

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 30, 2008

### PRAYING FOR '40 DAYS!'



'40 Days' is coming Sunday, October 5 through Sunday, November 23!

We are believing that God will do a mighty work during this campaign so we are going to kick it off with a special "Prayer Gathering" in the home of Mike and Ann Bachman on Sunday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. Prayer prepares our hearts for what God wants to do in and through us. We hope all of you will unite your heart with ours when we meet at the Bachman home, 1701 Dunwoody Drive (694-0097).

Do you have a passion for your church and want to grow deeper in your walk with God? Would you be willing to lead a small group or offer your home to watch six sessions on

DVD with a few friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even other church members? If so, please call Steve Goodrich (691-4069) right away! We are trusting God to help us open two Sunday School classes and 5-7 homes for this spiritual growth campaign!

### BE PART OF OUR MISSION TO K.A.R.M.

There is still time to donate money or school supplies to our K.A.R.M VBS mission project which gets underway downtown next Monday, August 4. Please bring all donations to the church by this Sunday, August 3 and place them in the offering plate or designated boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity! Please pray for all those who will lead the Bible school and accompany homeless children and their families to Splash Country on Thursday. VBS volunteers are still needed. Contact Mariam Seylar (693-8237).

### PROMOTION AND POTLUCK!

Sunday, August 24 will be a big day at First Church! We will celebrate a new year in Sunday School by promoting children to new classes and installing new teachers and Christian education leaders in the morning service.

Then we will have one of our patented potluck luncheons after church and travel to Japan with Rev. Bill Ivey who will show and tell us about his recent trip to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It will be a family thing and everyone is invited to bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert to share! Together really is better!!!

### WELCOME THURSDAY CONNECTION!

It will be our pleasure to welcome the return of Thursday Connection Home School Cooperative beginning Thursday, August 14 with a full slate of classes and a house full of people. We thank God for the opportunity to work with them in the new year!

### CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN OPPORTUNITIES...

...MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO with fellow CP's from local churches led by Rev. Alphonso Marquez. Two dates: October 10-18 or October 17-25 (two groups of 15). Individuals or groups who want to go and help build houses and do outreach should call Rev. Marquez (660-7579) or write to 389 Bethel Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772.

...SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR at First CP Church, Oak Ridge, Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. Featured speaker Dr. Robert S. Wood, Memphis Theological Seminary. No cost but pre-registration is preferred by calling 483-8433. A carpool is available for Monday, August 11 if you want to go then (588-8581).

...DONATIONS TO COMPLETE THE CP CENTER – The new world headquarters of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in the final stages of completion in Bartlett, TN. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause is invited to make their checks to Knoxville First Church and designate for "new CP Center." Contributions will be mailed as a church check from our office.

### NEXT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is looking for all 55 year-olds and above to join them for their next fellowship luncheon at TGI-Fridays, 135 N. Northshore Drive, Wednesday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. Bring an extra friend along! We'd love to have them!

~Pastor Kevin



*"Love  
your Neighbor  
as Yourself."*

*Mark 12:31*



Happy Birthday



August

4-Steve Gwilliams  
6-Ronald Jones, Jr.  
6-James Paschke  
6-Olivia Wann  
7-Charles Franks  
9-Maxine Curtis  
9-Travis McCurry



Activities for August 2–9, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 27, 2008

Sunday School.....35  
Worship.....71  
Offering.....\$1,793.60  
Capital Improvements Fund .....10.00\*  
Memorial/Building Fund.....5.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$1,816.16

Year-to-Date (as of July 27, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$90,936.92  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$149,387.28  
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$78,845.55\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed

Christian Education Committee is looking for a few teachers for our new Sunday School year beginning August 24. If you have a desire to help with Sunday School in any way. Please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office.

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet one week later in August than usual. We will meet on Tuesday August 12th instead of August 5th. We will meet at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch- drinks and dessert will be provided.

Needed

We need a full time nursery worker. This person needs to be mature and have a current Infant CPR certification. This position will require being at church each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If you know anyone who would like to work as our Nursery worker, please contact the office, or anyone on the Worship Committee, or the Human Recourses Sub-committee of the Session, or any Session member. Filling this position is vital to the growth of our church. We need your help!!



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital  
Edna Fleenor is recovering in Holston Health, #411

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Gordon Blaylock (gall bladder surgery); the family of Justin May (Jewell Kerr’s son’s nephew).

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

Good Luck...

...to Stephanie Bridges and her Knoxville Thunder 14&under softball team who are playing in the ASA Nationals in Midland, Texas. Good Luck to you and your teammates.

Congratulations...

...MariKate Walker participated in the GKISA City Meet Championship this past weekend with the following results in the 15 - 17 Girl's division:

7th place, 200 Yard Individual Medley  
8th place, 200 Yard Medley Relay  
5th place, 50 Yard Backstroke  
11th place, 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

...Eric Boden also participated in the 9 - 10 Boys division:  
7th place 25 Yard Breaststroke

NOTE on Birthdays

If your birthday or someone you know birthday does not show up in the Birthday list, guess what? We most likely do not have it here in the office. So do you know what to do? CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!!!!!!

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

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



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.