

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### ARE YOU ONE OF THE 'JESUS PEOPLE'?

The book of Acts gives us a glimpse not into the birth of the institutional church as we know it today but rather into the lives of a community of believers who against staggering opposition, persecution, and even death, became the most powerful life-altering, world-changing movement in history!

They were the 'Jesus People!' Men and women of great Godly love, principles and practices. Men and women like Philip, Ananias and Lydia to name a few.

Philip was willing to be led by the Spirit to come alongside a seeker as a friend in Christ (the Ethiopian eunuch). Ananias was willing to look at a total stranger with a bad record and plenty of rough edges and still see his potential in Christ (Saul of Tarsus). Though Lydia knew nothing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ her heart was prepared to receive it. When she heard, she received the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit and her home became the outpost for the evangelization of Europe!

The remarkable thing about these 'Jesus People' is they never hardened into a religion. They sustained a relationship. They traveled and travailed, suffered and sacrificed, lived and died for the sake of Jesus and His mission.

Do these faces of the past call out to us today? Do they challenge us to be the 'Jesus People' in our time? What do we say?



### THE SEASON OF PRAYER CONCLUDES!

In just two more weeks we will conclude a Season of Prayer at First Church. We have experienced some wonderful answers to prayer! Our commitment to prayer as individual believers and as a church has been strengthened! We have received guidance from the Holy Spirit concerning our future! There are more prayer partners and prayer groups meeting now than in recent years!

We praise God for all that has happened and we will continue to grow in our determination to be a "House of Prayer."

On Sunday, October 2, 10:45 a.m. prayer again will be our theme as we observe Worldwide Communion Sunday with Christians around the world. We will also share a potluck luncheon in the gym following morning worship. Please bring family and friends as well as your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes. It will be a great day to be in the Lord's house!!!

*Pray that the Lord will build His Church at 6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive*

*Pray that God's People will be open to the Spirit*

*Pray that barriers to church growth will fall*

*Pray for those facing trials and trouble, addictions and disease*

*Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world*

*Pray for the Youth and Children's Ministries of First Church*

*Pray for the Task Force on a new Contemporary Service*

*Pray for the growth of our Sunday Morning Worship Service*

*Pray for the growth of our Sunday School*

*Pray that America will turn to the Lord*

*Thank God for prayers already answered!!!*

### FIRST CHURCH TO HOST PRESBYTERY

First Church will host the fall meeting of East Tennessee Presbytery Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. Pastors and elders from 44 churches will be present to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of the church at large that day. You are encouraged to attend and observe any part or all of the meeting to learn more about how the Cumberland Presbyterian Church works. A catered luncheon will be served. Our delegates will include both pastors and elder Allison Davis. Come and see!

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN OCTOBER

Everyone at least 55 years-old is invited to see the fall colors with the Friendship Club when we travel to Carver's Apple-house Restaurant, Cosby, TN, Wednesday, October 19. Join us in a caravan leaving from the church by 9:30 a.m. We will have lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by a special trip to Mary Ann Haney's cabin in Gatlinburg for homemade dessert. Sign up outside the church office or call us, 588-8581/228-0710.

### INVITATION

Bazeltown Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Joe Weaver, pastor, have invited First Church to join them for a joint worship service and evening meal Sunday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. in Harriman, TN. We will provide special music and the pastor will be guest preacher. Please join us for an evening of outstanding praise and worship! Directions will be provided in a future issue of The Cumberland.

~Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!  
And bring a friend!

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# Happy Birthday

## September

25-Brack Emory  
25-Raeigh Wann  
30-Gracie Hayes



## Activities for September 25–October 1, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for September 18, 2011

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	71
Offering.....	\$3,561.06
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$145.00

## Lay Ministry Corner

### Praise God for the Darkness

For within the darkness it is easy to see the light and to be drawn in to it ~  
Thank God for injustice, Because it fuels our desire to experience perfect righteousness.  
Thank God for pestilence, famine, and economic uncertainty, For it reminds us that our health and welfare are gifts from God that should be valued and appreciated!  
Thank God for war, Because it make us weary of strife and gives us a longing for lasting peace.  
Thank God for difficult people, traffic jams and waiting rooms, For without them how could we possibly develop patience?  
Thank God for tyranny, For it deepens our compassion for our fellow man.  
Does this make evil a good thing?  
No, it just makes us better people, if we choose not to suffer in vain.

## BABY SHOWER

All the Ladies of the church are invited to a  
Baby Shower honoring  
Tara Eblen Shelley  
Sunday, September 25  
2:00 pm Keene Room  
Registered at BabiesRUs and Walmart



## Your Help is needed!!

We are hosting the Presbytery of East Tennessee on Saturday, October 1 at 9a.m. and will be serving lunch to the attendees. We need you to bring a homemade desserts to share at the luncheon.

## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

Steve Gwilliams, Park West

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker’s husband); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis’s); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Reed Davis (Whitney Goodrich’s father); Richard Congdon; Marlana Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Nell Souder (Whitney Goodrich’s grandmother); David Rech (Justin Rech’s father); Rue Dougherty; J.A. Boone and Joyce Boone; Steve GWilliams; Jeff Yates (Phil Bridges nephew); the family of Loretta Ware (Sam Ware’s aunt); family of Jim Rector’s mother (friend of Fred Johnson).

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.*

## COOKIE MIX FOR SALE

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix is \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

## Directory Update

We have begun the process of updating our Church Directory. Please fill out the forms located in the Narthex and give turn them into the office. We hope to have a new directory printed by the end of September. Any questions, ask Wendy Goodrich.

## FAVORITE HYMN MONTH

The Worship Committee has declared the months of September and October to be “Favorite Hymn Month”. There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out and suggest your Favorite Hymn(s).



Lawsuit over branch falling on Jazzercise woman has been settled and we will not go to trail. Praise God.