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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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THIS SUNDAY LET'S CELEBRATE FREEDOM!

This Sunday, July 1, 10:45 a.m. you are invited to join us as we celebrate freedom, God's wonderful gift in Christ and our nation's founding principle.

We will salute the American and Christian flags and the Bible. We will sing the great hymns of freedom, recognize veterans of war, and offer prayer for those fighting for freedom in Iraq.

Come and respond to the Gospel message:

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1)

WANT TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP?

This one won't take you very far. It will be in downtown Knoxville. But it is just as important as if it were 5,000 miles away!

We are going to do a Vacation Bible School for 15-20 homeless children at the KARM (Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries) Center on Broadway. The dates are July 30-August 1, 9:00-11:00 a.m. each day.

Our friend Miriam Seylar and I will be directing the VBS and we need all kinds of volunteers from junior-high age and up. This Sunday, July 1, 12:15 p.m. we will have a brief planning meeting in the conference room and all of you are invited to join us.

In addition we are collecting good used/new toys, clothes, shoes, and adult-sized backpacks for the children. If you can't help with VBS but want to get involved please help us collect children's shoes (sizes 1-13), clothes (any size for ages 5-12), toys, and back packs. "Jazzercise" will be joining us in this project. Boxes for donations will be located in the gym kitchen and in the narthex.

Pray for us as we prepare to share the love of Jesus Christ with homeless children and their families!

HONORING NEW MEMBERS

First Church will honor our new members on Sunday, July 8. They will receive special recognition during the 10:45 a.m. morning worship service and will be guests of honor at a potluck luncheon in the gym afterward. We will have a special head table just for those who have joined us since January, 2005!

The church family is encouraged to bring all those great meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share on July 8!

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING EVENT!

"Christians in Action," a 37-member interdenominational musical fellowship group from Waverly, TN, will be our special guests for a concert Sunday evening, July 8, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are planning to invite our sister Cumberland Presbyterian churches in the area to join us.

The youth choir will present "Voice of Truth." A free-will offering will be received. Make your plans now to bring your family and friends and welcome them for their only performance in East Tennessee!

YOU CAN JOIN THE FAMILY ANYTIME!

We are encouraging all those who attend First Church to consider church membership!

First Church welcomes new members anytime in one of three ways: (1) by profession of faith and baptism; (2) by letter of transfer from another church; or (3) by reaffirmation of faith (when there is no previous church membership).

If you and your family would like to talk with the pastor about church membership, please contact me. My phone numbers are 588-8581 (church), 357-1946 (home), or 228-0710 (cell).

SUMMER MISSION POSSIBILITIES

Would you take time to pray about the following mission possibility this summer?...

...A work trip to Mexico to help build new homes for the poor along with members of sister CP churches in the Knoxville area. Dates are July 20-28. Cost: \$400.00 per person. Deadline to sign up: July 13. Leader: Rev. Alfonso Marquez, pastor of Mercy Hispanic CP Mission, Lenoir City, TN.

Is God calling you to step out in faith and do something a little different to glorify Him?

GOLF OUTING JULY 29

The crazy golfers are back this summer with a golf outing planned for Ruggles Ferry golf course Sunday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. Get out those clubs and join us. More details later, but you can sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office right away!

KEEP SENDING CARDS FOR BRENDA!

Brenda Burk, Lois Witmer's sister, remains in stable but critical condition in CCU and is in for an extended hospital stay. If you would like to offer her your prayers and encouragement, please send cards to Hanover Hospital CCU, Brenda Burk, 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331. God has worked some miracles so far. Let's keep on praying!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



June

25~Faye O’Neal
29~Lisa Godwin
29~Sharon Shetterly
30~Edna Fleenor
30~Terrie McVey



July

2~Ike Van de Vate
2~Katie McVey
2~Laci Witmer
5~Esther Congdon
7~Steve Goodrich

Activities for July 1-7, 2007

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 10:00 a.m. Bible Olympics
Wed., July 4th Holiday—Office Closed

Stewardship Report for June 24, 2007

Sunday School.....38
Worship.....96
Offering.....\$2,392.39

Year-to-Date (as of June 24 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$74,062.27
Expenses paid to date: \$114,459.61

Updates to Y our Membership Directory

Melissa Luttrell, Emily and Julia Pierce who joined June 10, 2007, live at 7617 Kingsbury Drive, 37919 home phone 323-3220.

John and Lindsay Duncan, 8136 Faircrest Lane, 37919, home phone 357-1289. This is their first house.



The birthdays in last weeks issue where for July and not June. Sorry for attempting to make those of you listed older sooner. Yes, it is Chad May and not Todd May as we have printed. Sorry Chad.

July 4th Rearranging

West Circle—normal meeting on July 3d is postponed to July 10th at which date we will meet in the Keene Room at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.
Building & Grounds Committee—normal meeting on July 3d is postponed to July 10th .

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

Levi Bailey, Children’s Hospital, staph infection, nephew of Melissa Luttrell



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot); Marlene Ritchey; Allison Watson; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Donna Wann (mother of David Wann); Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Pol-lye 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, Larry Parker, Rose Gauthler, Carol King, and Michael Blazer (friends of Dorothy Porter); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmers); Joyce Creas-man and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich); Lois Witmer’s sister, Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas).

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

Thank You!

The **Hammill Family** sends sincere thanks for the many expressions of love by our church family and friends at the celebration of Bill's and Betty's 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception.

Dear FCPC Family,

We just want to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, food, and cards, that were received throughtout Brack’s battle with lung cancer. Brack is scheduled for a full body CT scan and preventiva-tive radiation to his brain this week. So, don’t stop praying yet. If it is God’s will, he will still be cancer free! We are so lucky to have found First Church and all the wonderful people who are our church family. Sincerely,

Brack and Sheila Emory

To **Billy Davis** for sprucing up the courtyard on Saturday.

Since my tuna mold was a great hit at VBS, here is the recipe for those who would like to try it!

1 Pkg. Lemon Jello
1/2 cup boiling water
Dissolve jello and set aside

Mix all together:
2 small cans tuna
1 cup pecans chopped fine
1/2 cup celery chopped fine
1 small onion chopped fine
1 small jar pimento
2 tsp. red wine vinegar
3/4 cup mayonnaise

Add to jello and pour into 4 cup mold or a saran wrap lined bowl. Chill over night. Unmold and garnish if you like with cucumber or parsley. Serve with your choice of crackers.

Many thanks and enjoy!

Sheila Emory

