# The Cumberlander

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

"DISCIPLE-MAKERS!"

(Matthew 28:18-20) In 2010, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church needs to grow because our Founder and Head has commis-

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sioned us to grow! The best way to grow is to do evangelism!

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Evangelism is more than just "those who know telling those who don't!"

Evangelism is the process of taking people who are non-believers all the way through to maturity as Christians! Biblically speaking, evangelism is of supreme importance! In many countries in the world evangelism is forbidden by law. China, for instance, has a "state church" but the worshippers cannot share their faith in public. Consequently, over 50 million Chinese participate in "underground churches" because they believe Christians cannot be Christians without inviting others to become devoted disciples of Jesus Christ!

Christians should value evangelism because God Himself values evangelism, because someone loved us enough to evangelize us, and because we place a high value on other people and don't want them to be lost!

Will First Church be an evangelistic church in 2010? We will, if each one of us will pray for, invite, and invest our time and effort to reach at least three people this year! Will God encourage us and honor our commitment to grow if we would evangelize in the true Biblical sense of the word?

Let's find out! What do you say?

This year the elders and I are going to plan some very special evangelistic events that will be fun and enjoyable and inspiring—events that people who never attend church can come to and feel welcome and at home and non-threatened. Will you bring your un-churched, non-believing friends to these events?

You say you don't have any un-churched, non-believing friends? If you look at the life of Jesus in the New Testament, you get the picture of someone who was committed to investing deeply in relationships with unbelievers! His example to us is clear: if you don't have those kind of friends, then you need some new friends!!!



Pioneer Clubs begins this Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m. and we are looking for lots of old and new faces! This week we distributed over 4,000 flyers in area schools. We are praying and hoping for a great turnout! All children of the church are encouraged to bring their friends along for a wonderful time in the Lord each week from January 24-April 11 (twelve weeks)!

Special thanks to those who volunteered to cook evening meals for Pioneer Clubs this session. We still have openings on January 31, February 14, March 7, 21, and 28 and April 4. Please sign up for <u>one meal</u> of your choice. If you have any questions about Pioneer Clubs contact director Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

## **CONGRATULATIONS NEW ELDERS!**

Congratulations to our three new elders who were ordained and installed at the close of worship last Sunday. Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder began their three-year terms of service this week on Session. Remember to pray for them often!

### **SESSION RETREAT SUNDAY**

The annual Session planning retreat will be held this Sunday, January 24 immediately following morning worship. The retreat will begin with a light lunch in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present!

#### **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 (Tom, what is her best contact number???)

### **UPWARD BASKETBALL CONTINUES THIS SATURDAY!**

What's new in Upward Basketball this year? New uniforms: orange and blue. New players. New co-ed teams! A very dedicated team of veterans are in charge of this ministry which uses basketball as an outreach tool. Come out and see the games and support their efforts to introduce children to Jesus Christ!

The season continues on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through February 27.

## ~ Pastor Kevin



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





## Happy Birthday



## January

24– William Keene 25-Ann Gallaher 28-Kevin Wood 29-Pat Stohler 30-Kim Halbert



## Activities for January 17-January 30, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 11:00 a.m. Upward Basketball

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for January 17, 2010

Sunday School	54
Worship	
Offering	
Capital Improvements Fund	
Expenses paid last week	

## Celebrating 200 Years!!!



The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you to a special 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 31, 3:30 p.m. at Talbott C. P. Church, Talbott, TN.

Dinner will be served at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Reservations are required by Monday, January 18. Please call Peggy Long (423-586-5355) or send an email to <a href="mailto:mfsharp@musfiber.com">mfsharp@musfiber.com</a>.

## **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2010 are available in the narthex. Please call the church office if you need them mailed (588-8581).

#### Congratulations to...

...Hailey Davis. She finished first All-Around Gymnast for Level 4 bringing home the gold at Flip Fest Invitational Monday afternoon. Her total score was 38.8 out of 40. She has won first All-Around in each of the 7 meets she has competed. Congratulations Hailey!!! Love, BPa and Gran

Hard worker available to do housekeeping on a regular basis. Call 633-6011.



## **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; Jonathan Migas; 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; Stephen Park; Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker 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); Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Fielder's next door neighbor); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory's brother); Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire's friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer's mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald's sister); Jack Gaston; Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Austin Johnson; Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet (friends of Cliff Parrott); family of Danny McDonald (brother-in-law of Stephen Park); family of Rev. Don Alexander; Sarah Pipkin; Julie Rech; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy); Evelyn Crowell (back home).

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

## Pioneer Clubs!

The twelve-week, winter-spring session of Pioneer Clubs will begin Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m. Adult volunteers will be needed as club leaders and for preparing weekly club meals. Will you help us! For more information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

<u>Directory Update</u> O'Neal, James and Peggy 2605 Kenilworth Drive Albany, GA 31707

Dear Church Family,

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, John became an official candidate for Knox County Trustee. We would like to ask you to pray for him and me in the next few months as we embark on this season of our lives. We want to be an example of God's love in all we do, say, and areand that can get kind of tricky in any campaign. We are thankful you will keep us accountable and for the encouragement just your smile offers.

We love you,

John and Lindsay Duncan