

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, December 13 at the close of morning worship a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing three new elders. At that time the Session will place in nomination Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder to serve three-year terms starting in January, 2010. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the candidate has previously agreed to serve. All members of the church are asked to pray for and participate in the election of new elders! Ballots will be provided for the election and the results will be announced at the close of the congregational meeting.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2009

Sunday, December 13

9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal in the Gym

10:45 a.m. Election of New Elders

3:30 p.m. Second Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program and

Church-wide Christmas Party (please bring your favorite finger foods to share with everyone!)

Sunday, December 20

10:45 a.m. Choral Cantata, "Hope Has Hands!"

(volunteers are needed to deliver treat bags and poinsettias to shut-ins, hospitalized, and homebounds following the morning worship service!)

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion Service

SYDNEY IS OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

Sydney O'Neal, daughter of James and Peggy O'Neal, came forward last Sunday to publically declare her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and be received as the newest member of First Church. Sydney joined by profession of faith and confirmation of infant baptism. May God bless you Sydney as you continue to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ!

PIONEER CLUB HAYRIDE THIS SATURDAY

All Pioneer Club kids and their friends are invited to join us for a Hayride and supper at the church this Saturday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders, including those who will be newly elected, are encouraged to be present!

BECOMING CHRISTIANS AND CHURCH MEMBERS

Several children in our church have recently explored what it means to receive Christ and become a member of the church. First, they have to recognize they are sinners in need of a Savior. Then they have to turn from their sins and ask Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord. Then they stand up publically to say they want to follow Him and be part of the family of God called the Church. Next they acknowledge their baptism as a sign of God's mercy and grace. Finally, they promise to be faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church by answering "yes" to the questions of the covenant.

May we all pray for these children and others who are thinking and praying about such life-changing and life-affirming decisions. The church family is ready to welcome you when you are ready! Come as He leads you!

~Pastor Kevin


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Happy Birthday

December



14-Rodney Godwin
16-Holly VanDeVate
18-Tara Eblen
18-Wendy Goodrich
19-Bernie Migas
19-Kevin Pipkin



Activities for December 13–19, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Program followed by Church-wide Christmas Party
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas Circle—Holiday Inn

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for December 6, 2009

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$3,311.02
Loaves and Fishes Offering.....	\$634.56
Capital Improvements Fund	\$395.00
Expenses paid last week	N/A

REBECCAS CIRCLE

Mark your Calendar!!

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, for our Christmas Brunch at the Holiday Inn, Cedar Bluff. Remember to bring an ornament for our entertainment.

Angel Tree


Here's how it works:

1. Pick an angel from the bulletin board across from the nursery.
2. Write your name and phone number on the sign up sheet beside the number of the angel you took.
3. Purchase the item that is written on the angel.
4. Wrap the item.
5. Place the angel on the OUTSIDE of the package.
6. Bring the package to the church office no later than Friday December 18.

Call Dianne Fielder if you have any questions.


Children’s Play Practice Schedule

Dec 12– 3:30 p.m.; Dec 13– 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Contact Amanda Roberts if you have any questions.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer
Lea Acuff, Brakebill
Evelyn Crowell, Ft. Sanders to Shannondale (re-hab)
Edna Fleenor, home from St. Mary’s
Ethel Bankert, York Hospital, PA (Tom’s mother)



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park; Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); 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 Deal’s); Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Fielder’s next door neighbor); Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Rev. Don Alexander (cancer); Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; John Kujawski, (nephew of Esther Congdon); Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Austin Johnson; the family of Bryan Scott (Sheri Hill’s brother); the family of Russell Witmer (Tom Witmer’s dad); Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet, friends of Cliff Parrott.

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

Needed...

...a small refrigerator.
...a coffee maker.
If you have one or know of anyone who has these to give away, please call the church office.
If you are in need of something or have something you would like to give away, please let the office know and we will advertise the need to have and to give away in the Cumberlander.

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING

Sunday, December 20 First Church will receive the annual Gift to the King offering to help our denomination open a new mission work in Mexico. Land has already been purchased for the first CP Church in Neuvo Laredo in 2010. Please give generously using the envelopes provided in the bulletin!

STATE CHAMPION!

Hailey Davis won individual honors at the state gymnastics meet in Nashville recently and her Taturu team took second place overall in the state. Congratulations Hailey! Way to go, champ!