



# SteepleTalk

June 2007

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**Member Care  
Volunteer  
for June**

Pat Bone  
Suanne Bone

**Deacon of Month/  
Visiting Deacons**

Jennifer Breland  
Karen Hall

**Steepletalk  
Deadline**

June 22nd

**Circle Meeting**

Tuesday, June 5th  
at 9:45 a.m.

**Words of Welcome**

Pat Climer

Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for the Contemporary Service. If you would like to help provide food, please contact Kristy in the office at 444-1360.

*From the Pastor...*

***And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.***

Romans 8:28

An old hymn says, "When peace like a river attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll..." Those words acknowledge an obvious truth. Life is a mixed bag, a hodgepodge of good and bad, of joy and sadness, or tragedies and treasures. Romans 8 is just what we need amid the uncertainties of life.

Difficulty and adversity come to all of us, in small ways that nag at us like a pebble in our shoes and in large ways that overwhelm us like a rockslide. None of us is exempt just because we're Christians. You can be going along and things seem fine, then you go to the doctor and get a report you didn't want to hear, or a phone call you didn't want to receive.

Paul says, "***I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.***" (Romans 8:18). Suppose you were given a free month's vacation at a fabulous resort, but you encountered a short stretch of bumpy road getting there. Would you say, "I'm sorry we ever started out!" No, you would say this bit of aggravation isn't worth comparing with the joys of our month-long vacation. We hold on to the hope that better days are coming! Eternity in heaven is ahead.

I understand that God allows adversity to come to my life. God allows it because God has a plan for us that is better than our plans for ourselves, and Jesus Christ has promised to be with us always, even in the valley of the shadow. In this world we will have tribulation, but we can be of good cheer for God has overcome the world!

So when peace like a river attends our way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, take time to read Romans 8 and say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Cheetham



## Vacation Bible School

June 24-28

6:00—8:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend **Vacation Bible School**. We will begin the week's activities on Sunday night with a delicious meal. A light supper will be served the following four nights. The theme this year is *Take the Plunge*. Plan to be a part of this vacation church school experience where you will explore creativity and learn about our Creator.

We still need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 444-1360. Whether you are a participant or volunteer, this is a wonderful opportunity to be with your church family.

We need beach related items, such as beach towels, beach chairs, beach umbrellas, beach balls, wading pools, inner tubes, a small plastic slide, a blue tarp, a tan tarp, sand toys, rafts, floats, and swim goggles. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to church office.

## All Church Dinner

Everyone is invited to attend the kick-off dinner for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Please call the church office to make a reservation.

## Cedar Forest Ministry

On Sunday, May 27th we began our summer worship services at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. We need volunteers to give a short message, others to lead music, and "greeters" who will walk through the campsites and invite people to the service. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you would like to be involved in this ministry of fellowship and outreach.

## Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to:

Patsy Waggoner and family upon the death of her husband, Orris Waggoner, who died Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bill and Nancy Hamby and family upon the death of their grandson, Daniel Hamby, who died on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro.

## New Members

We extend a warm welcome to Barth and Darlene Barnhart who joined our congregation by letter of transfer from Hermitage United Methodist Church.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary Ellen O'Neil upon the birth of twin granddaughters, Jenica and Jordan LeCompte, on May 7th.

To Beth Sanders and Joshua Clemmons who were married on Saturday, May 26th, at Immanuel Baptist Church.

To Julie Douglas who graduated from Middle Tennessee State University.

## Lost and Found

A coat has been found with the name R. Hersh printed on the inside. If anyone can identify the owner, please contact Kristy in the church office

## Second Presbyterian Church Dedication

You are invited to the dedication of the new facilities at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. as they celebrate the "Second Life" they are having following the recovery from their 2003 fire. Three short concerts by area organists will follow at 2:45 p.m.

## Bible Quiz

Amos, a spokesman for the Lord, lived about 750 years before Christ. He wasn't a priest and didn't serve in the temple. Actually, being a humble man, he didn't even consider himself a prophet. He was a prophet, nevertheless. He spoke up for justice for the poor and widows. He renounced the immoral activities of many in Israel.

What word is omitted in this often-quoted statement from Amos? "But let justice roll down like \_\_\_\_\_, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Choose the correct word below to fill in the blank space.

- A. Thunder
- B. Lava
- C. Pebbles
- D. Waters

## Session Highlights

- April contributions totaled 8.27 percent of the annual budget needs.
- The New Building Committee is awaiting responses from the letter which was sent to members of the congregation
- The Member Care Committee will begin preparing a meal to be served after funerals. The meal will be served in Fellowship Hall or at a location of the family's choice.
- The format for the new church directory will include name, address, and telephone number adjacent to pictures, rather than in a separate list.
- Attendance at the Spiritual Awakening Conference was as follows: Sunday night--eighty-nine (89); Monday night--seventy-nine (79); and Tuesday night--eighty-three (83).
- All elders were reminded to sign up in Fellowship Hall for FPC's Cedar Forest ministry.
- The Session approved the following 2 mission trips: one to Guatemala, June 9-16, and a possible second trip to Brazil, August 6-15
- A contribution to Special Olympics
- The awarding of music scholarships to Van R. Bryant, II, and to Dale Walker.

## Lectionary Readings

June 3	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15
June 10	1 Kings 17: 8-16 (17-24) Galatians 1: 11-24 Luke 7: 11-17
June 17	1 Kings 21: 1-10 (11-14) 15-21a Galatians 2: 15-21 Luke 7: 36-8: 3
June 24	1 Kings 19: 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39

## Teachers Needed



We need teachers for the Summer. If you are interested in teaching a Sunday School class, please contact Deborah Sanders or call the church office.

## Thank You

To the cooks at the annual fish fry: Kathy Adams, John Cheetham, Tom Halbert, Richard Hartwell, David Howell, Judy Leonard, Mark Sanders, and Alan Vance and to everyone involved with moving tables and chairs.

To Suanne Bone, Loyce Bradshaw, Faye Brown, Mary Margaret Cheetham, Judy Denney, Betsy Foutch, Marilyn Halbert, and Judy Leonard for preparing food for the luncheon for the Orris Waggoner family.

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful years that I had serving First Presbyterian Church as the cook on Wednesday nights. I appreciate the gifts upon my leaving. I love you all and I will see you soon.

**Suzie Johnson**

# June 2007

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>Sunday</b> 8:45 & 11:00 Wor- ship 9:45 AM Church School					1	2
<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Christian Ed  <b>Communion</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:45 am Morning Circle 4:00 pm Knitting Group	<b>6</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Contemp	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Session	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm Knitting Group	<b>13</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Contemp	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 5:30 pm New Building Committee Meeting <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Bingo Group	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Knitting Group	<b>20</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Contemp	<b>22</b> <b>Steepletalk Deadline</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Graduate Recognition Sunday</b>  4 Cents a Meal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm Knitting Group	<b>27</b> 5:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Contemp	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Vacation Bible School						

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