

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### THE SEASON OF LENT

We have entered the season of Lent, a period of 40 weekdays and six Sundays when the church "proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning death of Jesus Christ."

Holy Week begins Sunday, April 1. Easter Sunday is April 8.

During this season I ask you to think of and pray for those people you know who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Pray that God will speak to their hearts and give you an opening to invite them to hear the Good News.

I will be preaching on some of the "I AM" sayings of Jesus during Lent. As C. S. Lewis has written in his book Mere Christianity, "either this man was and is the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse." Everyone is faced with the choice of who Jesus is.

Invite your family and friends to hear His "outrageous claims!"

### ENJOYING THE CHALLENGE!

Several of us have embarked on a journey through the Bible called "The Essential 100 Bible Challenge." You can still join us this Sunday by taking a brochure with the list of readings (50 from the New Testament; 50 from the Old Testament). All copies of The Essential Bible Guide have been claimed but we can still order them at a cost of \$8.80. Call the church office if you want one (588-8581).

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 4

This Sunday, March 4 a congregational meeting will be held at the conclusion of worship to discuss the consultation report and hear opinions and suggestions from the congregation. The elders and pastor want to hear from you as we pray and prepare for the future God has for us. Every member and regular attendee is encouraged to be present for an abbreviated worship service and the discussion which follows.

### SESSION ORIENTATION MARCH 7

A special orientation meeting for the Session has been set for Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. The regular session meeting for March will be Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

### PEGGY IS OFF TO PANAMA!

Peggy O'Neal and the medical team will arrive in Panama this Friday and will be ministering to thousands during the week. Thank you so much for your generous support of the mission which included lots of toothpaste, toothbrushes, children's vitamins, reading glasses and \$615.00 in monetary gifts. We can't wait to hear Peggy's report when she returns!

### OUR GUESTS SUNDAY MARCH 11

Our special guests Sunday, March 11, 10:45 a.m. will be the families of "Thursday Connection" Home School Co-operative. Some of them will join us in worship and many more will come later as honored guests for our monthly potluck luncheon in the gymnasium. They will join us in bringing meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts to share in this "family get-together!" They will also spend the afternoon looking at the facility as a possible meeting place beginning this fall. What a great opportunity we will have to make them feel at home with us! Maybe God has "brought us together for such a time as this!"

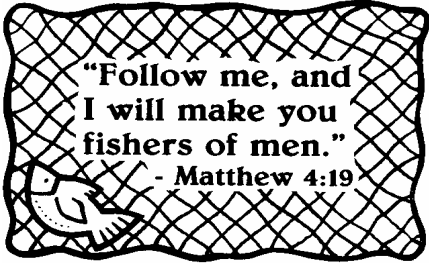
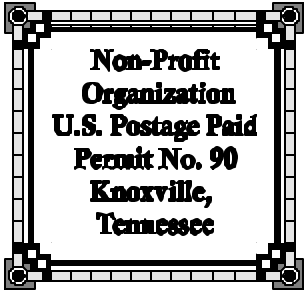
### DISCIPLES NEEDED FOR 'LIVING LORD'S SUPPER'

"Holy Week" is the first week of April this year and we are looking for men who want to participate in our second annual "Living Lord's Supper" Communion Service. A planning meeting will be held Sunday, March 4 following the morning service in the Keene Room. All "alumni" and any newcomers are welcome to join us!

### "SPRINGFEST, 2007" IS COMING APRIL 14

With the help of our new friends from Thursday Connection Home School Co-op First Church will be hosting a festival for children and youth Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The festival will be called "Springfest, 2007" and we will be having all kinds of games, food, and fun activities scattered all over the church grounds all day. We will need everyone's help. Please circle the date and make yourself available to welcome the community! More details later.

Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday

March 2007

- 5~Emma O'Neal
- 5~Ada Ladd
- 5~Lynn Hillen
- 5~Flora Mae Keene
- 8~James Searcy, III
- 8~Kathy Hammill-Byers
- 9~Jewell Kerr
- 10~Jean Bullard

Activities for March 4-10, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	6:00 p.m.	Session Orientation
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Stewardship Report for February 25, 2007

Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	61
Offering.....	\$2,555.50
Special Offerings: FISH	\$725.00

Year-to-Date (as of February 25, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$24,537.31
Expenses paid to date:	\$34,994.19

WEST CIRCLE

will meet in the Keene Room at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

FISH

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$725.00 this week. With the \$25.00 from last week, our total so far is \$2572.00. If anyone can help with the bread, please let me know. We will need approximately 100 loaves each week to be placed in the freezer. Our first bagging session will be March 31 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry. Please sign up on the FISH Bulletin Board if you can help. Don't forget to bring in the large size paper grocery bags-we need lots of them. Please cover this campaign to help the poor and hungry of our community with prayer. Thank you God bless you. Betty

CONGRATUALATIONS

Kristi Summers won 2nd place in "Twirlmainia," a national baton twirling competition in Orlando, FL.



Prayer Concerns  
In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California  
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

In the Hospital

Dick Congdon in Ft. Sanders Regional  
Room 311, 541-3311

Medical Mission in Panama March 2-9

Peggy O'Neal

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Stephanie Saults, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Pollye Pharaoh, Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Family of Libby Smedburg, Shelia Franklin, Rose Gauthler, Mary Matthew, Jim Deardorf, John Donovan, Lee Oberlieesen, and Beth Framer (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Natalie Meadows and twins Eva and Will Born February 23 and Dewaine Moncier, Jr. and Mary Lynn Tolar and infant Thomas Moffat (6 requests by Dianne Fielder).

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

They've Moved

Bill and Kim Halbert are now at 8807 Aragon Lane, Knoxville, TN 37923

Upcoming Events

Nick and Lisa Deal invite all twenty and thirty-somethings to their home on Saturday, March 10th at 6:00p.m. for a game night and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Lisa at 806-2917 by Friday March 9th. Our address is 7247 Palmero Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. We hope you can join us!



Newsletter  
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.