

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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FROM THE PASTOR

Last Sunday, I launched the sermon series **"I Am a Church Member"** and I talked about how each of us should be a functioning church member. By "a functioning member", I mean a member that is truly active in the life and ministry of this congregation. As I said Sunday, "The concept of an inactive church member is an oxymoron—biblically, no such member really exists. Such is the reason we are exalted to know our gifts and abilities, so we can use them to best serve the Church for the glory of God. Each of us has a function and each of us should be functioning—everyone should have a role." I also asked each of us to ask ourselves this question throughout the week: **"How can I best serve First Church?"** With that in mind, I asked those present to make a pledge; if you were not here last Sunday, I am asking you to make the same pledge: "I am a church member; therefore, I pledge to worship Christ, evangelize the lost, love one another and my neighbor, and learn more about my God." In the words of Rick Warren, "Following Jesus involves more than believing; it involves BELONGING. Only as we belong to Christ's body can we become what He intends us to be. In fact, it is impossible to grow to spiritual maturity by yourself. You must be connected to other parts of the Body." This coming Sunday, I will be preaching about being a unifying church member; I look forward to seeing you here.

This past Saturday, Joanna and I, along with Stephanie and Daniel Saults, had the privilege of taking seven youth (six church members and one visitor) to Gatlinburg to attend a portion of a youth conference. The conference was exciting and the kids really enjoyed it, but what I want you to know is how blessed we are to have these young people as part of our congregation. Not only were they well behaved (I know some of their parents are thinking that I am exaggerating, but I am not), they participated during worship and even listened to the speaker/preacher. They had such a good time that they want to go back next January for the whole weekend event. To accomplish this, our youth will need to hold several fundraisers throughout the year, the first will be Triple 'D'—Dinner, Dance, and Dessert. Look for additional details of this upcoming event on the back page of this newsletter.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Friendship Club

The next meeting of the **Friendship Club** will be this Wednesday, January 22nd. We will gather at Mimi's Cafe in Turkey Creek, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a Dutch-treat meal and a wonderful time of fellowship.

Denomination Day Celebration

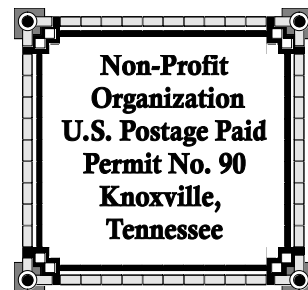
February 4, 2014 marks the 204th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In honor of this event, the Presbytery of East Tennessee will host its annual **Denomination Day Celebration** this coming Sunday afternoon, January 26th. This celebration will take place at the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, beginning at 3:30 p.m. There will be congregational singing, special music (First Church has been asked to provide this), and a Communion Service. There will also be a showing of the revised version of the video, "God So Loved" about the beginning of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Since this service is sponsored by our presbyterial Heritage Committee, a "love offering" will be received for our denominational Historical Foundation.

Pastor Installation Service and Potluck Fellowship Meal

There will be a called meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee at this coming Sunday's Denomination Day Celebration. One of the items of business will be to officially establish the pastoral relationship between Pastor Mike and First Church. As part of this process, Presbytery will elect a *Commission to Install*. The **Pastor Installation Service** will then take place as part of our morning worship service on Sunday, February 2nd. Instead of a reception that typically follows this type of service, we will have a Potluck Fellowship Meal in honor of this special occasion.

For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to worship Christ, evangelize the lost, love one another and our neighbor, and learn more about our God.

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(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Sunday School.....	42
Worship.....	70
Offering	\$2,705.05
Memorial Fund.....	\$90.00

The **mittens/scarves/caps** you placed on the **Mitten Tree** in December were delivered last week to **CAM** (Coalition for Appalachian Ministry) at the Cam-Craft cabin in Townsend; the goodies are now in the hands of many appreciative Appalachian children ... **Tom Chesney** is recovering from out-patient surgery ... Congratulations to **Scott and Amanda Roberts** as they become Foster Parents to two brothers, **Noah** (14 months) and **Elijah** (2 1/2); the boys where with us Sunday and where introduced to our church family ... **Hailey Davis** competed in the **OZONE** Invitational Sunday evening. Her team of 5 girls took 5 of the top 6 medals in two ages group... **Hailey Davis** had her picture taken with former Olympic Gymnastics Gold Medal winner, Shawn Johnson...

Faith without works is dead, no matter how much intellectual knowledge of God you might have. Quoting scripture, praying & attending church do not save us, even though they do edify. A true relationship with Jesus will affect our hearts and give us the will to change ourselves and assist others in obedience to God & His Word.



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

'D'essert

Contact Stephanie or Daniel Saults for more details.

Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown to me and my family during my daughter Suzie's illness and death. The cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, hugs, and words of encouragement have sustained us. A special thanks to our Pastors Mike and J. David for their unwavering support. Your love and friendship means more than words can express. Also we truly appreciate the wonderful meal that was prepared. Please continue to pray for us during this difficult time.

**With love,
Jewell Kerr & Family**