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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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IMPROVING YOUR SERVE!

One of the best ways to grow spiritually strong is to serve somebody! You don't have to be perfect, because God always uses flawed people! You don't have to be an all-star, just a team player. You do have to be willing to put God first, give your time, and occasionally get your hands dirty.

This fall, First Church can really grow if you will answer God's call to serve! Let us help you find your place of service to the Lord. There are many openings! As the Bible says: "Whatever your task, work with great enthusiasm, as serving the Lord and not people." (Colossians 3:23a)

HERE'S THE LATEST ON VBS FOR THE HOMELESS

It is utterly amazing what God can do when we let Him lead the way!

We are expecting 10-20 children when our VBS for Homeless kids gets underway July 30. So far 50 new adult backpacks have been purchased and 40 tickets to Splash Country have been donated. That means we can take children and parents and VBS staff for free! It looks like we will need to rent a bus for the Thursday trip and we will need some lunch money as well.

Many of you have volunteered to help and we have all the staff we need with the exception of a photographer to come one day or all four.

What else can you do to help us get ready? (1) please continue praying for the children and their families and the VBS staff. (2) If you want to make a money gift for personal items for the children, please contact Steve and Kim McCurry (690-1601). (3) If you have good used/new toys, books, clothes (ages 5-12, any size), shoes (1-13) please bring them with you any Sunday through July 29 and leave them in the boxes provided in the gym kitchen or narthex.

Our mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ. It's all about loving Him and loving people!

BACK DOOR OPEN GOLF OUTING JULY 29

The fabulous "Back Door Open Golf Tournament" is planned for Ruggles Ferry Golf Course Sunday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. Get out those clubs and join us. If you have friends, please bring them. We are trying for 2-3 foursomes. Both men and women are welcome to join us! The prizes are outrageous—cars, tickets to big events, \$1,000 for a hole-in-one, etc. You get the idea! The cost for the golf tournament with cart will be \$36.00.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB JULY 25

Everyone 55 and up is invited to our monthly Friendship Club outing Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 a.m. at the Chop House, 4870 Harvest Mill Way. Call the church or sign up on the bulletin board outside the offices. Hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY AUGUST 10

The young adults of First Church will lead us in worship Sunday, August 12, 10:45 a.m. Special guest speaker will be Roy Nicaud, longtime friend of Lindsay Duncan. Roy has visited our church on several occasions.

All young adults are encouraged to participate in the service by volunteering to make announcements, lead prayers, take the offering, provide special music, etc.

Please take this opportunity to bring friends who need the Lord and a loving church family.

BIBLE OLYMPICS HAS BEEN GREAT FUN!

A total of 15 children participated in "Bible Olympics" this summer. On Tuesday, July 17 the final competition was held which included lots of games and reciting of The Lord's Prayer and The 23rd Psalm. The "Lions of Judah" and the "Benjamin Wolves" were teams who participated. An awards ceremony and Olympic celebration were held, marking the end of the "Bible Olympics" for summer, 2007. We can't wait till next year!

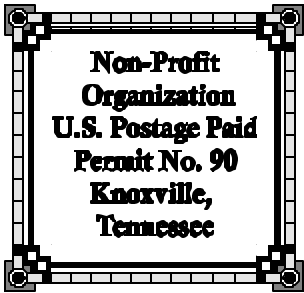
FINAL "KIDS IN CHRIST" OUTING JULY 25

The final service project for "Kids In Christ" will be held Wednesday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. at the church. Everyone in grades 5-8 are welcome to join us.

~Pastor Kevin

Picnic Area—Thanks Jay Pannell

Have you looked at the new picnic area beyond the swing set? Jay Pannell an Eagle Scout candidate cleaned up this area, built two picnic tables and a charcoal pit for our use. Jay is from a troop that meets in Concord Church of Christ. Jay came to Church on Sunday and gave a presentation on the project and asked for funds to help defray the costs of the project. If you want to donate money for this please send check or place money in offering and designate "Picnic Area".



Happy Birthday



July

25~Amy Pipkin
26~Keenen Clark
28~Tom Walker



Activities for July 21-28, 2007

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca's at Perkin's on Kingston Pike
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	10:00 a.m.	"KIC"
	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club at Chop House off Broadway
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.,	9:00 a.m.	Garage / Yard Sale

Stewardship Report for July 15, 2007

Sunday School.....	28
Worship.....	59
Offering.....	\$2,984.00

Year-to-Date (as of July 15 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$83,665.52
Expenses paid to date:	\$133,366.12

Sunday School Class Update

ANGELS—The Upstairs SS Class is beginning a study on Angels. We would like to invite those who are not enrolled in a SS class to join us. We meet in the room nearest the Narthex.

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 15. We will deliver them to Lakeshore at the end of the month. Thanks!

Ann Bachman, CPWM President

Dear Friends:

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, visits, and prayers for my mother. Thanks to God she is ready to leave the therapy center! In the past week, she has regained most of her strength. Thanks again, and praise be to God!

Ann Bachman

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

Elena Zimmerman ,recovering from surgery, Park West

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torres 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 (Kim Halbert's mother); Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); JoAnn Ford; Howard Eblen; William Barron (Lee's Father); Nellie Ramold, Edna Fugate, Millie McNeil, Heidi Holton, Fred and Emily Ford, Rose Gauthler, Georgianna Harned, Charolette and Frank Disney, Nancy Bandermoden, Dorothy Parker, John Ramsey and Michael Blazer (friends of Dorothy Porter); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmers); Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich); Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey, nephew of Melissa Luttrell; Dick Booher; Ruth McNabb, Tammy Eblen's mother; Lillian Stephens (friend of Jewell Kerr); Neal Denton, Tammie Eblen's cousin's husband; Bonnie Holbert.

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

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars. **Saturday July 28th** we will host a church wide garage sale. So bring your garage sale items to the church. This will be inclusive of Jazzercise, Thursday Connection, Smoky Mountain Harmony, and Scouts. All items not sold will be given to a charity for their use on July 30th. All monies received will go toward the costs associated with converting the Men's bathroom in the front hall to an unisex handicap bathroom to accommodate wheelchairs. So please help. Dianne Pipkin is heading up this event. Call her if you have any questions or the church office.

CPWM PICNIC—CPWM invites all ladies of the church to the annual potluck picnic to be held at Betty Hammill's house, 505 Brdon Road (behind West Town Mall). Please bring picnic type food. The picnic will be held at 6 p.m. August 5, 2007. A map to Betty's house is available on the CPWM Bulletin Board. We hope all the ladies of the church can join us.

New Task

We will be putting together a new and updated directory, phone list and membership roster. We will be doing this in the office using our church management software. In order to do this we will be asking everyone to provide us with updated information to be entered into our system. We will be mailing out a form in next week's Cumberlander for you to fill out and return to us. You may also pick up forms in the Narthex or in the office that contain the information that we have in the system at this time. Some information is right and some is wrong. So please help us correct it. Thank you for your help and cooperation!!