# The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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## THANK YOU FIRST CHURCH!!!

The Moderator of the 181<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (Rev. Don Tabor), the President of Memphis Theological Seminary (Dr. Jay Brown), the Executive Director of the Pastoral Development Ministry Team (Rev. Milton Ortiz), pastors, elders and church members from as far away as Boston and all over East Tennessee gathered here last Saturday for the fall meeting of the presbytery. A total of 116 people were present.

All day long First Church folks proved to be gracious hosts and hostesses; from the opening welcome to the closing prayer they displayed remarkable hospitality! Special thanks to all of you who shared your musical talent in worship, your culinary excellence in the kitchen, your preparation of the facility, and your warmth and caring for those who came! Well done!!!

## YOUTH COOKOUT AND MOVIE NIGHT!







## This Saturday, October 8, 5:00 P. M.

## Outside in the Picnic Area and/or Gym

\*Hot Dogs, Drinks and Pop Corn Provided

(Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!)

Children and Youth, Parents, and Friends Welcome!

For More Information, call 588-8581 or 470-9004

## TASK FORCE OCTOBER 16

The Task Force on a contemporary worship service will meet Sunday, October 16 in the Keene Room immediately following morning worship.

Under the direction of the Session the Task Force is in the process of completing plans for a series of monthly Sunday evening services beginning in November. Please be in prayer for them as they seek God's will in promoting the services and reaching the community for Christ!

#### **INVITATION**

Bazeltown Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Joe Weaver, pastor, have invited First Church to join them for a joint worship service and evening meal Sunday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. in Harriman, TN. We will provide special music and the pastor will be guest preacher. Please join us for an evening of outstanding praise and worship!



## **OCTOBER IS...**

...Back to Church Month!
...Stewardship Commitment Month (October 9-30)!
...Loaves and Fishes Distribution Month (October 23)!

Has God been gracious to you? Has He proven faithful in good times and bad times?

Do you sincerely believe in the Lord and the future of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church?

October will give you a fantastic opportunity to affirm, by your presence and participation: "I Believe!" Will you?

## RENAISSANCE SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRIO!

Sunday, October 30, 10:45 a.m. our special musical guests will be the Renaissance Southern Gospel Trio from Bethel University. Please join us and bring lots of family and friends to hear them. They are outstanding!!!

We also need two host homes for the trio (two girls, one guy). If you can help, please call the church office (588-8581).

~Pastor Kevin







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

# Happy Birthday



## October

9-Sarah Paschke 10-Bonnie Bridges 10Lindsay Duncan 10-Donna Walker

13-Dianne Fielder



## Activities for October 9-15, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

7:30 p.m. Dance Class

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for October 2, 2011

Sunday School	47
Worship	87
Offering	\$4,380.16
Capital Improvements Fund	

## Lay Ministry Corner The Sea of Life

Much like our parents gave us warnings of the hazards of the ocean before we went in to swim, our Heavenly Father gives us warnings about the hazardous tides of sin that exist in life. First, the undertow of jealously can pull us down, take us under and refuse to let us back up. Then, there is the rip tide of fear that pulls us away from our goals and can send us drifting without purpose far away from where we're supposed to be. Lastly, there is the tidal wave of anger that can send us reeling toward the rocks at high speeds without reason or control. Its force is destructive to both its path and the soul that tries to ride it. In life, we have no promise that our sea will be calm, but we do have a *life preserver* to protect us when the waves swell.

#### THANK YOU (corrected and new)

Special thanks to all my friends and family who attended my "surprise" party. It was so great to see all of you! God has truly blessed my life with wonderful people!

Lois Witmer

Thanks for your support, love and caring during Richard's illness and death. I really appreciate all you have done for me.

Rue Dougherty

## **HVAC Renovation Update**

The long awaited HVAC renovation has begun. Holes, ceiling tiles out, dust, dirt, noise, did I say noise?

Now is the time to get your pledges in you made on the HVAC so we can pay the suppliers and contractors on a prompt basis. A huge reminder for what clothing to wear to church. Please wear clothing appropriate for the outside temperature. We have air conditioning, but will not have heat until this renovation is completed. So if it is cold outside, most likely it will be cold in the church.

Thanks to all who have supported this project.

## **Prayer Concerns**

## In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

## **COOKIE MIX FOR SALE**

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix is \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

### **FAVORITE HYMN MONTH**

The Worship Committee has declared the months of September and October to be "Favorite Hymn Month". There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out and suggest your Favorite Hymn(s).



## SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to attend. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, October 16.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN OCTOBER

Everyone at least 55 years-old is invited to see the fall colors with the Friendship Club when we travel to Carver's Applehouse Restaurant, Cosby, TN, Wednesday, October 19. Join us in a caravan leaving from the church by 9:30 a.m. We will have lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by a special trip to Mary Ann Haney's cabin in Gatlinburg for homemade dessert. Sign up outside the church office or call us, 588-8581/228-0710.