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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 7, 2007

OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS!

During the rest of Lent and Easter you will hear some of the outrageous claims of Jesus of Nazareth. Last Sunday in John's gospel, He claimed **"I AM WHO I AM!"** Below are some of the other claims He will make in the weeks ahead during our 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship services:

*March 11: **"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD!"**

*March 18: **"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!"**

*March 25: **"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!"**

*April 1 (Palm Sunday) Choral Cantata entitled **"Written in Red."**

*April 8 (Easter Sunday): **"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!"**

LENTEN/EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

"The Living Lord's Supper" Communion Service

See it through the eyes of the original disciples, Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt on the Church Grounds

Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast

Sunday, April 8, 7:45 a.m. in the courtyard with Dr. J. David Hester preaching

Easter Sunday "Celebration of Eternal Life!"

Sunday, April 8, 10:45 a.m. with the pastor preaching and Rev. Bill Ivey, Celebrant for Holy Communion

WE'VE DECIDED TO 'RE-FOCUS'

We are going to stay where we are and "re-focus" our ministry at First Church! That's the basic decision that came out of our congregational meeting last Sunday. In order to do that there are several things every member and friend of the church can do:

(1) We can pray daily that God will grow the church.

(2) We can give a positive witness of the church to everyone we meet.

(3) We can make a list of our "potential congregation," begin praying for each one of them and target Palm Sunday and Easter to bring them to church. Our goal for those two Sundays will be 150!

(4) We can use our renewed commitment to stewardship and most of our remaining endowment funds to keep moving forward.

(5) We can give a high priority to developing new and vital ministries for children, youth, and senior adults. As a beginning we can work together and welcome the community to our "Springfest, 2007" event scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(6) We can sit together on the main floor and slowly build a sense of closeness in worship.

(7) We can do the **"P.U.S.H."** prayer as suggested by Dr. Hester. **"Pray Until Something Happens!"** This will include some church-wide prayer meetings in homes this spring and summer.

OUR GUESTS SUNDAY MARCH 11

Our special guests this Sunday, March 11, 10:45 a.m. will be the families of "Thursday Connection" Home School Co-operative. Some of them will join us in worship and many more will come later as honored guests for our monthly potluck luncheon in the gymnasium. They will join us in bringing meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts to share in this "family get-together!" They will also spend the afternoon looking at the facility as a meeting place beginning this fall. What a great opportunity we will have to make them feel at home with us!

MORE DISCIPLES NEEDED FOR "LIVING LORD'S SUPPER"

We are half way to our goal of twelve men for the "Living Lord's Supper" Communion service scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. If you can help please come to our two scheduled rehearsals: Wednesday, March 28 or Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Monologues will be recorded and we will practice posing. Call and let us know if you plan to join us (588-8581).

"SPRINGFEST, 2007" IS COMING APRIL 14

With the help of our new friends from Thursday Connection Home School Co-op First Church will be hosting a festival for children and youth Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p.m. The festival will be called "Springfest, 2007" and we will be having all kinds of games, food, and fun activities scattered all over the church grounds all day. We will need everyone's help. Please circle the date and make yourself available to welcome the community!

This Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. a special planning meeting for "Springfest, 2007" will be held in the Gleaners' Classroom for all interested groups and individuals.

Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship
This Sunday!
And bring a friend!

Happy Birthday

March 2007

- 11~Heather Self
- 14~Ryan Self
- 15~Tom Raines
- 15~Sarah Pipkin

Activities for March 11-17, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	Planning meeting for Spring Fest
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship and Finance

Stewardship Report for March 4, 2007

Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	77
Offering.....	\$5,619.75
Special Offerings: FISH	\$661.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 4, 2007)

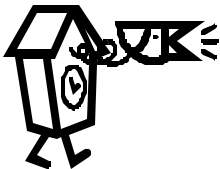
Offerings received to date:	\$30,157.06
Expenses paid to date:	\$39,310.26

WEST CIRCLE

will meet one week later this month —at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

FISH

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$661.00 this week. This brings our total to \$3233.00. Special thanks to a Sunday School Class from Marietta CP Church and Curt and Brenda Hammill for most of last week’s contribution. Also I want to thank Larry Fielder for helping with the shopping and transporting of groceries from the Second Harvest Food Bank. We were able to get 17 cases of food this week. With the 16 cases from last week, this makes 33 cases of food stored at the church. Please continue your prayer support to help the poor and hungry in our community. As the “Good Book” says: “He who gives to the poor will lack nothing...”. Betty



Remember:
Spring Forward
2:00 a.m. Sunday
March 11, 2007



Prayer Concerns
In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O’Neal’s brother) in Iraq

Home from the Hospital
Dick Congdon

Medical Mission in Panama March 2-9
Peggy O’Neal

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Pollye Pharaoh, Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert’s mother), Ruth Halbert (Bill’s mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Joan Webber, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee’s Father), Family of Libby Smedburg, Shelia Franklin, Rose Gauthler, Mary Matthew, Jim Deardorf, John Donovan, Lee Oberlieesen, and Beth Framer (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr. and Mary Lynn Tolar and infant Thomas Moffat (3 requests by Dianne Fielder).

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

Join Us For...

Nick and Lisa Deal invite all twenty and thirty-somethings to their home on Saturday, March 10th at 6:00p.m. for a game night and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Lisa at 806-2917 by Friday March 9th. Our address is 7247 Palmero Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. We hope you can join us!

If anyone has a bed with mattress, any size, to donate, please contact Betty Hammill at 690-8739.



Newsletter
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.