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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 18, 2007

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS...

...are with Bill and Kim Halbert and family following the sudden death of Bill's brother, Steve, in Florida last week.

...are with Jane Carroll in the death of two of her aunts this past week.

"The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms!" (Deuteronomy 33:27)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Y. J. Allan and Marion Clemons who were united in marriage recently. They were with us in worship last Sunday and we rejoiced with them!

"FUNFEST!" WHAT A BLAST!

Last Saturday over 300 children, youth, and adults wandered through every part of the church facility laughing, playing, bouncing, cakewalking, throwing, eating, getting face paintings, entertaining, and working together. How can people have so much fun in God's house?

I am so thankful and encouraged by the wonderful response to "FUNFEST!" I believe we achieved our goal of welcoming the community in the name of Jesus Christ. With His Spirit leading us we created a loving, caring image in the minds and hearts of people who live around us. It was a great day and we thank God for directing people indoors and into His Church!

Special thanks to all of you who came wearing "I Love My Church" t-shirts and for all the work you put in --a full day's worth! Thursday Connection, our newest partners in ministry, did a fantastic job. We are looking forward to what we can do together for God's glory!

Thanks also to all who gave special gifts of time and money to this wonderful event. We can't wait till the next "FUNFEST!"

THIS SUNDAY A MISSION TRIP TO PANAMA!

One of our own, Peggy O'Neal, will take us on a medical mission trip to Panama during morning worship this Sunday, April 22, 10:45 a.m.

We will also enjoy a church family potluck luncheon in the gym immediately following the service. Please bring your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share with everyone.

Don't forget to invite family and friends who may be looking for a friendly, loving church family like ours!

GET IN ON THE "GIFTS CLASS"!

Ten people attended the first "Gifts" class last Sunday but you can still join in for the remaining five sessions. Here are the dates: Sundays, April 22, 29; May 6, 20, and 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room.

Right now we are offering you a way to discover and use your God-given spiritual gifts for serving. If your faith has been dormant and you need to improve your service, Dr. J. David Hester will help you find your gift/s and help you decide how and where you can use them right here at First Church!

NEW STUDY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Everyone not presently attending a Sunday School class is invited to take part in the 13-week study, "The Thirteen Apostles," which began last Sunday. It's not too late to learn about every one of the original followers of Jesus! Join Rev. Bill Ivey in Room 30, each Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

SESSION MEETING

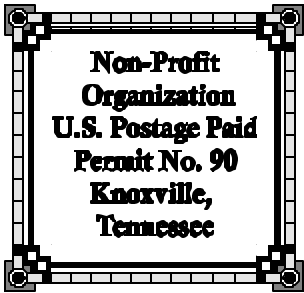
The Session will meet for our regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

GOD IS ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS!

KEEP ON PRAYING...

- (1) ...Daily for church growth.
- (2) ...Daily for a continuing positive witness for the church.
- (3) ...Daily for our "potential congregation!"
- (4) ...About your personal commitment to stewardship and ministry support.
- (5) ...About your personal commitment to change old habits so new people will feel welcome!
- (6) ...For those who are attending Upward Basketball training this coming weekend!
- (7) ...Keep on Praying Until Something Happens!"

Pastor Kevin



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

Happy Birthday

April

22~Barbara McCammon
22~Jin Gaston

Activities for April 22-28, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:00 p.m.	Spiritual Gifts Study
	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
Sat.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca's Circle

Stewardship Report for April 15, 2007

Sunday School.....	27
Worship.....	78
Offering.....	\$2,971.57

Year-to-Date (as of April 15, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$45,889.88
Expenses paid to date:	\$72,907.52

FISH UPDATE

Our third bagging session last Saturday filled 137 bags. The team consisted of Jane Carroll, Faye, James, Sydney, and Emma O'Neal, and nephew Miles, Donna, Marikate, and Jessica Walker, Mark Boggs, Steve Goodrich (who took the cardboard to recycle), Tammy Eblen, Lindsay and John Duncan, and Betty Hammill. Great work! Our fourth and final bagging session will be at the regular 9:30 time on Saturday April 21st at the Pantry. During the past two weeks, I have purchased additional saltine crackers, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti noodles and soup from Food City. Thank you for your continuing support in helping feed the hungry in our community.

Betty Hammill

What's New in the Library?

We have some interesting new books in our church library. Be sure to stop by and check them out. The library is now open between Sunday School and church times on Sundays. (Note to Spiritual Gift Study Participants: I bet Esther Congdon can help us find those books Dr. Hester referred to.)

Rebecca's Circle will meet Saturday 28 (a week later than usual due to Fish participation) at Perkin's at 10:00 a.m. Call Faye O'Neal (693-0656) with questions.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpcc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

In Convalescence

Pollye Pharaoh at Brakebill

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Dick Congdon, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), family of Claude Wilkins, Rose Gauthier, Mary Matthew, Kay Tipton, Carol King, Dorothy Damron and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr., Mary Lynn Tolar, Peggy Bradshaw, and 5-yr. old Julia (4 requests by Dianne Fielder), James Ragsdale, uncle of Danny Eblen, the family of Steve Halbert, and Jane Carroll and her family.

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

CPWM CAKEWALK SUCCESS at FUNFEST

Thank you to all who helped at the cake walk in any way. The Nenningers win the award for bringing the most cakes: a dozen [yes twelve (12)!] They made it a family baking event and had some clever decorations. We had over 50 items to give away and made over \$200 profit. Most importantly, the kids (and adults) had fun playing.

Thanks for the Lily

To My Church Friends—
A thank you all for the Easter Lily and to Faye O'Neal, who is always a joy to see—smiling and cheerful. Enclosed is a small help. I wish I could attend the services, but health presents. Sincerely, Evelyn B. Crowell



Meet for Lunch with the Friendship Club

This month's adventure in various culinary styles will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday April 25, at Louis's, 4661 Old Broadway. Call Kevin at 588-8581 to arrange carpooling.

Check Out the Sixth Chapter of Matthew

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them." . . . A donor who wishes to remain anonymous paid the entire cost of renting the games and inflatables for FUNFEST, so that the church may host even more outreach activities. May we all be inspired by this generosity!