

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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"THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD..."

We sang, as an affirmation of our faith, "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place ..." on Sunday morning. We did feel that presence throughout the worship service. Especially did we feel that presence as we concluded the service by singing "The Old Rugged Cross". And we really felt that presence when Allison Davis came forward in an act of re-dedication and commitment. The church family celebrated with Allison and her family in a very tender moment for all of us. Thank you Lord!

CONTACT WITH JESUS

The sermon series by Dr. Hester led us to think about Nicodemus and "A Night Visit that changed the World" on Sunday morning. The series continues this Sunday as we find another contact with Jesus and the message "In Search of God". Join us!

GOALS FOR 2013

At the Session meeting on Feb. 17 the Session talked of our goals for 2013. Here is a list of goals they see for our church for this year:

- A new Pastor
- 18 new members
- A balanced budget
- Active youth group
- 18 Professions of Faith
- More young adults
- Functioning committees
- Do God's will

EASTER LILIES

Easter Sunday is March 31 – 4 weeks from Sunday. As we did for the Christmas poinsettias, you are invited to purchase an Easter Lily (or more) in honor/memory of someone. Cost is \$5.00. You may begin ordering on Sunday with an order blank you will find in the bulletin.

THE BIBLE ON TV

The Bible is an epic five-week, 10-hour television mini-series premiering this Sunday night, March 3 on the History channel. This is produced by Mark Burnett and Roma Downey (whom we knew in *Touched by an Angel*).

For two hours each Sunday night you will be able to see the Bible come to life as you probably have never seen before. The final episode of the series will air on Easter Sunday and will feature the death and resurrection of Jesus.

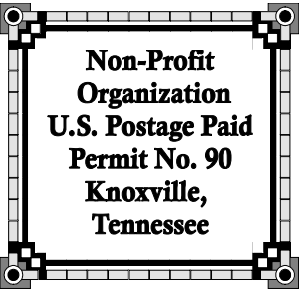
Burnett and Downey, husband and wife, said "To us, as a family, we love the Bible. This is not a TV show to us. It's images and sound and sacred text that people will still watch, way after our grandchildren are old people."

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, March 3 – Women of the church – Betty Hammill's house
- Sunday, March 10 – Girl Scout Sunday
 - 6:00 – Christian Education Committee meeting
- Sunday, March 17 – Noon – Pot luck luncheon
 - 1:15 – Outreach Committee meeting

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Ann Redding, **Andrea Golliher's** mother, had by-pass surgery last week; out of hospital and to Andrea's house this week ... **Mark Kuhnhen**, Dr. Hester's son-in-law, home from hospital in Minneapolis ... **Cub Scout Pack 20** had **Blue and Gold Banquet** in our gym Saturday night with about 100 in attendance ... **Dick Booher** will have back surgery on Thursday ... Good to have **Marlene Ritchey** back Sunday after two weeks out with physical problems ... **Larry & Dianne Fielder** headed to Charlottesville VA this week-end for grand-son's birthday ... **Allison Davis and 3 children and Tom and Lois Witmer** are headed to Columbus Ohio late this week for an Invitational gymnastic meet (in which **Hailey** will compete ...



Happy Birthday



March

- 3-Rebecca Ware
- 4-Katie Hill
- 5-Ada Ladd
- 5-Emma O’Neal
- 8-Kathy Byers
- 9-Jewell Kerr



Activities for March 3-9, 2013

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Tues., 11:00 a.m. West Circle
- 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds
- Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 24, 2013

Sunday School.....	39
Worship.....	79
Offering	\$3,526.75
Music Fund.....	\$10.00
FISH.....	\$150.00
Building Fund.....	\$35.00

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Will be having a meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at 5 - 7pm at Betty Hammill’s house. We will have supper, plan for future activities, have games and good fellowship, and Melody Harper will be our program. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us for this vital meeting. Maps to Betty’s house are in the Narthex.

WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 11am in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us.

GOD BLESS OUR ANNUAL FISH CAMPAIGN

Our annual Fish campaign has begun. Our responsibility is to stock the West Knox Fish Pantry during the month of April. Steve McCurry will be ordering all our groceries around the middle of March and they will be delivered the last week of March. Our goal will be \$4500. We have on hand \$2744.69 to begin. \$1400 of that was given to us by Marietta CP Church. We are very thankful for their generosity. Church of the Savior will again partner with us this year. We will be bagging on Saturday mornings at 9:30 at the pantry site on these Saturdays – March 30, April 7 and 14. Sign up on the Fish Bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help on any of these Sundays. Thank you in advance for your donations (mark your checks for Fish), and be sure to sign up to help bag on those 3 Saturday mornings. And last, but not least, we ask that everyone cover our



Prayer Concerns

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming’s mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry’s mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges’ neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mark Kuhnenn son-in-law of Dr. Hester (Melanie’s husband).

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

CAMPBELL’S LABELS

We are still collecting Campbell’s Labels for service project for the Cumberland Presbyterian Children’s Home. Please remember to save your labels and bring to the church office. THANK YOU!!



We are not accountable for the actions of others, but we are accountable for our actions before God, no matter the earthly reasons we use to justify our ungodly choices. God is fully capable of achieving justice and His will without our help. We are called to trust Him and wait for His timing, responding righteously only if He calls for it. Either way we see God at work! God will never ask or expect us to act unholy to achieve His will. Read the following Biblical examples and note the results of choosing worldly vs. Godly methods to achieve God's will. God desires to bless us, but we have to have faith to stay out of His way!
Worldly Example- Genesis 16
Godly Example - Genesis 26:12-33