

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 19, 2008

Celebration of Life— Witnesses to the Resurrection"

Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m.

This is an "Operation Andrew" opportunity
to share the Good News!



"OPERATION ANDREW"

"Operation Andrew" continues at First Church!

You can still make a personal commitment to invite two or more family members and friends by following the five steps of "OA"— (1) LOOK AROUND—start listing names of those whom you know need Jesus Christ; (2) LOOK UP—start praying for them daily that you will have opportunities to share His love with them; (3) LOOK OUT—find ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them; (4) LOOK FORWARD—begin to talk with each person on your list about attending the Festival and the other evangelistic events listed below; and (5) LOOK AFTER—stick with those who make a decision and help them become active in your church. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.

In the next five weeks we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events. Please pray that people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become His disciple!

The events include the following:

Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.

'Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt,' rain or shine at First Church.

Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m.

Celebration of Eternal Life and Invitation to Become a Disciple.

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

"Funfest Community Outreach" in the gym.

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

Franklin Graham Festival at Thompson-Boling Arena.

**Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.*

**Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.*

SEMINARY SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Sunday, March 30, 10:45 a.m. Dr. J. David Hester will preach and make a special presentation about Memphis Theological Seminary, the only Cumberland Presbyterian seminary in the world. An opportunity will be given for you to make a contribution using envelopes in the pews. The seminary trains pastors and leaders for Christian service in many different denominations including our own. Please pray for the ministry of our seminary!

2008 BETHEL COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce that "The Crossing," First Church's youth group, will be taking students to the 2008 Bethel College Youth Festival in McKenzie, Tennessee. It should be a great weekend, led by Dr. David Lancaster, and centered on Psalm 121:1, *"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?"*

We will be leaving from the church at 4:30 p.m. sharp on Friday, March 28th and returning on Sunday afternoon, March 30 (exact time, TBD). The cost for the weekend will be \$70 for two nights, van rental and gas.

All participants should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, and some extra cash should they want to purchase additional items. If possible, please bring an air mattress as the girls will be sleeping in the gym, and the boys in the fine arts building. Please pack for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Anyone, grades 6-12, interested in going should let us know by this Friday, March 21st. Call us at 3000-2226 or at lduncan@tanasi.org.

John and Lindsay Duncan, Youth Directors

EASTER EGG HUNT

First Church, Jazzercise, MOMS, and friends will host a huge community "Eggstravaganza" Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. on the church grounds. A hot dog lunch will be served. Separate outdoor hunting areas for toddlers, kindergarteners, and grade-schoolers will be arranged. Come rain or shine!

The "Eggstravaganza" needs the following helpers: kitchen folks to help prepare a hot dog and potato chip lunch; youth and adults to prepare and hide eggs (grade 6 and above), and donations of candy and plastic eggs. Please join us in the gym this Saturday. That's where all the fun begins!

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MARCH/APRIL

Sunday, March 23 James O'Neal

Sunday, April 6 Steve Summers

Sunday, April 20 Lois Witmer

Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin

Sunday, April 13 Valerie Wann

Sunday, April 27 Tom Witmer

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly session meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

EASTER SUNDAY COLORING CONTEST

All children of the church are encouraged to color the special page given out two Sundays ago entitled, "Easter is for Children." Recognition will be given this Easter Sunday, April 23 and everyone will receive a special prize. All pages will be posted on the glass at the rear of the sanctuary. If you missed getting a picture to color please come by the church office this week. Plenty of extra copies are available!

~Pastor Kevin

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26-Lisa Hayes
27-Howard Eblen



Activities for March 22–29, 2008

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins Restaurant
	11:00 a.m.	Eggstravaganza
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		(Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Red Lobster
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 16, 2008

Sunday School.....	60
Worship.....	103
Offering.....	\$1,971.94
Capital Improvements Fund	\$127.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	15.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,178.73
FISH.....	\$220.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 16, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$42,118.93
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$55,529.14
FISH.....	\$1,625.00

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$75,254.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

Directory Information

If you have not picked up your February 2008 Directory, please get one in the Narthex. If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office and we will mail one out to you. If you find any information that needs to be corrected please let either Esther Congdon or the office know. The following are corrections / additions:

Jo Ann Ford: phone number is 357-0389
Evelyn Crowell: phone number is 691-2973
Becky Rader, 10213 Poppy Lane, 37922, 250-2336,
E-mail: bradermimi@yahoo.com

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m. Please inform Dianne Pipkin, 675-2872 if you can not attend.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstpcp@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer@Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Diana Hess; Donna Walker; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Penny Thurman; Clara Zelinski; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Jerrie Moffet; Pat Booher; Dan Miller; Sue Hounshell; Arrienne Murphy.

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

Thank you for the contribution of \$220.00 this past week. With the \$1,073.76 left over from last year we now have a total of \$2,698.76 in the Fish account.

Larry Fielder will accompany me to the Second Harvest Food Bank this week. Food prices have gotten higher and we hope to get as much food as possible at the Food Bank.

On **Saturday** after the egg hunt at about 12:30 p.m., we will move the 131 jars of peanut butter collected so far and spaghetti sauce collected by Thursday Connection from the church to the Fish Pantry. Also on the same day we want to move approximately 100 cases of food stored in John and Lindsay Duncan's garage to the Fish Pantry.

On Thursday afternoon **March 27** we need to pick up our food order from Food City in Bearden and transport it to the Fish Pantry. **If you can help with any of these moves please call Betty Hammill at 690-8739.** Our first Bagging Saturday is the Saturday after Easter at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry. Please sign up on the Fish Bulletin Board in the Narthex if you can help.

Thank you, again. for your faithfulness in helping to feed the hungry in our community. *Betty Hammill*

Friendship Club

Will meet Wednesday March 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Red Lobster on 305 Merchants Road. See you there!!

Rebeccas Circle

Rebeccas have postponed their March meeting to 10:00 a.m. Saturday March 22, at Perkins on Kingston Pike. Hope to see you there. *Faye O’Neal*