Excellent job!!!

-the most frequent command, given by God, in the Bible is... **DON'T BE AFRAID!!!**

- you can be brave!

- we can be one decision away from completely

- changing our outcome

- my current choices may have an impact on my destiny

- we'll never know the abundant life (John 10:10) until we're free from the grip of fear

- "**COURAGE**" comes from the Latin word, "*cor*", meaning "*heart*"

- Christ offers us the courage of His presence... make sure you take it! ("*Take heart...*", He says)

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Are you weary? Did God place us all here, at this place and at this time to fulfill His destiny for us?

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Ethel Bankert, York, PA, (Tom's mother)
Carl Ware, Tennova

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery's niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Faye O'Neal; Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Steven Ritchey, (Marlene's grandson recovering from surgery); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges'); Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstpc@earthlink.net.

CHARITY SALE- NEW DATES

The dates for our Annual Charity Sale have been changed to August 3 and 4. We are happy to announce that Smoky Mountain Harmony will be joining us in running the sale. Please begin to bring your items that you want to donate to the church for us to sell. Left over yard sale items. Moving? Not enough room? Bring your extras here. Estate sale items. No item will be turned away.

We will need lots of help, sorting, arranging, pricing, working the sale. Please contact the office if you want to help; CALL—Tom Witmer (742-9377); Maxine Curtis (357-0441) or Chris Chasteen (SMH).

We are now accepting items. Call office to arrange a delivery time.

