

The Cumberland

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THE BLESSING OF EASTER!

All the Lenten-Easter services this year have been so bright and beautiful and alive!

It was wonderful to share with the Bearden-Sequoyah community the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise worship experiences. The true fellowship of the larger Christian community is so important in these days of polarization and division.

The “Eggstravaganza” egg hunt was the largest since I have been pastor. What a joy to share in the excitement of children hunting Easter eggs and the new life they represent!

Palm Sunday Sam and Karen Ware and the choir put together a magnificent worship service focused on the cross of Christ as we brought our sins to be nailed, remembering Jesus paid it all!

Maundy Thursday was a unique personal experience with the Lord for those who came to the chapel for Communion.

“The Celebration of Life” Easter Sunday was filled with the hope of the Resurrection we all share. A large crowd of members, family, friends and guests laid claim to the promise of the risen Lord, *“Because I live, you shall live also!” (John 14:19b)*

Glory to God for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! The Easter celebration will never end!

SEE ‘FIREPROOF’ WITH YOUR FAMILY THIS SATURDAY!!!

“Fireproof” is a hit-movie that every family should see!!!

I hope we have a record crowd for the free screening of “Fireproof” in our sanctuary this Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.! The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

“Feed Your Faith” outreach ministry of Knoxville is sponsoring free screenings leading to the “Fireproof Marriage Conference” featuring Kirk Cameron and his wife Chelsea Noble Saturday, July 18 at Sevier Heights Baptist Church. The conference sold out more than a month ago but we will be giving away three couples’ tickets as door prizes!

Make your plans to join us for the movie and maybe you and your spouse will win those free tickets to the marriage conference! Free child care and fun activities will be available so please bring the kids along!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHEON

The Friendship Club luncheon for April is set for Wednesday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. at Puleo’s Grille, 110 Cedar Lane (north Knoxville, 688-2575). Everyone 55 and over is welcome to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call us (588-8581).

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly Session meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. Elders are asked to pick up their packets in the narthex this Sunday, April 19.

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 3

First Church would like the privilege of recognizing all graduates during the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday, May 3. We plan to honor graduates at all levels including kindergarten, middle school, high school, college—in other words anyone who has graduated from anything! Please call the church office to help us confirm who they are (588-8581).

THE ‘CRAZY GOLFERS’ AT HOLSTON HILLS!

Through the kindness of Jeff Golliher the “Crazy Golfers” of First Church will have a chance to play one of the best golf courses in America Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. The playing list will be limited to the first six players to sign up, so if you are interested please call 228-0710 immediately. The cost will be \$40.00 per player. Hopefully this will be an annual event for the “Crazy Golfers.”

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Sunday, May 10, 10:45 a.m.

“Mother’s Day” recognition of all girls, ladies, and mothers.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. nightly

“Crocodile Dock” Vacation Bible School at First Church.

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.

“Summer Bible Olympics” for grades 1-4.

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.

“Kids in Christ” for grades 5 and above.

~Pastor Kevin

THANK YOU!

It’s so hard to put into words the love and gratitude I have for all of you for your continual love and support lavished upon Kevin and me through mom’s illness and passing. This has been a long, rough road. Thank you for creating so many resting places and oases along the way, where strength and courage could be mustered for the next steps. It’s sad for us in some ways, but...I try to remember that this is the way to eternal life in Him. “Great job, Mom!” And great job, church!

Love,
Nancy

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Happy Birthday



April

- 20-Peter Lancaster
- 22-Y.J. Allen
- 22-Creed Garrett
- 23-Laura Lancaster
- 25-Steve McCurry



Activities for April 19-25, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir practice
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Puleo’s
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for April 12, 2009

Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	162
Offering.....	\$2,100.20
Capital Improvements Fund	\$185.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$103.00
Expenses paid last week	\$10,814.15

Year-to-Date (as of April 12, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$43,825.46
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$9,050.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$77,334.87

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$104,306.55
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SOUP, CRACKERS, AND PEANUT BUTTER FOR FISH

FISH needs your help filling the bags with food. Friday April 17 is the last day for contributions of 10 and 1/2 ounces cans of soup, 18 ounce jars of peanut butter, and 1 lb. boxes of saltine crackers are requested. Collection boxes are located at the entrances to the church, the gym and at the Thursday Connection sign in area. Thanks!!!!

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS KNOXVILLE CHAPTER

INVITATION
MASSING OF THE COLORS
Saturday, 10:30 a.m., April 25, 2009

The Knoxville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is sponsoring the Sixteenth Annual Massing of the Colors Ceremony and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Second Presbyterian Church, 2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Mike Bachman, Lt Col, USAFR (Ret.) Chairman, Massing of the Colors (See our website for more details)

WHAT: Smoky Mountain Harmony Show Chorus will present a program of song in the traditional, uniquely American, Barbershop style, in celebration of the **75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. The program will include several quartets as well as the full chorus. After the program, the audience and the chorus will enjoy birthday cake in honor of the event. **WHEN: April 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.** Free admission/Donations accepted **WHERE: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church**



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

- Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital
- Caleb Michael Bundon, UT Hospital NICU
- Bill Keene, Norris Nursing Home
- Maxine McGuire, Brakebill
- Elena Zimmerman, NHC Farragut

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Doug Bailey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley; Rex Holt; Lisa Teknus; The Cooper Children; Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bill Taylor (Becky Rader’s brother-in-law); Dorothy Smith (friend of the Gastons); Sheena Richardson Beal; Jody Holl (sister of a co-worker of Leah Witmer); Bob Moore (father of co-worker of Allison Davis); Camille Graves (daughter of a friend of Wendy Goodrich; Sarah Gamble (niece of Alice Montgomery).

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

Be The Salt of the Earth for FISH

Thank you for the contribution of \$200 this week. This brings our total to \$3,789.25. Steve McCurry went to 2nd Harvest Food Bank this week and was able to get 28 cases of food for \$53.76. Steve also helped pick up 38 cases of food at a cost of \$373.48 from Food City. Bonnie Bridges was able to get 109 loves of bread from Flowers Bakery in Seymour for \$5.00. Thanks Steve and Bonnie. Our third bagging team filled 163 bags in a little less than an hour. This efficient team consisted of Jimmy, Maxine, Dawn and Chrissy Curtis, Joe Mahan (who also took the cardboard to recycle-thanks Joe), Phil and Bonnie Bridges, Tammy Eblen, Steve McCurry, James, Sydney, Emma, Eli O’Neal and friend Pyper Hoag, Tom, Donna, Marikate and Jessie Walker, J. David Hester, Jane Carroll, Sandy Rzezutko and Betty Hammill. Our fourth and final bagging session will be Saturday April 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry. Thank you for your continued support. May our church be the Salt of the Earth for FISH.

Betty Hammill 690-8739

Still in need of canning jars, bring them to the church office. Also a car mechanic to install car parts. Giving away a computer system and computer desk; love seat; and a stroller. Call church office.