

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

February 23, 2011



### A NEW HEART!

What is the chief cause of the world's troubles? What is the first and greatest problem God noticed about His human creation in Genesis 6:5-6?

We human beings have a heart problem!

Not the heart pumping inside the chest; not the heart in the emotional sense. It turns out the heart we are talking about is the very center of our being, the core of our existence!

Listen to the invitation in Proverbs 4:23: *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life!"* Everything about us—how we think, feel, and act—flows from the heart!

The subject of the heart is addressed in the Bible more than any other topic—more than works of service, more than belief or obedience, more than money, and even more than worship. So when we talk about the heart we are addressing the single most important thing there is about you and me or anyone else we are ever going to meet!

What was it about David that made him God's choice to rule Israel? Acts 1:22-23

gives us a look back: *"After removing Saul, God made David their king saying: 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; he will do all I want Him to do!'"* The implication is that having the right heart is the start of salvation!

Wouldn't it be magnificent if it could be said of you and me that we are men and women after God's own heart?

Jesus diagnosed the Pharisees' main problem as a heart problem: *"These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me!" (Matthew 15:8)* That's what is wrong with the world today! Human beings have a major heart problem and they need a transplant!

The Good News is Jesus Christ, the Master Surgeon, is ready to put a new heart within us! The only hope for humanity is a new heart that comes through repentance, faith, and a commitment to live for Christ as Savior and Lord; a new heart guided by the Holy Spirit in sync with God's own heart! We find God's promise of a heart transplant in the book of Ezekial: *"And God said: 'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you...!'"*

How's your heart?

Is it beating after God's own heart?

### OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS...

...are with the family of Bill Keene, 94, who went home to heaven Friday evening February 18. Bill had been a member of First Church since April 5, 1930 when he joined on profession of faith. He was preceded in death by his wife Flora Mae, March 7, 2009.

A Celebration of the Resurrection was conducted by Dr. J. David Hester and Rev. Kevin Wood on Wednesday.

### COMING IN MARCH

Faith for the Future Campaign  
beginning Sunday, March 6

Ash Wednesday  
March 9

"Spring Fling"  
Dinner Hosted by Children/Youth  
Saturday, March 12

Session Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15

Friendship Club at  
Flatwater Grill  
March 16

Potluck Luncheon After Church  
Sunday, March 20

Miniversity on Stewardship  
at Union CP Church  
March 26

Session Retreat After Church  
Sunday, March 27

(more details to come!)

Do not forget about FISH. Place your donations in the offering plate on Sunday or bring to the office.

~ Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

## February

27-Joe Maher

28-Sam Ware

## March

4-Katie Hill

5-Lynn Hillen

5-Ada Ladd

5-Emma O'Neal

### Activities for February 27- March 5, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Luncheon Survey Meeting  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report for February 20 , 2011

Sunday School.....	42
Worship.....	62
Offering.....	\$2,317.80
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$118.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$4,782.40

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Your help is requested to do maintenance on the Prayer Concerns List. Please contact the office about persons on the Prayer Concerns List. We need to maintain this list current by both removing those who do not need to be on the list and by adding others who need to be on the list. By maintaining a current list we can focus our prayers on those who are in need of our prayers for help with a current health, physical or mental need. Thank you for your help.

### JOIN US IN PRAYER AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF FIRST CHURCH!

In addition to your continuing prayers for First Church the elders and I want to be sure you complete the recent survey we all have been working on! If you don't have a copy you can still receive one at your request by e-mail or regular mail. Please call the church office and let us know (588-8581).

Our final small group meeting will be held in the gym this coming Sunday, February 27 immediately following morning worship. Everyone who has been unable to attend until now is invited to join us for potluck (elders will furnish meat and drinks; please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert). Also, bring your completed survey with you! We need to hear from you as a responsible member/participant in the life and ministry of First Church! Thank you!



### Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

#### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Millie Jones; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker's husband); Matthew Crawford (12 year old friend of Phil Bridges' niece Melissa Roach); Melanie Ball; Judy Moore; Jin Gaston; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Daniel and Kay Jang, missionaries in the Philippines suffering with the dengue disease; Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis's); Kayla Rose (Carol Seeman's granddaughter); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson's father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Gollihier and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollihier's mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Gollihier and Carol Seeman); Steven Park; Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); Kathy Langston (mother of a co worker of Brent Witmer); Earl Beeler (Greg Beeler's uncle); Richard Congdon; the family of William Keene.

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



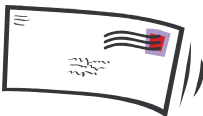
### JO ANN FORD

JoAnn needs a large sized recliner. She has to sleep in a recliner to help her breathe better. Please contact the church office if you can help with a chair or give money towards a chair.



### CUMBERLANDER DELIVERY

We would like to begin to decrease our mailing of the Cumberlander and instead use email. Seeing the Cumberlander in color via email is an enhancement that is much better than the mailed black and white printed version. If you would like your Cumberlander emailed to you instead of mailing, please contact the office or email the office at firstcpc@earthlink.net and let us know.



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