

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

August 27, 2008

GOD BLESS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OFFICERS (2008-2009)!

Bill Halbert, Superintendent

Children's Division

Ages 3-4

Allison Davis

Ages 5-6-7

Lois Witmer

Maxine Curtis, Asst.

Grades 2-5

Ann Bachman

Youth Division

Junior High/Senior High

Bill Halbert

Adult Division

Betty Hammill

Gene McCammon

Steve Summers

Kevin Wood

Donna Walker

Bill Ivey

The church expresses appreciation and gratitude to those who have taught the past year but will be taking a temporary break from teaching: Wendy Goodrich, Jane Carroll, Julie Rech, Dianne Pipkin, and J. David Hester.

WHAT A GREAT DAY IN THE LORD!

Last Sunday the families of Knox Area Rescue Ministries joined us for worship and a fantastic potluck meal afterward. What a wonderful day to be together as God's family!

Thank you for providing such a warm welcome to everyone! We pray that God will bring us together again for another VBS, Splash Country, and church family worship next August. In the meantime please continue to pray that our friends in Christ will all find new homes and new lives in the Knoxville area. May the Lord watch between them and us while we are absent from one another!

Special thanks to everyone whom God inspired to give to this mission!

DON'T MISS GOD'S PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE!

Purpose #2 "You Were Formed for God's Family!"

Our first purpose in life is to respond to God's love by loving Him back. That's worship! Our second purpose involves belonging and learning to love God's family, the Body of Christ, the Church. That's fellowship! True fellowship includes membership, friendship, partnership, and most important of all, kinship—loving believers like family. Please read Ephesians 1:5; Ephesians 2:19-21; Romans 12:5; John 3:16 and I John 3:16.

If you want to know more, read the Bible and Rick Warren's book,

The Purpose-Driven Life! Free copies are still available in the narthex every Sunday.

Discover God's purposes for your life:

Sunday, August 31 "You Were Created to Become Like Christ"

Sunday, September 7 "You Were Shaped for Serving God"

Sunday, September 14 "You Were Made for a Mission"

'PRAYER GATHERING' SEPTEMBER 14

The "Prayer Gathering" for the month of September will be in the home of Kevin and Nancy Wood, 1116 Park Hill Circle, Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all of you there including young adult families who are encouraged to bring their children along for some DVD's downstairs. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with the rest of us. We will supply the coffee, tea, and sodas.

We will continue to lift up our "40 Days of Community" spiritual growth campaign and a new ministry called "Pioneer Clubs." In addition you are encouraged to mention names of those who need prayer for healing, direction, encouragement, etc. Hope to see you there!

IN MEMORIAM

This coming Sunday, August 31 is the last Sunday for you to participate in our special memorial offering in honor of Greg McKendry and Linda Kraeger. Please make checks to First Church and designate them "TVUUC Memorial Fund." We will forward the entire amount to TVUUC at the end of August. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS

First Church will host some new member classes for adults, youth, and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) on the following schedule in September and October.

Adults Sundays, September 21 and 28 in the Keene Room

Youth (grades 6-12) Sundays, October 5 and 12 in the Conference Room

Children (grade 5 and below) Sundays, October 19 and 26 in the Conference Room

The classes are for information only. A commitment to membership is not required. Parents, please talk with your children and youth to determine if they are thinking about a commitment to Christ and His Church. Please call the pastor if you are interested in the classes for yourself or your children (588-8581; 357-1946; 228-0710).

NEEDED: HOST HOMES AND LEADERS FOR '40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY!'

We are looking for 7 small group leaders and 7 host homes for the "40 Days of Community" spiritual growth campaign October 5-November 23. The teaching sessions will be on DVD so all you need to do is be a discussion leader and/or provide a television and a place to sit for a total of six weekly meetings. If you feel God wants you to participate in this way please call the church (588-8581) or Steve Goodrich (691-4069).

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

September

5-Julie Rech

5-Hannah Emory

Activities for August 30–September 6, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 24, 2008

Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	109
Offering.....	\$1,743.75
Capital Improvements Fund	225.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	5.00
Expenses paid last week	\$4,108.78

Year-to-Date (as of August 24, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$100,231.28
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$159,580.82
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$79,405.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Thank You

We are continually so very deeply appreciative of all the prayers, cards, food, love, support, visits and calls during this time of Bill’s medical emergency. Bill is slowly recovering thanks to God and your prayers. He still is in very serious condition and needs much rest to recuperate. We ask that there be No Visitors until the family feels that visits will not impact his health. Please keep praying! Bill’s condition today is nothing but the Healing Hand of God.

The Hammills

(note: There are plans to move Bill to NHC in Farragut as he continues to improve. Praise the Lord!!!!)

Volunteers

We need a volunteer(s) for September for Children’s Church to fill in for Amanda Roberts. Amanda is the director of Children’s Church. There has been some changes in the structure of Children’s Church. See below.

New ages: 3 years and under - Nursery
4 years - 3rd grade - Children's Church
4th grade and up - stay in Church with parents

Amanda is planning on doing and directing a Children’s Christmas play and will be needing helpers to work with kids on Christmas pageant. Please let Amanda or the office know if you want to help.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

Edna Fleenor is recovering in Holston Health, #411

Gordon Blaylock, Ft. Sanders Regional

Bill Hammill, UT Hospital, #723

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; 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; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother, moved to new nursing home facility); Doug Bailey (friend of Witmers); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Edna Ivey (knee replacement).

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

Note on Directory Information

We will be doing a reprint of the Church Directory within the next month. We are asking all of you to please review your information and let the office know of any and all corrections that need to be made. You may call the office, call Esther Congdon or email the office, either way please do this. There are Directory Update forms in the Narthex. See one of the Ushers for a form, complete it and give it back to the Usher or turn in to the office. Please do this in the next week or so.

Thanks so much.

PARTY LINE

We will include in the Directory a revised Party Line. Jewell Kerr has been working on it for several weeks and it is almost done. We will issue one before we put in the Directory so we can correct any mistakes or make any needed changes to it.

Thanks—Jewell

NOTE on Birthdays

If your birthday or someone you know birthday does not show up in the Birthday list, guess what? We most likely do not have it here in the office. So do you know what to do? CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!!!!!!

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

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.