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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 13, 2007

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We thank God for three new members who joined last Sunday! Melissa Luttrell came by reaffirmation of faith and her two daughters, Emily and Julia Pierce, were received by profession of faith and baptism. Several family members came to support them during the service! Also at home are husband Sam and daughter Chloe Pierce.

As First Church continues to grow it is important for each of you to make it your intention to get to know new members. Do everything you can to make them feel right at home. Invite them out to lunch, take them to your Sunday School class, share your faith story and allow them to do the same. God is giving us a wonderful opportunity to be a Great Commandment and a Great Commission church once again! Let's grow together!

WELCOME, NEW BABY GIRL!

Congratulations to Todd and Tiffany May and big sister Addison on the birth of Kendyl Grace May, born Monday, June 11, 2:41 p.m., weighing eight pounds and three ounces and measuring twenty-one inches long. Proud grandparents are Steve and Kim McCurry. They will probably have pictures to share this Sunday!

A FATHER'S DAY SURPRISE!

Unfortunately, hospital chaplain Brad Hood, a new father, will not be able to be with us this Sunday as hoped. Instead we have a surprise for Father's Day. The children who attended VBS this week will share special music and we will see pictures of all the fun and excitement.

All men and fathers will be honored during the service including the following: youngest and oldest fathers present, father with the most outdoor sporting equipment, fathers-to-be, father with the most Oregon quarters in their pockets, father with the most children present, father who can hit a golf ball the farthest, and two other secret awards.

HONORING NEW MEMBERS

First Church will honor our new members on Sunday, July 8. They will receive special recognition during the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service and will be guests of honor at a potluck luncheon in the gym afterward. We will have a special head table just for those who have joined us since January, 2005!

The church family is encouraged to bring all those great meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share on July 8!

YOU CAN JOIN THE FAMILY ANYTIME!

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church: or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

If you and your family would like to talk with the pastor about church membership, please contact me. My phone numbers are 588-8581 (church), 357-1946 (home), or 228-0710 (cell).

HELP KIDS BUILD THE RIGHT FOUNDATION!

*Bible Olympics, (Grades 1-4) Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. "Kids in Christ," (Grades 5-8) Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m.
*Sunday School every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sign up for Bible Olympics and Kids in Christ by calling the church office, 588-8581.

WE ARE DEFINITELY A 'KID-FRIENDLY' CHURCH FAMILY!

I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard to make First Church a super 'kid-friendly' church. Last week we had "Bible Olympics" and "Kids in Christ." Then, Friday night, we had a total of 90 kids and adults for our first Christian rock concert. This week we are hosting Family Bible School with more than 40 children, adults, and staff sharing four evenings of fun and spiritual growth. Keep on praying we will reach out to more families, children, and youth. By the grace of God, it's happening!

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly Session meeting will be held Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. All elders are encouraged to be present. The Session packets may be picked up this Sunday, June 17 in the narthex. Committee reports are due in the church office no later than this Friday, June 15.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TO REGAS

Everyone 55 and older is invited to the Friendship Club monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. at Regas restaurant, 318 North Gay Street. Reservations will be necessary so please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581. We'd love to see you there!

~Pastor Kevin



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



Happy Birthday



June

14~Samantha Watson 15~Pollye Pharoah 15~Tom Boden 18~Mildred Stone

21~Benjamin Searcy 22~DeAnna Jarnigan

22~Kari Summers

Activities for June 17-23, 2007

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Librarian Esther Congdon on duty)

Tues., 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Bible Olympics
Wed., 10:00 a.m. KIC (Kids In Christ)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. Session

Stewardship Report for June 10, 2007

 Sunday School
 39

 Worship
 87

 Offering
 \$1,875.00

Year-to-Date (as of June 10 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$68,962.63 Expenses paid to date: \$109,239.07

Updates to Your Membership Directory

Kim and Steve McCurry, who joined May 13, 2007, live at 9732 Tunbridge Lane, 37922, home phone 690-1601.

Richard and Esther Congdon, who joined May 27, 2007, live at 1870 Explorer Lane, 37912, home phone 689-9692.

Jack and Jeanine Walker, parents of Kim McCurry, joined on May 27, 2007. They live at 237 Chaho Road, Concord, TN 37934, home phone 966-8828

I nvitation to a Special Upcoming Event

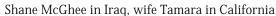
June 24 Bill and Betty Hammill will be honored with a reception celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be held in the gym from 2—4 p.m. Please come and congratulate them on this very special occasion for these two <u>very special</u> people and their family.

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



Prayer Concerns







Levi Bailey, Children's Hospital, nephew of Melissa Luttrell Jenny Black, Methodist Hospital in Oak Ridge, Ann Bachman's mother Pollye Pharaoh in Ft. Sanders Regional

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot), Marlene Ritchey, Allison Watson, 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 (mother of David 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 (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), Bill Leatherwood, Rich Carlne, Coy Sharp, Rose Gauthler, Carol King, Emma Ruth Cates, Michael Blazer, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, Barry Emerton, and Jane Matthews (3 requests by the Witmers), Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich), Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family, Lisa Deal, recovering at home from an infection

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

Lay Witness Corner By Donna Walker

(#5 in a series of 5 topics)

"Fake It Till You Make It"

While this philosophy may seem to work in life for some people, it doesn't work with God. God is never

fooled. God calls us to be genuine. He understands and empathizes with our faults, but He has little use for our hypocrisy. Duality has a high emotional, spiritual, and physical cost. It requires much strength to keep our multiple roles in



life straight. People see the strength and love of God best when we allow our weakness to be seen. It also allows for accountability among Christians and who knows - maybe someone else out there is struggling with the same weakness and we can learn from one another. After all, our sins are not unique.

Yes, Tom Witmer is back in the office on a full time basis. The Session hired Tom to be the Office / Building Manager. Dianne Fielder left the secretary position June 1. **Thanks** Dianne for all of your hard work as secretary!!!!!!!