

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 9, 2008

### **THOSE WONDERFUL CARDS!**

Thank you for the avalanche of wonderful get-well cards! I've heard from you and from people and church groups all around the area! They are my treasures and my keepsakes. Let me say on this side of being sick--there really is nothing more meaningful than a card you took the time to select, sign, and send. One of my favorites (a homemade, computer-generated card) urges me to hurry and get well so I can maintain my standing atop the "all-time great golfers" list including Tiger Woods, Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan, and Jack Nicklaus! That's got me fired up and ready to play again! Thanks Bill and Betty!

### **RECOVERING AND RETURNING**

Since last week I have found it necessary to alter my plans for returning to Sunday morning worship. I appreciate all your prayers and your patience!

This Sunday, July 13 our great friend and teacher, Rev. Bill Ivey, will lead the service and preach. That will give me an additional week to grow stronger and resume my ministry.

I do plan to be present for our "Prayer Gathering" this Sunday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. in the home of Steve and Kim McCurry. Please join Nancy and me in lifting up First Church and the future God is planning for us!

Sunday, July 20 I am planning to conduct worship and begin a new sermon series. It will be my pleasure and honor to worship with you once again. God willing, I will see you soon!

### **GOING ON MISSION TOGETHER!**

For all alumni from last year and for new folks who want to share God's love with some special people, the Missions and Outreach Committee and I invite you to join us for our second annual Vacation Bible School at Knox Area Rescue Ministries (K.A.R.M.). The dates are August 4-7 including a trip to Splash Country on Thursday, the 7th. If you are interested please contact Steve or Kim at 690-1601. Another way you can help is to donate money which will be used to purchase a new pair of jeans and shoes for each child staying at K.A.R.M. Jazzercise is joining us for this project which will bring so much joy to homeless children and their families. You can make a difference by caring and by giving!

### **COMING THIS FALL**

Two exciting new ministries loom on the horizon for First Church:

(1) FORTY DAYS OF COMMUNITY--How do WE live out God's purposes for our lives? We can do it BETTER TOGETHER!!!

(2) PIONEER CLUBS for children and youth, toddlers to teens.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!!!

### **SESSION MEETING IN JULY**

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

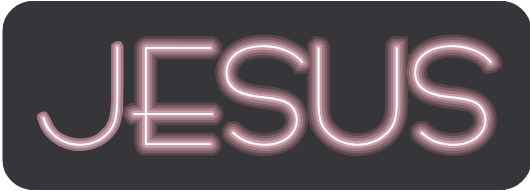
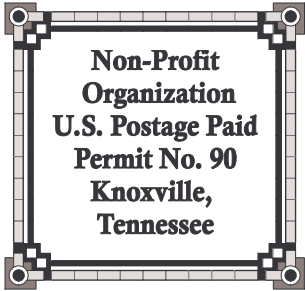
### **PRAYER GATHERING JULY 13**

Steve and Kim McCurry invite you to their home (9732 Tunbridge Lane) Sunday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. for a "Prayer Gathering" to pray for the Lord's direction and empowerment as we lay claim to the future He has for us. The Bible tells us that "with God, all things are possible." Let's come together and pray about these exciting possibilities! Jesus reminds us that a little faith moves mountains!

### **NEW HYMNAL UPDATE**

Praise God, we have surpassed our goal of 200 hymnals! (actual total is 225). You still have time to purchase additional hymnals by calling the church office (588-8581). We will need a total of 250 hymnals in all to also place hymnals in the McDonald Chapel and transepts. Thank you for your gifts to the Kingdom!

~Pastor Kevin



# Happy Birthday

## July

14-Carol Long  
19-Steve Ogle  
19-Richard Booher



## Activities for July 12-July 19, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(Librarian on duty)  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Tues., 6:00 p.m. Session  
Wed., 10:00a.m. Bible Olympics  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for July 6, 2008

Sunday School.....45  
Worship.....75  
Offering.....\$3,011.85  
Capital Improvements Fund .....295.00\*  
Memorial/Building Fund.....115.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$29,314.04

## Year-to-Date (as of July 6, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$82,079.57  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$163,402.06

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$78,400.55\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

## Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed

Christian Education Committee is looking specifically for a teacher(s) to teach the 2nd-5th grade class beginning in August. If you would like to teach our children in this age group, please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office. The new Christian Education year will soon be starting. If you have a desire to help with Sunday School in any way. Please contact anyone on the CE Committee or call the office.

## Tax Rebate Challenge

The total received in our Tax Rebate Challenge is \$1080. We thank those who participated in the challenge. This will be the final reporting on the Tax Rebate Challenge. Yes, I know I wrote that last week also and this will be the last unless we receive more Tax Rebate Challenge money.



## THANK YOU!!

To another unseen volunteer whose work is only seen if he does not do it and the grass is high in the large areas around the church, excluding the area close to the building. Do you know this person? (Answer: next column) Thank him when you see him Sunday morning for the work he does.



## 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

Marlene Ritchey is recovering in NHC of Farragut

### 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; Levi Bailey; 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; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; the family of Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen's father).

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

## Shoes to fill

We are searching for a person or persons to fill Betty Hammill's shoes as our FISH coordinator. If interested please call the office, Steve McCurry or any other member of the Outreach Committee. Feel free to contact Betty to find out what is involved in this position. Let us continue this ministry to feed the hungry.

## Work Needed

Fred Johnson is looking for handyman type work. He paints (inside and out), carpentry, vegetation removal, and can do other handyman work with no heavy lifting. Please call the office if you know of some work.

## Prayer Meeting

We are in need hosts to open their homes to those who will gather and hold our August Prayer Meeting. If you would like to host this meeting, please let the office know. The July Prayer Meeting will be hosted by the Steve and Kim McCurry.

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.



(Dan Eblen)

## Choir practice

## Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.