

The Cumberland

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WHAT A SPIRITUAL BLESSING!

Many of you were blessed and challenged by attending the Franklin Graham Festival last weekend. 23 parents and children from First Church were there for “X-treme Kids Live” Saturday morning, several youth took in the concert Saturday night and 10 adults were present for the closing service Sunday afternoon. Our prayers continue for the harvest of those who committed their lives to Christ during the Festival!

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

This Sunday, May 4 we will honor all known graduates at First Church. So far our list includes Hannah Emory (Tennessee Tech University), Lindsay Bridges (Halls High School), Kari Summers (Halls Middle School) and Hailey Davis (kindergarten). Please call us and let us know others who have reached a milestone in their lives. We want to include everyone who is graduating from anything (588-8581)!

MINISTER OF VISITATION

First Church is pleased and honored to announce that Dr. J. David Hester has signed a contract with us to serve as Minister of Visitation beginning May 1. He is very gracious to perform this ministry as a volunteer and will receive only reimbursement for mileage. His visitation ministry will include shut-ins and homebound members and friends, hospitals and nursing homes, inactive members, first-time visitors, prospective new members and some joint visitation with the pastor and elders as needed. Dr. Hester and I will coordinate our visitation ministries to better serve the pastoral needs of our church and community. Welcome aboard, and to God be the glory!

HOT TOPICS!

This summer will be a hot one and so will the sermon topics on Sunday mornings. How do I know? Because I want to give you the opportunity to name the topic beginning this Sunday, May 4. For the next several weeks you can use the bulletin insert to list a message/messages you’ve always wanted to hear. Then I will develop and deliver sermons beginning Sunday, June 1 addressing the topic from a biblical perspective. If you really want to know what the Bible says about ??? then write it down and include it in the offering plate. It could be the hottest summer yet!

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MAY

May 4 Lee Barron May 11 Steve Goodrich May 18 Steve McCurry May 25 Dianne Pipkin

THE CRAZY GOLFERS THIS SUNDAY

The crazy golfers at First Church are pulling their clubs out of the closet and beginning the Spring season this Sunday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. at the “Wee Course at Williams Creek.” The address is 2351 Dandridge Avenue; phone 546-5828. Men, women, and children of every age are welcome to join us. The cost will be \$23.00 per person including green fee and cart. Please sign up on the bulletin board this Sunday if you would like to join us! Tee times have been reserved for up to twelve people.

COMING IN MAY

Sunday, May 4 “Graduate Sunday” honoring all graduates.
Sunday, May 11 “Mother’s Day” with special recognition for all girls, ladies, and mothers.
Sunday, May 18 “Children’s Sunday” led by our children with a church family picnic on the grounds following the service.
Don’t miss the joy of being together in the Lord. Bring your friends and family and let’s set a new record for attendance in May!!!

BOOMERS GET-TOGETHER

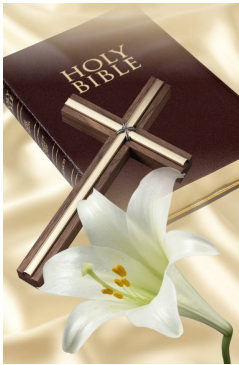
Steve and Wendy Goodrich invite all you “boomers” to join them for a fellowship dinner this Saturday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. at P. F. Chang’s China Bistro, 6741 Kingston Pike (212-5514). A great time will be had by all!

~Pastor Kevin

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S MINISTRY CORNER

Just a note to remind all the women of the church that we try to provide service and fellowship opportunities for ALL of you! The following are CPWM officers serving through this summer. Please call any of us for more information about our plans or let us know how we can help with your ideas for ministry: President-Nancy Wood; President-elect-Donna Walker; Secretary-Faye O’Neal; Treasurer-Dianne Fielder.
JULY 13-19 Women’s Work trip to Mt. Vernon, KY.
JULY 24-26 Women’s Ministry Conference at Brenthaven CP Church in Nashville.
AUGUST We will collect cakes for birthdays of Lakeshore residents during July and August and deliver them.

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Happy Birthday



May
6-Joshua Rech
7-John Golliher



Activities for May 3-10, 2008

Sat.,	6:00 p.m.	Boomers—P.F. Chang's
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	The Crossing (Youth Group)
Tues.,	10:45 a.m.	West Circle—Keene Room
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for April 27, 2008

Sunday School.....	49
Worship.....	75
Offering.....	\$2,205.46
Capital Improvements Fund	\$60.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	40.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,705.40

Year-to-Date (as of April 27, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$58,342.54
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$91,729.15

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$76,624.55*
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*Includes giving toward pledges

The Sunday school class being taught by Bill Ivey will begin a new study May 4. The theme is: Israelites, Jews, Jesus and the early church - beliefs, relationships and practices. Everyone who does not now participate in a Sunday school class is invited, 9:30 A.M., room 24.

Directory Update

Alice Montgomery: 633-6051
4006 Moonlight Way, 37917

Rebate Challenge

There has been a lot in the press about how taxpayers will spend their rebates. My idea is to share the money with our church! If everyone tithed their rebates, the church would receive thousands of extra dollars in May and June. We could have a month where we do not have to borrow from our investment fund to pay the bills. So I am challenging you to give one tenth of your rebate check as an ADDITIONAL offering above your usual pledge or offering.

Dianne Fielder

Thanks....

... Abbey Wegman who played the piano for the Offertory April 20th. Did you know that she did not use music to play from? Abbey is with Thursday Connection.

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
Taylor Adkins (friend of Marikate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital

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; 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; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Judy and Toby Rogers; Lea Acuff; Mildred 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; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Clara Zelinski; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Jerrie Moffet; Pat Booher; Dan Miller; Arrienne Murphy; Traci Van De Vate; Lisa Hayes; Kevin Wood: Mister Childs; the family of Mrs. Don G. Etelka Franks; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen's father); Judy GWilliams. Jane & Martin Terrin; Wilson Parker; the family of Jean Bul-lard; Diane Seffernick (friend of Maxine McGuire); Jane Matthews (friend of Tom Witmer).

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 Fish campaign is winding down after another successful year. Sacred Heart Cathedral takes over in May and we wish them the very best. Steve McCurry accompanied me to the Bread Store in Seymour last week and we got 184 loves of bread which filled all three freezers in the pantry. After April is over, I will complete all accounting and give my final wrap-up Sunday, May 4th. I want to thank the entire congregation for your tremendous support in helping feed the hungry in our community. It is always a pleasure to participate with you on this project.

Betty Hammill

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 10:45 a.m. in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich-drinks and dessert will be provided.

Vacation Bible School—Rainforest Adventure A Tree Top Bible Blast!

The Christian Education Committee has scheduled VBS for June 22, 23, 24, and 25. They will need teachers, helpers, kitchen help, set up help, clean up help, prayers and other items not known yet. Please contact Chairman, Bill Halbert or any other member of the CE Committee for information.