

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 12, 2008



**Bring All Your Good Used  
Coats and Boots to Our**



**for the Homeless of Knoxville!**

***Our Special Guest will be Maxine Raines  
of Lost Sheep Ministries---Hear Her Incredible True Story!!!***

**This Sunday, November 16, 10:45 a.m.**

**\*Please bring your coats and boots with you to the service.**

**Tell your family and friends to bring theirs too!**

**Let's pile them high in the sanctuary on the 16<sup>th</sup>!!!**

*(\*to donate before the 16<sup>th</sup> call 588-8581)*

### OUR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY SERVICE

**"Better Together!"**

Sunday, November 23, 10:45 a.m. will be a wonderful time of fellowship for everyone who is part of the First Church! Bring all your family and friends to enjoy a great worship experience. An opportunity to express thanks to God will be given. The Marcie Clark Memorial Handbell Choir will play and the Pioneer Club kids will sing.

Following the morning service we will have an outstanding Thanksgiving potluck luncheon in the gym. During the meal the Pioneer Club leaders will present awards for all participants as we conclude our first ten-week session.

Please take time to stay with us and share your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dish. It's family time and you don't want to miss it!

### YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ELDERS

The nominating committee for new elders will be meeting before November 18 and they need your suggestions for three candidates whom you believe would be best qualified to serve. Three new elders will be elected to serve three-year terms (class of 2011). Elders who will rotate off the Session at the end of 2008 will serve as the nominating committee. They are Lee Barron, James O'Neal, and Steve Summers. As a member of the church you should feel free to suggest names of other members to the nominating committee or any of the elders on Session. Please be in prayer for those who will be nominated and elected.

### 40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY

**"Serving Together!"**

God's purposes for our lives on earth include learning to serve together. Whenever we use our talents, abilities, background, experience, time or energy to help somebody else, and we do it in God's name, the Bible calls that ministry!

But we don't do ministry alone. We have to do it with other people! God invented the concept of teamwork and He wants His family to work together! Philippians 2:2 says that we should *"...agree with each other, love one another, and work together with one heart and purpose!"*

How do we build the kind of team that gets things done and helps us grow closer together? Let's use the following acronym: T—E—A—M! (1) It takes Trust to build a team. Trust is earned by being consistent and by being close! Building trust takes time! (2) It takes Empathy to build a team. Everybody needs empathy because we all need to be understood and have our feelings validated. To be an empathetic person you have to slow down and listen to the details and you have to ask caring questions that get below the surface. (3) It takes Accommodation to build a team. We accommodate other in two significant ways: We accommodate each other's personalities and each other's faults. Once we realize we're different and we're not perfect, God can work through us. (4) It takes Mission to build a team. Our mission is the same as God's mission in the world. And we are all to use our God-given abilities and resources together to fulfill that mission!

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT!

As your pastor I invite you to join with the elders and the church family in making your commitments of time, talents, and money to the continuing work of First Church in the Knoxville community. This Sunday, November 16 you will have one more opportunity to make your commitment!

God has done some amazing things in our lives and in our church! Now is the time to express your thanksgiving for every good and perfect gift He has given you and your family. Pray for guidance and do your best. God will certainly do the rest!

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Activities for November 16-22, 2008

Sun.,

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Worship Service

4:00 p.m.

Pioneer Club

4:00 p.m.

Handbell Practice

Tues.,

6:00 p.m.

Session

7:00 p.m.

Upward Evaluation Session

Wed.,

6:30 p.m.

Choir

Thurs.,

6:00 p.m.

Silent Prayer Meeting-Chapel

Fri.,

6:30 p.m.

TC Silent Auction

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 9, 2008

Sunday School.....34

Worship.....86

Offering.....\$1,823.33

Capital Improvements Fund .....\$315.00

Memorial/Building Fund.....\$0.00

Expenses paid last week .....\$7,397.78

Year-to-Date (as of November 9, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$130,707.57

Facility usage fees received to date.....\$21,837.00

Expenses paid to date:.....\$211,645.75

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$98,315.55

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Justin and Julie Rech on the birth of their twin girls on Friday November 7. Josephine Ann and Jennifer Alice the granddaughters of Paul and Dianne Pipkin and the great-granddaughter of J. David Hester.

New Baby Girls

It's Silent Auction time!!

Thursday Connection is having a Silent Auction. We are so excited about the items we have this year. There are over 150 items in 20 categories. Definitely something for everyone. You may check it out at <http://www.thursdayconnection.org/auction/index.aspx> or just go to [thursdayconnection.org](http://www.thursdayconnection.org) and look for the silent auction link. The live auction is going to be on **November 21**. The silent auction is from 6:30-7:30 with the Live Auction immediately following. We have a professional auctioneer, Robbie Franklin, with Furrow Auction Company auctioning off several of our biggest items. There will be wonderful **desserts and coffee** served at the live auction, along with candles and soft music performed by some students from **Knoxville Christian Youth Band**. The **student government** will provide babysitting since this is an Adults Only event. The cost is \$10 a couple.

SALE

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Steve Serbin, Park West Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer's); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory's sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman's); Lisa Godwin (recovering from a heart attack); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); to the family of Rebecca Hitt (Bill Hammill's sister): to the family of Virginia Avonell (Judy GWilliams' mother); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club's Mom).

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

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LOAVES AND FISHES

It's time again for our "Loaves and Fishes" offering (formerly Love Loaves) and we will be collecting all your loose change for the next thirty days to go to some very needy people at home and abroad. Please pick up your box by next Sunday, November 16 and give generously to the following mission projects: (1) ongoing relief for the people of Myanmar, recovering from a devastating cyclone which left thousands homeless and 140,000 dead or missing (50%); the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%), and our Love and Company local benevolence ministry (25%).

Dedication Sunday for the "Loaves and Fishes" offering will be Sunday, November 30.

UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY

Please pray for director Steve Summers and our Upward Basketball ministry which begins its second season with evaluations this Saturday, November 15, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for both sessions. Please call the church office if you have questions or to register a player (588-8581).

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

Pastor Kevin

Needed Items

There is a need for a good battery operated baby swing, a high-chair and a clothes washing machine. Please call the office if you can help with these items.