

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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SCRIPTURE CAME ALIVE LAST SUNDAY NIGHT!

We all watched with joy as the nativity and the birth of Jesus unfolded before us! Our children told the story in their own special way with angels beaming, shepherds running lose and wise men leaving their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh off stage.

They all sang their hearts out, especially the soloists, and the Good News came through loud and clear! Thank you children for reminding us how pure, and holy, and hopeful the advent of the Savior was and is!

Special thanks to the directors, Amanda Roberts, Dianne Pipkin, and Brent Witmer, and everyone else who worked so hard with our children to share the Gospel!

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who gave so generously to all the Christmas projects of the church family this year! Reminder: Please return your secret angel gifts to the church office by this Sunday, December 21!

...to Boy Scout Troop 20 and Cub Scout Pack 20 for raking all the leaves and making the church grounds so clean and inviting!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

A congregational meeting to elect three new elders will be held at the conclusion of the worship service this Sunday, December 21. At that time the Session will place in nomination Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis, and Kim Halbert for three year-terms starting in January, 2009.

During the congregational meeting the floor will be open for other nominations provided the person has already been contacted and agreed to serve.

All members of the church are encouraged to vote during the congregational election and to pray for the new elders as they prepare to serve the Lord and His Church.

A service of ordination and installation will be held Sunday, January 11, 2009.

ADVENT EVENTS

First Church invites you and your family to go with us on the journey to Bethlehem during this Advent season!:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10: 45 A.M.

Christmas cantata by the choir, "Mary Did You Know?"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE THIS SEASON!

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING—this year's annual "Gift to the King" offering will go to the King of Kings New Church Development in Tulua, Colombia, South America. This developing congregation has grown to 75 with 40 of them being new believers! They hope to build a sanctuary, three offices and restrooms at a cost of only \$35,000.00! Let's help them reach out to fellow Colombians in the name of Jesus Christ! We will receive and dedicate our offering this Sunday, December 21. Please look for the special "Gift to the King" envelopes in the bulletin.

POINSETTIAS TO HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-INS—this year we have a number of homebound and shut-in members and friends who will receive a Christmas poinsettia and care package from the church. You can make a personal delivery to them in honor of the Christ child. Sign up on the main bulletin board outside the church office. The delivery deadline will be this Sunday, December 21.

WE WANT YOU IN OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!!!

If you aren't part of a Sunday School class you still have time to join us this Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. Our new class location has changed. We are now meeting in the Conference Room next to the pastor's office!

The class is using the "40 Days of Community" daily devotional books to take a closer look at 40 "one-anothers" in the New Testament. Our intention during the next eight weeks is to grow closer in our love for God and for each other. We will be engaged in the five purposes for which God created us: worship, fellowship, growth, service, and outreach (evangelism). Get off the couch, get out of the pew, and get ready to put your faith into action!!!

COMING SOON!

YOUNG EARTH SEMINAR, SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:00 P.M. at First Church with special guests Frank Galbraith and Fred Mynatt. Have you ever wondered when did the Biblical creation occur and how old is the earth? Have you ever wondered where the Garden of Eden was located? Come and hear some compelling answers to these and many other questions during this community-wide event sponsored by Kingdom Builders Ministries.

PIONEER CLUBS (session two) for 4 year-olds through grade seven beginning January 18, 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Many new and exciting adventures are being planned!

Pastor Kevin



Bring your Christmas cards for your church family and place in the Youth Post Office Box located in the office. The youth / children will deliver for you. You will save postage and you can give to the Youth Fund for the postage you save.



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Happy Birthday



December

- 14-Rodney Godwin

16-Holly VanDeVate

18-Tara Eblen

18-Wendy Goodrich

19-Kevin Pipkin

19-Bernie Migas

22-Tammy Eblen

23-Laura Ware Paschke

24-Rachel Searcy

27-Ryan McDaniel



Activities for December 21-27, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Wed.,	5:00 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service
Thurs.,		CHRISTMAS DAY
<i>(See web site for complete calendar listings)</i>		

Stewardship Report for December 14, 2008

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	90
Offering.....	\$1,993.53
Capital Improvements Fund	\$60.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Expenses paid last week	\$9,377.08

Year-to-Date (as of December 14, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$143,913.63
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$23,089.50
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$239,841.84
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$101,065.55

Mitten Tree, ETC

Decorate the Mitten tree in the Library each Sunday with mittens, gloves, scarves, ETC. The etc. is any left over scraps from sewing projects: buttons, cloth, lace, thread, beads, yarn etc., may be placed under the tree for the doll makers of Appalachia .



Pledge Cards

If you have not turned you pledge card in for next year, please send or bring into the office before the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

End of the YearReminder!

You have two more giving Sundays to give money to the church for tax year 2008. Monies given to the church after December 31 will not be credited to the 2008 tax year .



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital
Nora Derreberry, Park West, (Maxine Curtis’s Mother)
Mark West, St. Mary’s (son of CP minister Fred West)
Earl Dunn, St. Mary’s (friend of Maxine McGuire)
Cecil Presnell, Baptist West (coworker of Dianne Fielder)



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; 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; 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); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman’s); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club’s Mom); The Cooper Children (Justin, Jeremy, Kasey and Jeffery); Tyler, Becca and Sky-lar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; James O’Neal; Brenda Ball (friend of Congdons and Wares); Howell Sherrod (Becky Rader’s brother—heart by-pass surgery); the family of Polly Haney (friend of Maxine McGuire).

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information).
Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition, and a pair of lamps.
Please call the office for information on the above items. If you have good give away items or need an item call the church of- fice and we will add to our list.

The Rebeccas Circle

would like to invite the women of the church to a Christmas Brunch and ornament exchange on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Brunch will be at the Cedar Bluff Holiday Inn, husbands are welcome. Please RSVP to Donna Walker, thetwwalkers@att.net, or Faye O’Neal, 693-0656, by December 17th if you plan to come.

FCP Angel Tree

Thanks to those who took names from the Angel Tree. You will surely make a child smile this Christmas. Please bring your gifts to the office by Sunday, December 21. Thank you!

“...You will find a baby wrapped in cloths
and lying in a manger.”
~ ~ Luke 2: 12 (NIV)