

The Cumberland

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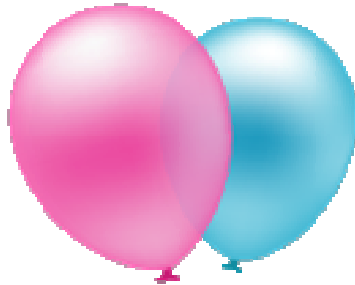
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 2, 2008



What a wonderful way to welcome the community to the First Church family!!!

FUNFEST FAMILY FUN ZONE

Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

***INFLATABLES**

***CLOWNS**

***BALLOONS**

***CAKEWALKING**

***SNO-CONES**

***GOOD FOOD**

***GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS**

***CARNIVAL GAMES**

***FACE PAINTING**

***DOOR PRIZES**

***COTTON CANDY**

***POPCORN**

***GREAT FRIENDS**

***SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Sponsored by Thursday Connection, Jazzercise, and First Church
Rain or Shine, First Church Gym and Grounds**

All members and friends of First Church are encouraged to participate in the following areas: (1) greeters (please wear your "I Love My Church" t-shirts); (2) kitchen helpers; (3) cakes for the cakewalk sponsored by Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry; (4) set-up and clean-up crews; and (5) inexpensive prizes for children's games.

This is an "Operation Andrew" event so please pray for and bring all your unchurched family, friends, and neighbors!!!

FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVAL THREE WEEKS AWAY!!!

Keep praying and start inviting the people on your "Operation Andrew" list to the Franklin Graham Festival April 25-27 at Thompson-Boling Arena. Lots of great musical guests are expected and you can see, hear, and experience the Good News of Jesus Christ in a powerful way!

Look for the FGF bulletin boards at church and sign up the people you are planning to bring. We will be taking a bus for "Kidzfest" on Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. followed by a pizza lunch at a nearby restaurant. We will be carpooling for the youth service Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. and the closing service Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. Come and bring your friends to meet your church family. Let's get together and share a meal and fellowship afterwards!

NEW SERIES/NEW CLASS

This Sunday, April 6, 10:45 a.m. I will begin a new sermon series on "Discipleship—What It Means to Follow Jesus Today!" and a new Sunday School class on the same topic at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. If you want to know more, "come and see!"

BETHEL YOUTH FESTIVAL A BLAST!

Just ask those who went: John and Lindsay Duncan, Michael, Megan, and Kelly Lamier, Samantha Lovett and Kathryn Nenninger. The Bethel College Youth Festival last weekend was super! Look for a report from the youth soon!

EAST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY SATURDAY

East Tennessee Presbytery will convene this Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. at Clark's Grove CP Church in Maryville. Elder Dianne Pipkin will attend along with the pastor. Please pray for this important meeting. One highlight will be the reception of five new churches from South Korea!

ELDERS ON CALL FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 6 Steve Summers Sunday, April 13 Valerie Wann Sunday, April 20 Lois Witmer Sunday, April 27 Tom Witmer

FRIENDSHIP CLUB GOING TO APPLE BARN

The Friendship Club invites you to join them on their spring fling to the Apple Barn in Sevierville Wednesday, April 23. Everyone 55 and above is welcome to join us. We will meet at the church by 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the Apple Barn. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581). We hope to see you there!

MIKE PARKER AND FAMILY COMING APRIL 20

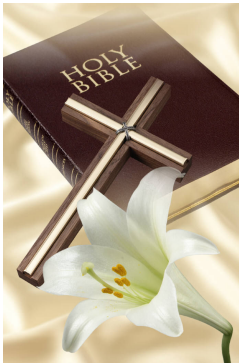
God has given us a special opportunity to encourage and support a new missionary family as they prepare to go to Guatemala. Mike and Carla Parker and family will be with us Sunday, April 20, 10:45 a.m. to share their calling to be youth pastors for over 400 children at an orphanage there. We will hear all the details and then offer our prayers and a special gift from the memorial fund to help them get started. They have already invited our church to visit them on a mission trip in the near future. In June they will be leaving for their new home. Don't miss the opportunity to hear their story and send them off with a blessing from their mission partners!

A NEW SERVICE MINISTRY BEGUN BY THE ELDERS

The church expresses appreciation to those elders who served Communion to people who could not make it to church Easter Sunday. This ministry will continue and will be expanded to include anyone who wants to participate. Please call the church office and have your name added to the list of those who will have Communion brought to them once a quarter on the same Sunday it is observed in the congregation. Opportunities for the rest of 2008 are June 1, October 5, and December 24.

~Pastor Kevin

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Happy Birthday



April
11-Karen Ware
12-Eric Bachman



Activities for April 5-12, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 30, 2008

Sunday School.....40
Worship.....70
Offering.....\$2,821.90
Capital Improvements Fund\$210.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....15.00
Expenses paid last week\$2,403.18
MTS.....\$130.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 30, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$46,375.58
Expenses paid to date:.....\$63,536.02
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$75,559.55*
*Includes giving toward pledges

Directory Information

If you have not picked up your February 2008 Directory, please get one in the Narthex. If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office and we will mail one out to you. If you find any information that needs to be corrected please let either Esther Congdon or the office know. The following are corrections / additions:

Judy Gammon: 5505 Crestwood Road, 37918
James & Peggy O'Neal: 531-1313

What is on the other side

A man preparing to leave his doctor's office asked, "I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."
The doctor replied, "I don't know." About that time the doctor opened the door and a dog sprang from the other room and leaped upon the doctor, showing its joy.
The doctor turned to the patient and said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room, but he knew his master was here and he entered without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I know my Master is there and that is enough!"

Submitted by Marlene Ritchey

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.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

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; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder's cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Diana Hess; Donna Walker; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Clara Zelinski; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Jerrie Moffet; Pat Booher; Dan Miller; Sue Hounshell; Arrienne Murphy; Traci VanDeVate.

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

Our total contributions to date, including surplus from last year, are \$3,198.76.

Last week we were able to transport 136 cases of food from Food City-Bearden to the FISH Pantry. Many thanks to our helpers, who were Charlie Franks, Danny Eblen, Steve McCurry, Larry Fielder and Kevin Wood.
Our first bagging session last Saturday filled 248 bags. The hard workers accomplishing this huge effort included Faye O'Neal, Donna, Jessie and Marikate Walker, James, Peggy, Sydney, Emma and Eli O'Neal, Steve McCurry, Jimmy Curtis, J. David Hester, Mark Boggs, who also took the cardboard to recycle and Betty Hammill. All were diligent but we have to select Eli O'Neal as "The Bagger of the Week". Thanks all for contributing yourself for this physical labor. Our next Bagging Session will be Saturday April 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry site. "Strong" Bonnie Bridges will accompany me to the Food Bank this week.

Thank all of you for your faithfulness in helping to feed the hungry in our community.

Betty Hammill

THANK YOU!...

...to Dr. J. David Hester for preaching and leading the service last Sunday. It's always a blessing to hear you!

...to Sam and Melissa Luttrell for a superb job in Children's Church during the month of March. We praise God for all of you who have served in this vital ministry of the church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dianne Pipkin, Lois Witmer, or any member of the Worship Committee.