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Our Weekly Newsletter

A NEW MISSION AT FIRST CHURCH!

The pastor and elders of First Church feel led to pursue a new mission at this moment in the life of our congregation.

In order for us to have a continuing viable ministry for the future we believe it is time for us to develop a second worship service with emphasis on reaching young adult families, the unchurched, and all those who prefer a contemporary worship experience.

To that end I will be organizing a Task Force in August to begin praying and planning a first service to be held sometime this fall.

While it is too early to know many specifics, we do believe the new service will probably be held on either a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening. It will be separate and distinct from our Sunday morning service and will in no way "compete" with it. On Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. we will continue to enjoy traditional worship and will encourage friends and newcomers to join us.

The Task Force for the new service will include the chairs of all committees of the church and will also be open to anyone who wants to participate in our mission of developing an additional service with an alternate style at a different time.

If you feel led to join us in the praying and planning stage of our new mission please be present for the first meeting of the Task Force Sunday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. in the gym. If you have any questions or concerns about our new mission please contact the pastor and/or the elders. Please include this concern in your daily prayers during our Season of Prayer!

SEASON OF PRAYER

Pray that the Lord will build His Church at 6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive

Pray that God's People will be open to the Spirit
Pray that barriers to church growth will fall
Pray for those facing trials and trouble, addictions and disease
Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world
Pray for the Youth and Children's Ministries of First Church

As of Wednesday, July 27 we are more than one-third of the way into our 90-day season of prayer for the future of First Church, for each other, and for the people, circumstances, and causes God lays on our hearts.

Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 12:1 to "Remember your Creator..." The Hebrew word "creator" is used only once in this entire book. Why does Solomon say it that way? Maybe it's because when we stop to remember that we have a Creator, we are also reminded that we are creatures! The world is not our oyster; we're not in charge; we don't have the last word! And someday we're going to answer for how we, the creatures, have lived the lives we've been given!!!

Surely the best way to remember who we are and whose we are is to pray daily. Pastor and author Dave McClellan makes a good point when he says "Remembering your Creator" happens when you walk through your day with Him. "You establish a level of trust and build a sense of God's presence all day long...that way you're always in the moment with God!"

"Remembering your Creator" is something we can do continuously, moment by moment, wherever we are, whatever is happening! Praying this way helps us stay focused on our need for God and our relationship with Him! We are creatures dependent on the Creator! Are you remembering the Creator moment by moment as you walk through this life? Do you know who you are and whose you are?

<u>Still available: Prayer booklets! Join a Prayer Group! Add names and needs to "Prayer Central" in the Chapel. Call us:</u> 588-8581/228-0710.



Hey Kids, Come Join Us for

The Next Big Wave Discovery!

Ages 3-K and Grades 1-6
More Big Answers to Big Questions About Jesus!!!

Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 A.M.

at the McCurry's Pool, 9732 Tunbridge Lane

The carpool will leave from the church by 9:30 a.m. Call 588-8581

A Summer Ministry of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN AUGUST

The Friendship Club invites everyone at least 55 years-old to join us for our next monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, August 10, 11:00 a.m. at Puleo's Grille, 242 Morrell Road (531-6338). Newcomers and their guests are always welcome to join us! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581.

~Pastor Kevin



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



Happy Birthday



July

29-Otis Clinton Shelby

<u>August</u>

1-Arron Boggs

1-Connor Davis

2-Hannah Davis

4-Steve GWilliams

6-James Paschke

6-Olivia Wann

Activities for July 31-August 6, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., 10:00 a.m. Big Wave Discovery

Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for July 24, 2011

Sunday School	43
Worship	
Offering	
Capital Improvements Fund	

eBay Charity Items

We are selling collectables, heirloom items, etc. on eBay for the FAITH for the FUTURE Campaign. If you have such items, please bring them to the office and we will place item on eBay. We have begun this part of the sale and will continue until we run out of items. Nick Deal is photographing these items. Pitch in and help. Giving items is the easiest part.

Can We Count on YOU??????

Moving to the Digital World

We are now in the slow process of moving our decades of Worship Services that are recorded on cassette tape to CD. We will have these CDs in the library for those who may want to check them out and listen to them. If you have old format memories and want to move them to digital call the office. Fees will be contribution to HVAC renovation.

2nd Annual Children's Consignment Sale

Yes, it is coming back bigger and better than last year our 2nd Annual Children's Consignment Sale will be held August 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information will be placed on the church's web page, but you may call either Julie Rech or Allison Witmer for information. They will need help with this project, so please call to volunteer to help. All funds that are realized will be donated to the

FAITH for the FUTURE Campaign.

Thanks to Julie and Allison for stepping forward and Dianne Pipkin for advising them.



Prayer Concerns



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.

grandmother); David Rech (Justin Rech's father); to the

family of Hazel Castle, Mebone, NC (Brack Emory's

Dance Classes for Faith for the Future Campaign

Dance classes will begin September 8 this fall at 7:00 p.m. Jin and Jack Gaston will be

leading the classes with the help of Jim and Maxine Curtis. If you are interested in attending these classes please contact the Gastons at 573-3754; the Curtis at 357-0441 or the

Aunt); Greg Beeler.

The cost of the classes is \$25 a person for 10 weeks. All funds collected will be given to the FAITH for the FUTURE Campaign.

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session packets will be available by Sunday, August 14 in the narthex.

Any volunteers who want to learn how to drive our tractor and mow the large yard every other week, call Tom.

