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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY WAS A GREAT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!

If you were here last Sunday you were blessed by the whole worship experience. No doubt the presence of the Lord was in the place and His name was lifted high!

The young adults and special guest Roy Nicaud did a fantastic job leading us! Our appreciation to Robin Halbert, Amanda Roberts, John and Lindsay Duncan, Billy Davis, Eric Bachman, Julie Rech, and Travis and Courtney McCurry for their contributions.

Following the service a large number of young adults met with Roy at Chili's to talk about possibilities for young adult ministry at First Church. Please pray for Roy and his wife, Hannah, as they consider where God may be calling them!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH!

It's time for our monthly potluck luncheon Sunday, August 26 following the morning service. In addition to all the good food you always bring, the Christian Education Committee and I will also be sharing some new Sunday School classes and opportunities for fellowship and growth First Church wants to offer beginning September 9.

The truth is we cannot offer them unless you do three things first: (1) pray that God will provide all the resources, dedicated leaders and helpers needed; (2) determine that you and your entire family will start a new habit of getting into prayer and the word of God on a regular basis; and (3) come as a family ready to learn and grow with us!

We have some great plans to share with you on August 26. Bring plenty of your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, and/or dessert dishes too!

KEEP UP WITH FAMILY NEWS

How do you keep up with what's going on in your family? E-mail? Cell Phone? I-pod? Carrier Pigeon?

A great way to keep up with what's happening in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is to subscribe to The Cumberland Presbyterian magazine. Find out all the news from our churches and mission points around the world.

August is church magazine month and you can get a yearly subscription for just \$22.00. I'm a subscriber and I high recommend it! Look for the subscription blank in the bulletin the next two Sundays!

THURSDAY CONNECTION IS HOME!

Following a week of orientation Thursday Connection will begin a full schedule of classes this Thursday, August 16. I had the privilege last week of welcoming them to First Church. The welcome banner on the front lawn of the church will remain as a gesture of our support of their ministry and as a sign marking their new home.

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

50 AND 100

50 in Sunday School!

100 in Morning Worship!

Last Sunday, we had 42 in Sunday School and 122 in worship! We came close in one and blew past the other!

Here's how we can continue to reach these weekly goals 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!

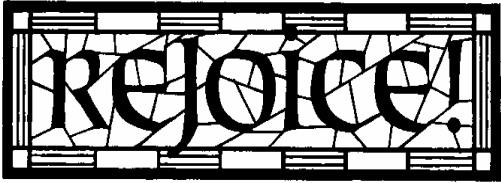
(3) Desire the "meat" of God's word instead of the same old "milk" you were given as a child. Start attending and growing again in Sunday School and small groups (to be offered soon!)

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR AUGUST

Everyone 55 and older is encouraged to attend our monthly Friendship Club meeting Wednesday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. at Green Hills Grille, 4429 Kingston Pike. We meet in a different place each month for fellowship and fun. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



August

21-Brandon Sprague
23-Judy GWilliams
23-Tom Witmer
25-Randy Clark
25-Danny Eblen
25-Miriam Seylar



Activities for August 18–25, 2007

Sat., 10:00 a.m. Rebeccas-Perkins Restaurant
Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Thurs., 8:00 a.m. Thursday Connect Classes

Stewardship Report for August 12, 2007

Sunday School.....48
Worship.....122
Offering.....\$2,336.06

Year-to-Date (as of August 12, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$94,580.34
Expenses paid to date: \$158,450.83

Directory Updates

Troy & Debbie Kickler, PO Box 595, Lillington, NC 27545-0595
Eric & Katie Gruen, 327 Ridgewood Drive, KY, 40383
Ronald Jones, Jr., 2 Ashbury Woods Dr. # 2-206, Huntsville, AL 35824-3128

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 on August 20th. Thanks!
Ann Bachman, CPWM President

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

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted 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; Howard Eblen; 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; Ruth McNabb; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Elena Zimmerman; Otis Clinton Shelby; Tom and Jackie Kirchhoff, friends of the Congdons.

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.

A New Baby!

Hannah Grace Davis was born at 3:18PM, Thursday, August 2, 2007, at Park West Hospital, weighing in at 7lbs., 5 oz, and 17-1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Allison and Billy Davis, sister of Hailey and Connor and granddaughter of Tom and Lois Witmer. Congratulations to all!!!!



Congratulations—Graduate

Peter Lancaster, who graduated from Bethel College with a B.A. in liberal arts on Sunday, August 5, 2007. He is currently working in the commercial and advertising department at WBBJ, TV6, an ABC affiliate in Jackson, TN.



Missed Birthday

We did not have Charlie Franks birthday on record. So we missed his birthday on August 7. Happy Birthday Charlie!!!

Life After Death

If life is a journey, what is the destination? The September/October 2007 issue of AARP reported the results of a survey of persons 50 and over to share their most deeply held beliefs. The result is an illuminating glimpse into America's spiritual core. 94% believe in God. 86% believe in Heaven. 70% believe in Hell. 77% are not frightened by thoughts of what happens after death.