

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### **PRAYING FOR '40 DAYS' OCTOBER 5-NOVEMBER 23**



The countdown to "40 Days of Community" has begun and I hope you are praying that God will do a mighty work among us during this campaign! There are so many people who need the Lord and we have a wonderful opportunity to reach them during '40 Days.' It won't happen if we don't pray first!

Mike and Ann Bachman have kindly agreed to open their home for a special "Prayer Gathering" Sunday, August 17, 6:00 p.m. All of you are encouraged to join us there so that God can prepare our hearts for what He wants to do in our church and community. Their address is 1701 Dunwoody Drive, which is about two miles from First Church. For directions please call them (694-0097).

### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER**

First Church will host some new member classes for adults, youth, and children during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) in September and October. If you are thinking about church membership let me encourage you to attend the classes. We will talk about what it means to make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, the privilege and responsibility of church membership, and the mission, purpose, and direction of First Church.

### **THE FIVE PURPOSES**

Over the next five Sundays we are going to review the five purposes God intended for us when He created us according to the Scriptures and Rick Warren's book, The Purpose-Driven Life. Then we will be better prepared for '40 Days of Community,' the follow-up campaign which shows us how we can do it "Better Together!" Free copies of The Purpose-Driven Life devotional book are available in the narthex. Please take one!

### **SESSION MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present! Packets will be available Sunday, August 17 in the narthex.

### **CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN OPPORTUNITIES...**

...**MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO** with fellow CP's from local churches led by Rev. Alphonso Marquez. Two dates: October 10-18 or October 17-25 (two groups of 15). Individuals or groups who want to go and help build houses and do outreach should call Rev. Marquez (660-7579) or write to 389 Bethel Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772.

...**SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR** at First CP Church, Oak Ridge, Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. Featured speaker Dr. Robert S. Wood, Memphis Theological Seminary. No cost but pre-registration is preferred by calling (483-8433). A carpool is available for Monday, August 11 if you want to go then (588-8581).

### **NEW PICTURES OF CP WORLD HEADQUARTERS**

Check out the pictures of the new world headquarters of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the bulletin board across from the church offices! Thanks to Dr. J. David Hester and others around the denomination the new facilities are open for occupancy! Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause is invited to make their checks to Knoxville First Church and designate for "new CP Center." Contributions will be mailed as a church check from the office.

### **SIGN UP FOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHEON**

The Friendship Club invites all 55 year-olds and up to join them for their next fellowship luncheon at TGI-Fridays, 135 N. Northshore Drive, Wednesday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. Bring an extra friend along! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581).

### **PROMOTION AND POTLUCK**

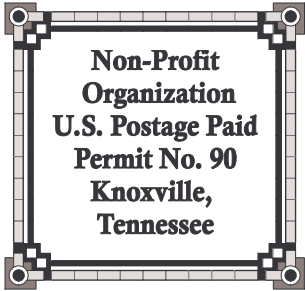
Sunday, August 24 will be a big day at First Church! We will celebrate a new year in Sunday School by promoting children to new classes and installing new teachers and Christian education leaders in the morning service.

Then we will have one of our patented potluck luncheons after church and travel to Japan with Rev. Bill Ivey who will show and tell us about his recent trip to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It will be a family thing and everyone is invited to bring a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share! Together really is better!!!

### **IN MEMORIAM**

By action of the Session First Church will honor the memory of Greg McKendry and Linda Kraeger two courageous and dedicated members of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church (Greg) and the Westside Unitarian Universalist Church Farragut (Linda), by giving our congregation the opportunity to participate in a memorial offering anytime during the month of August. A letter expressing our intentions will be sent to the TVUUC this week. Please make checks to First Church and designate them "TVUUC Memorial Fund." You are encouraged to give as God leads you.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday

August



11-Bill Halbert  
11-John Duncan III  
15-Virginia Chesney



Activities for August 9-16, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Comm.
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas Circle—Perkins

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 3, 2008

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	71
Offering.....	\$5,464.75
Capital Improvements Fund .....	60.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	30.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$2,848.74

Year-to-Date (as of August 3, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$96,401.67
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$152,236.02
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$78,935.55*

The Celebration of Marriage

Kevin Paul Pipkin and Erin Renee Dilly were married on July 26 at Magnolia Manor in Lenoir City. The Marriage Ceremony was preformed by Dr. J. David Hester, Kevin’s grandfather. Kevin is the son of Dianne and Paul Pipkin. Congratulations to the Kevin and Erin!

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet one week later in August than usual. We will meet on Tuesday August 12th instead of August 5th. We will meet at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch - drinks and dessert will be provided.

Needed

We need a full time nursery worker. This person needs to be mature and have a current Infant CPR certification. This position will require being at church each Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If you know anyone who would like to work as our Nursery worker, please contact the office, or anyone on the Worship Committee, or the Human Recourses Sub-committee of the Session, or any Session member. **Filling this position is vital to the growth of our church. We need your 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

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; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Pat Booher; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Gordon Blaylock (gall bladder surgery).

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

The **Friendship Club** is planning a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse, Crossville, to see the musical White Christmas, \$25.00 plus tax. The dates being considered are Tuesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 13. We will depart the Church at 11:30 A.M., eat lunch at the Cumberland Mountain State Park buffet and see the play at 2:30 P.M. If you would like to go, please see Bill Ivey (966-5946) by August 24.

Congratulations...

...to **Kristi Summers** and the University of Tennessee Majorettes, who on July 25 won the collegiate team twirling national championship at the University of Notre Dame. The UT Majorettes also won the “WOW” award for most entertaining performance.

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.



Choir practice

Wednesday nights

6:30 p.m.