

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 22, 2007

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS...

...the family of Tish Sparrow, Valerie Wann's mother, who went home to heaven last week. Services were conducted in St. Louis. The love and prayers of the church family are with you, Valerie, Olivia, Riley, and family. For those who want to send cards, the address is 513 Bosworth, Knoxville, TN 37919.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY!

Calling all children, youth, and adults to join us for a special Sunday School Rally this Sunday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We're going to celebrate the beginning of a new year in Christian Education!

All teachers/leaders will be recognized and commissioned to fulfill their calling to teach the word of God. All children and youth will receive special recognition and will be escorted to their classes. Parents are welcome to follow along and become familiar with class locations.

It's a new year and a new chance to build spiritual foundations that last a lifetime.

Let's grow closer to the Lord and closer together through His word!

THIS SUNDAY'S POTLUCK HAS A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THEME

It's time for our monthly potluck luncheon this Sunday, August 26 following the morning service. In addition to all the good food you always bring, I will also be sharing details of new adult Sunday School classes and the "Pioneer Club" program on Wednesdays this fall.

We have some great plans to share with you! Bring plenty of your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, and/or dessert dishes too!

COMING DOWN THE ROAD IN SEPTEMBER...

...SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:30 A.M.

Two new adult Sunday School classes begin:

"Overcoming..." with J. David Hester

"Basic Bible 101—Express Version" with Kevin Wood.

...SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10:45 A.M.

Reunion with KARM Families who attended VBS and Splash Country this summer!

Potluck luncheon—please bring lots of extra food to feed our special friends and guests!

UPWARD BASKETBALL IS COMING!

Steve Summers, the Director of Upward Basketball for First Church, is putting the word out for all men and women who want to be part of the new Upward Basketball League we will host in 2008.

We are beginning the search now for coaches, referees, prayer partners, concession and kitchen helpers, half-time devotional leaders, set-up and clean-up crews, and other positions of Christian service.

Upward Basketball will begin in December with evaluations. The season will be eight weeks' long (January-February) with games on Saturdays and one practice night a week.

We are praying God will lead many unchurched children and families to us through this ministry. The goal of Upward Basketball is "to introduce children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports."

Please give Steve a call (922-3999) if God is leading you to be part of the first-ever Upward Basketball League at First Church!

50 AND 100

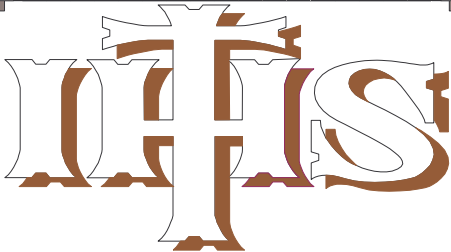
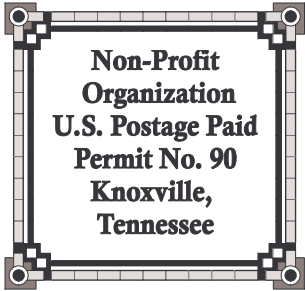
One Sunday remains for us to surpass our joint goal of 50 in Sunday School and 100 in worship, all on the same day.

Last Sunday: S.S.: 40; Worship: 96!

We are so close and there is no reason we cannot achieve these goals every Sunday if we do the following:

- (1) Put God first and other things second. God will honor your obedience!
- (2) Bring friends to meet the Lord. Each day, give at least one invitation to His House!
- (3) Grow stronger by learning Bible truths in Sunday School.
- (4) Make yourself available to serve Him in some capacity in the church!

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



August

25-Lorene Hall
28-Jessica Walker



Activities for August 25–September 1, 2007

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Thurs., 8:00 a.m. Thursday Connection Classes

Stewardship Report for August 19, 2007

Sunday School.....40
Worship.....96
Offering.....\$1,580.10

Year-to-Date (as of August 19, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$96,160.44
Expenses paid to date: \$165,319.37

Directory Updates

Ronald Jones, Jr., 2 Ashbury Woods Dr. # 2-206,
Huntsville, AL 35824-3128

Cakes for Lakeshore

Thank you for the 7 cakes you baked for Lakeshore. They, with the icing, were delivered on August 20th.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

We are in an amazing period of time for us. Our facility is being used by more persons in one week than any of us can remember. We have 500 persons taking Jazzercise, 400 persons for Thursday Connection, 90 persons with Smoky Mountain Harmony, 50 persons with Troop 20, 30 persons with Cub Scouts, and 20 persons with MOMS using our facility. To be able to provide this service to our community is a blessing and a gift from God and those who came here before us and provided us with this wonderful facility. The Building & Grounds Committee has been very busy overseeing repairs and updates to the building. The HVAC system has been providing plenty of opportunities this year. We have expended over \$14000 on repairs to it and only \$2000 of those were anticipated. Thus placing additional drain on finances. If you can increase your giving to help reduce this deficit and the normally lower summer offerings, that would help greatly.

Please do not assume that the office knows all and sees all. We need for you to tell us about meetings and events. So please contact us and let us know. This is your newsletter!

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
Beddingfield twins, premature birth, Children's Hospital
Betty Sparks (neighbor of Faye O'Neal) UT Hospital ICU

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor 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; 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; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Fred and Emily Ford; Rose Gauthler; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermoden; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas; Jessie Black; Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman; Otis Clinton Shelby; Tom and Jackie Kirchhoff, friends of the Congdon's; family of Tish Sparrow, Valerie Wann's mother; Reba Hauser; Helen Kane; Josephine and Albert Davies; and Clifton Limerick.

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.

Session Corner

- 1) The Session adopted a program where each Elder will be on call on a rotating basis for a week at a time to assist the Pastor in his duties, beginning the first week in September.
- 2) The estimate for the repairs to the roof and to the HVAC system is approximately \$500,000. The Session intends to seek a loan from the denomination to fund these repairs.
- 3) Planning for this winter's Upward Basketball program has started. Volunteers are needed to serve as coaches and officials. Contact Steve Summers if you are interested.
- 4) The Session has decided to hire a nursery staff member, certified in infant CPR, for Sunday mornings.

Lee Barron
Session Clerk

Thank You Note Received

Kevin Wood & First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
Words cannot express how thankful we are for all you have done for the families at KARM! Every volunteer who came to VBS, Splash Country, or contributed to school clothing & supplies is greatly appreciated! God bless you for all your hard work & generosity!

Tammy Otter & David Lay, Care Coordinators
And signed by children and families.