## The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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### **EASTER SUNDAY: A GLORIOUS DAY AT FIRST CHURCH!**

It began with an early service on the church lawn. The sun was streaming in and voices were praising the miracle of the Resurrection in song. There was a chill in the air but the message came through loud and clear. Our hunger for meaning, and forgiveness and life after death: all answered in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Following the service, Dianne Pipkin and the Cornerstone Young Adult Sunday School class satisfied our physical hunger with a bountiful breakfast complete with eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, fruit, juices, milk, and coffee. The fellowship was magnificent!

Regular worshippers and newcomers came to the Celebration Service as the choir led us in some powerful affirmations of faith. The children witnessed the changes in the ugly amaryllis bulb, "planted, but not fully bloomed," just one of creation's clues to the reality of new life in Christ!

Easter Sunday was also a time of new commitment for Sam and Karen Ware, James and Laura Paschke, and Carol Seeman who came forward to re-affirm their faith in Christ and transfer their loyalty to First Church. Sarah Grace Paschke, daughter of James and Laura, and granddaughter of Sam and Karen, was also added to the roll of baptized infants.

Finally, we were challenged by Paul's great Resurrection chapter (I Corinthians15)

to "stand firm" and "let nothing move" our conviction that Jesus Christ is risen; risen indeed! If Resurrection is where we are headed, then we must live like it, giving ourselves fully to the Lord's work, knowing our labor is not in vain!

We concluded the morning with Holy Communion for every believer! The grace of God in the Incarnation, Crucifixion, and Resurrection makes it all possible!

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (I Corinthians 15:5

#### THANK YOU!

Special thanks to so many of you who gave your time and gifts of service during Holy Week to make all our worship and fellowship experiences so blessed! From the inspirational Maundy Thursday Worship, to participation in the Good Friday Community Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral to the outstanding Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Jazzercise and First Church, your presence and commitment to honor the Lord was highly evident. God bless you all!

### PIONEER CLUB SCHEDULE

Pioneer Clubs will meet for the final meeting of the winter-spring session this coming Sunday, April 11, 4:00 p.m. "Pioneer Clubs Sunday" will be April 19, 10:45 a.m. with special music and recognition for all participants during morning worship. All our children have made it a delightful experience for those of us who lead!

### PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE APRIL 10

The bi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will be held Saturday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The presbytery encompasses a total of 44 member-churches from South Korea to Boston to Maryville, Lenoir City, Farragut, Powell, and Bearden.

Elder Richard Congdon will attend as our representative along with Dr. J. David Hester and myself. Please remember the work of presbytery in your prayers.

### **SPREAD THE JOY OF EASTERTIDE!**

We have several hospitalized, nursing home, and shut-in members and friends who need an Easter lily to help them celebrate the forty days of Eastertide! Will you help us deliver to the remaining people who are on our list? Please call the church office if you can deliver this week (588-8581 or 228-0710).

<u>CRAZY GOLFERS OUTING TO HOLSTON HILLS RE-SCHEDULED</u>
The "Crazy Golfers" outing to Holston Hills Country Club has been re-scheduled to Sunday, April 18, 1:30 p.m. The cost remains the same: \$45.00 for green fees and cart. Please call me right away if you have any problems with the change (228-0710).

### **REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

The regular meeting of the church Session will be held Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, April 18.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB TO REGAS RESTAURANT

The Friendship Club will be going to Regas Restaurant, 318 North Gay Street, Wednesday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. Everyone at least 55 years-old has a standing invitation to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

### ~ Pastor Kevin



#### Join Us For Worship this Sunday! And bring a friend!





### Happy Birthday



# April 11-Karen Ware 12-Eric Bachman 12-Kim Boggs Goldstein 13-Joyce Watson 15-Dorthy Porter 17-Davis Watson



### Activities for April 11-17, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Stewardship and Finance

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report for April 4, 2010

Sunday School	42
Worship	
Offering	
Capital Improvements Fund	
Expenses paid last week	

### **REJOICE WITH FISH**

Last week was our busiest week for FISH. We got all our deliveries unloaded and pick-ups and bagging accomplished smooth as a zipper. Wednesday morning we had a very diligent crew unload over 400 cases of food in one hour. This crew included Joel, Pat, Ed, and Owen from Church of the Savior, Larry Fielder, Danny Eblen, Jimmy, Dawn and Chrissy Curtis, Steve McCurry, Kevin Wood, Margaret Migas, Jewell and Ryan Kerr and Betty Hammill. Friday afternoon Steve McCurry and Margaret Migas helped me pick up 25 cases of crackers and 3 bundle of bags from Food City. (Danny Eblen also contributed one bundle of bags-thanks, Danny). Saturday morning we filled 182 bags in one hour at the pantry. This crew consisted of Jimmy, Dawn, and Chrissy Curtis (who also took the cardboard to recycle-thanks guys), Faye, James, Sydney, Emma, and Eli, Lindsey, Wendy, Logan and Dylan O'Neal, Donna, Jessie, and Marikate Walker, Margaret Migas, Phil, Bonnie, Stephanie Bridges, Justin Willis, Sandy Rzezutko and Betty Hammill. We left the pantry full for the four delivery days next week. I thank all of you who so willingly pitched up for this very physical labor and got the job done. We will be bagging again this Saturday at 9:30 at the pantry. Keep rejoicing.

### **THANK YOU!**

From Fred Johnson to all who have helped him the last two winters providing him with firewood to heat his home. Those who cut wood, split wood and hauled wood, Fred is very grateful to all of you.



### **Prayer Concerns**

In the Hospital



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (coworker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal's); Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory's brother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald's sister); Jack Gaston; Christina Foote; Austin Johnson; Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet (friends of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Evelyn Crowell; Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Carla Sweeney (Leah Witmer's mother); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen's mother); JoAnn Ford; Howard Eblen; J. David Hester; Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother).

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

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Church! You can volunteer for one or two Sundays or a month. This is a vital children's ministry of our church. Resources are provided. If you can help please contact director Amanda Roberts (925-4333).

Children's schedule is:

April 11—Need Volunteer!!!

April 18—Amanda ages 4-6; Scott ages 7-10

April 25—Amanda ages 7-10; Scott ages 4-6

May 2—Amanda and Scott

May 9—Amanda and Scott

May 16—Lindsay and John

May 23—Allison and Billy

May 30—Allison and Billy

### THANKS TO THE CORNERSTONE CLASS

Man what a breakfast the young adult class provided Sunday morning. The food was great, eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit salad, coffee and juice. Thanks to all!!!!

### Ladies,

You are cordially invited to a
Bridal Shower honoring Miss Tara Eblen
Sunday, April 18th 3:00 pm in the Keene Room