

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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MISSION PROJECTS DURING "40 DAYS"

Special thanks to all of you who brought canned goods for Second Harvest Food Bank. You can still bring cans if you can get them to us by noon Thursday (October 30).

Another church wide mission project during November will be coat and boot collections for Lost Sheep Ministries. Please bring good used coats and boots for all ages of children, youth, and adults. Maxine Raines, director of Lost Sheep Ministries, will be our special guest Sunday, November 16. She will share her personal testimony of how God saved her from homelessness and called her to help others who live on the streets of Knoxville.

We are inviting all groups who use our church facilities to join us in this winter coat and boot drive and we are going to call it "Avalanche of Coats/Boots for the Homeless." We will also encourage the community around our church to bring coats and boots the entire weekend of November 14-16. We would love to "pack the house" with coats, boots, and people to hear Maxine speak on the 16th at 10:45 a.m. So get into your closet and bring out those extra coats and boots. Someone is going to be warmed by the love of Jesus Christ through your gift this winter!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The church family is grateful to God for those who came forward to join us last Sunday. Brack and Sheila Emory, long-time friends and attenders, transferred their membership from the United Methodist Church in Mebane, North Carolina. Scott and Amanda (Emory) Roberts also joined the church on profession of their faith and baptism.

We are blessed to count them among our brothers and sisters in Christ! May we all grow in our love for Him and for each other! We truly are "better together!"

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY—BETTER TOGETHER!

"What Destroys Relationships and What Builds Them!"

You are missing so much if you are not participating in "40 Days of Community!" We still have Better Together devotional books available and plenty of space in our small group gatherings. Nowhere else will you learn how to have close relationships with the family of God which will last into eternity!

Every relational problem we have in life comes down to one of four negative attitudes. All of these are the enemies of closeness and community.

(1) Selfishness destroys relationships. The antidote to selfishness is selflessness! How do you become more selfless? By obeying this simple truth: each day think a little bit less of you and a little bit more of others. It's a growth process led by the Spirit of God in you!

(2) Pride destroys relationships. Pride is self-deceiving and self-defeating. It keeps us from apologizing to those we hurt. The antidote to pride is humility! In order to become humble we need to spend time with Jesus who was the most humble person who ever lived.

(3) Insecurity destroys relationships. Beneath our insecurities lies an obsession to control our fears—fears of exposure and rejection. We isolate ourselves and build walls.

We long to be close but we can't risk it. The antidote to insecurity is love! God's perfect love in our lives expels our fears. We can risk loving others because we are secure in the perfect love of God!

(4) Resentment destroys relationships. Resentment is piled up or frozen anger. Resentment never works, it only hurts you! The antidote to resentment is forgiveness! All relationships need massive doses of forgiveness. Once we have truly tasted God's forgiveness it becomes remarkably easy to forgive others and let bitterness and resentment go. All four antidotes to selfishness, pride, insecurity, and resentment are found in a daily relationship with Jesus Christ! We need Him to be the Lord and Master of our lives!

YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ELDERS

The nominating committee for new elders will be meeting soon 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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

All children of First Church and their friends are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m. for Christmas program practice during Children's Church. Amanda Roberts will be directing the practices between now and Sunday, December 14. Everyone is needed, from the youngest to the oldest! This year the program will be presented Sunday evening, December 14 in the gym.

PIONEER CLUBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are having a blast at Pioneer Clubs every Sunday evening, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All children, four years to grade seven are encouraged to join us! Special thanks to Jim and Maxine Curtis who provided cheeseburgers and chips for supper last Sunday. We need volunteer parents or grandparents to provide meals for the following sessions: this Sunday, November 2, 5:45 p.m. and Sunday, November 16. If you can sponsor a meal on one of these dates, please call the church office immediately (588-8581). Thank you in advance for your response!

BETHEL COLLEGE DAY THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2!

This Sunday you will have opportunity to make a contribution to the fastest growing college in the state of Tennessee! Bethel College is our only Cumberland Presbyterian College and wonderful things are happening on the campus. If you know of any high-schooler who wants a quality learning experience in a dynamic Christian environment, Bethel College is the place! You can make your check out to First Church and designate it for Bethel.

VOTE HIS VALUES NOVEMBER 4!

I would never tell anyone who to vote for but as your pastor I encourage you to vote for the candidate who best represents Biblical, Christ-centered values since you and I are first and foremost citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven! A voter guide will be provided in the bulletin this Sunday, November 2. God bless you as you make your decision!



~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

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- 4-Sheila Emory
- 5-Chris Clark
- 5-Larry Fielder
- 5-Brent Witmer
- 6-Kyle Boden
- 7-Steve Summers



Activities for November 1–8, 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.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.,	6:00 p.m.	Silent Prayer Meeting-Chapel

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 26, 2008

Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	80
Offering.....	\$1,604.29
Capital Improvements Fund	\$15,035.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$3,408.16

Year-to-Date (as of October 26, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$125,221.98
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$20,497.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$202,514.93
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$96,765.55

CPMW Reminder

The Children’s Home in Denton, TX is still participating in the Campbell’s label program. There is a box in the church office for labels you have collected. In addition to Campbell soap product labels, you can collect Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Prego, and Franco American product labels. Check the CPWM bulletin board for more information or contact Dianne Fielder by phone at 982-6918 or by email at dfielder9@comcast.net.

WEST CIRCLE

will meet in the Keene Room on Tuesday November 4 at 11 o'clock. Please bring a sandwich for lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided. Call Betty Hammill - 690-8739 if you have any questions.



You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.
Please let me know of your events so we can get them on the calendar and publicize them.
All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer



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

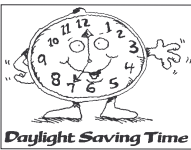
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; 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; Kevin Wood; Molly Deuschle; 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); Edna Ivey (knee replacement); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Dolores Hall (friend of Esther Congdon); 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).

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

Cumberlander Mailings

We will in the next few weeks be reviewing our Cumberlander mailing list to remove persons who are not attending First Church and are not associated with First Church anymore. Those of you who we remove you may view the Cumberlander from our web site or request to receive it via email. Send us an email at firstcpc@earthlink.net to request to receive by email.
The digital version of the Cumberlander is colorful as opposed to the printed black ink version.



ENDS this Saturday at 2:00 a.m. So turn back your clocks before you go to bed. If you come to church and no one else is here, you forgot!

Session Corner

- 1) The Session spent a half-hour in devotion and prayer for the needs of the Church.
- 2) The Session requests that the congregation donate coats and new shoes to the Lost Sheep Ministry as a service/mission project related to the 40-Days of Community Study.
- 3) The Session adopted a motion to withdraw funds from the Memorial Endowment Account to cover operating expenses on an "as needed" basis.