

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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THINGS ARE GOING GREAT AT WATER WORKS PARK!

We had a wonderful first day of VBS at the KARM Center on Monday. Eighteen children were present and we made many new friends including a family from Africa who do not speak English. The VBS will continue through Wednesday. Our field trip to Splash Country will be Thursday.

Our theme is "Water Works Park," where children learn to ride the wave of God's love. We are doing Bible drama, crafts, games, and lively music.

Thanks to all of you from the First Church and Jazzercise families who gave to this mission project. Absolutely everything needed was donated!

Next Sunday you will hear a complete report from Kim McCurry. God bless you all for your prayers and generosity!

THURSDAY CONNECTION NEXT WEEK!

The beginning of another school year brings some new friends to First Church starting Thursday, August 9.

Thursday Connection Home School Co-operative will begin using our facility on a weekly basis with an expected attendance of 350. That means every available space will be used every Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday Connection is an answer to prayer! God has sent some wonderful people our way, some of whom do not have a church family.

Please pray for this opportunity and, as you always have, do everything you can to make TC feel welcome and part of the First Church family. Call the church office if you have any questions or comments. Tom Witmer is our contact person. Mary Wegman is director of Thursday Connection.

Welcome friends!

BACK DOOR OPEN WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the fabulous prizes in the 2nd Annual "Back Door Open" golf tournament held last Sunday at Ruggles Ferry Golf Course. Jeff Golliher shot 67 and won a new airplane. Larry Fielder carded an 85 and won a new Corvette Sting-Ray. Golf balls and other miscellaneous prizes were awarded and a great time was had by all participants including Jeff, Larry, Steve Goodrich, Mike Bachman, and Kevin Wood. If you are curious about the prizes just call Larry Fielder (982-6918).

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY AUGUST 12!

The young adults of First Church will lead us in worship Sunday, August 12, 10:45 a.m. Special guest speaker will be Roy Nicaud, longtime friend of Lindsay Duncan. Roy has visited our church on several occasions.

All young adults are encouraged to participate in the service by volunteering to make announcements, lead prayers, take the offering, provide special music, etc.

Please take this opportunity to bring friends who need the Lord and a loving church family.

VISIONS AND DREAMS

"Where there is no vision, the people perish!" (Proverbs 29:18)

Our Lord has given us His vision for the church. How we respond to that vision in our time is up to the Holy Spirit and us. Will we prove to be faithful to God in our generation?

In the next few weeks I will be sending you some letters detailing what I believe is the vision God wants us to implement at First Church. I ask you to read them carefully and see if you agree with the vision. If you agree I will then ask you to join the elders and me in making a promise before God that we will all offer our best to see that the vision becomes reality.

"Now is the appointed time. Now is the day of salvation!" (2 Corinthians 6:2)

50 AND 100

50 in Sunday School!

100 in Morning Worship!

These are not unreasonable or unreachable weekly attendance goals for First Church as we look toward the fall and winter of 2007-2008.

Here's how we can reach them together:

(1) Realign your priorities and put God first on Sunday morning! Let everything else take a "back seat" to your commitment to Sunday School and Worship. Live out your promise to be a regular, faithful participant! God will honor your obedience!

(2) Ask the Lord to show you each week who He wants you to invite to church (a personal invitation is still the best kind). Put in a "good word" for the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

(3) Desire the "meat" of God's word instead of the same old "milk" you were given as a child. Start growing again in Sunday School and small groups (to be offered soon!)

(4) Find a place to serve and watch your relationship with the Lord grow closer!

~Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship this
Sunday!
And bring a friend!

Happy Birthday



August

6-Oliva Wann
9-Travis McCurry
11-Bill Halbert



Activities for August 4–11, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance

Stewardship Report for July 29, 2007

Sunday School.....35
Worship.....82
Offering.....\$1,702.00

Year-to-Date (as of July 29 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$87,392.77
Expenses paid to date: \$145,482.53

West Circle will meet at the church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday August 7th. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Directory Update

Lisa, Rod & Brian Godwin, 7220 Morganton Road, Greenback, TN 37742

Cakes for Lakeshore

Lakeshore Mental Health Institute gives us an opportunity to serve others. August is our month to prepare cakes to be used to celebrate residents’ birthdays. The cakes should be wrapped and frozen, but not iced. Icing should be in a separate container, also frozen. Please place cakes and icing in the kitchen freezer with a note designating them for Lakeshore, no later than August 19. We will deliver them to Lakeshore at the end of the month. Thanks!

Ann Bachman, CPWM President

Love & Company

Our Love & Company fund is in need of funds. We use this fund to through Compassion Coalition to provide help to persons with their utility bills and for food and gas money. If you can spare a few dollars, please put in offering Sunday or send to the church and designate it L&C. Thank you for your generosity.

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

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torres and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Donna Wann; 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; Howard Eblen; William Barron (Lee’s Father); Nellie Ramold, Edna Fugate, Millie McNeil, Heidi Holton, Fred and Emily Ford, Rose Gauthler, Georgianna Harned, Charollette and Frank Disney, Nancy Bandermlolen, Dorothy Parker, John Ramsey and Michael Blazer; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Lois Witmer’s sister, Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Dick Booher; Ruth McNabb; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman.

A special request for prayers for the safe release of the South Korean missionaries being held hostage by the Taliban.

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

Upcoming Events

CPWM PICNIC—CPWM invites all ladies of the church to the annual potluck picnic to be held at Betty Hammill's house, 505 Bardon Road (behind West Town Mall). Please bring picnic type food. The picnic will be held at 6 p.m. **August 5, 2007**. A map to Betty's house is available on the CPWM Bulletin Board. We hope all the ladies of the church can join us.

Session Corner

Highlights from the July 18th Session Meeting:

- 1) It is anticipated that additional Sunday School classes will be required this fall, based upon the additional people who have joined the Church recently. The Christian Education committee is working on the details such as arranging teachers.
- 2) The Building & Grounds committee is overseeing the repairs to the facility, most significantly the replacement of the roof.
- 3) The Stewardship & Finance committee is in the process of preparing the loan application for the roof replacement, and possibly the replacement of the HVAC system as well, since the cost of these repairs are anticipated to exceed the amount of funds available in the Building Maintenance Account.

Lee Barron
Session Clerk

Rummage Sale Update

A very large thanks to Dianne Pipkin for heading up the sale and working so hard on this project. Additional thanks to all of the Thursday Connection volunteers who helped set up and brought items. Thanks to all who donated items. Thanks to Barbara Hester, Steve Summers, Faye O’Neal, Kevin and Nancy Wood, and Tom Witmer who worked the sale. Thanks to Paul Pipkin and truck, Billy Davis, Steve Goodrich and James O’Neal who moved the heavy items from the basement to the gym. At this time we have raised \$1624