

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

6900 Nubbin Ridge, Knoxville, TN 37919 ~ E-mail: [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net) ~

(865) 588-8581

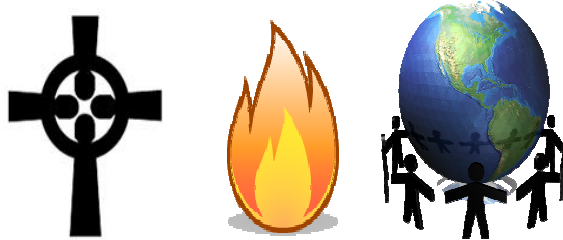
Kevin Wood ~ Pastor

Website: [www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org)

Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 18, 2009



### “REVIVAL, RENEWAL, AND RE-AWAKENING!”

Our season of “Revival, Renewal, and Re-Awakening” is almost over. I hope you have stayed the course in prayer and fasting. It isn’t easy, is it? But for those who remain faithful, the rewards will come and we will experience the fresh breezes of the Spirit!

This Sunday, November 22 will be “Commitment Sunday” at First Church. At the close of the worship service you will be asked to bring your commitment card forward and place it on the communion table. The card will reflect your devotion and your determination to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ through First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

May I encourage you to take a fresh look at your commitments this week and pray about them. Are you doing the same as always or has your time of prayer and fasting brought you closer to the Lord and what He really wants you to do?!

As the Old Testament leader Joshua reminds us: *“Choose this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!”* Joshua 24:15b, 15c.

God bless and guide you as you make your decision!

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 22!

Central Baptist Church of Bearden will host a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service Sunday, November 22, 5:00 p.m. The service will be led by clergy and laity representing seven different churches of Bearden Sequoyah United Ministries including First Church! I encourage you to join us as we “worship the God of every good and perfect gift and celebrate our oneness in Christ!” An offering will be taken for “Tent of Hope” which provides a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless of Knoxville through Knox Area Rescue Ministry!

### PIONEER CLUB SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, November 22, 10:45 a.m. our Pioneer Club program will conclude the fall session with special music and awards during morning worship. Don’t miss the celebration with all our kids plus some K.A.R.M. kids and their families! It’s been a blast these last ten weeks with the Scooters, Voyagers, and Pathfinders! The spring session will begin in January, 2010.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

The remaining membership classes for children, grades 4 and below, will be held the next two Sundays (November 22 and 29), 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Call the pastor for more information (588-8581 or 228-0710).

### OUR LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERINGS!

It is utterly amazing how simple pocket change can make such a world of difference through our “Loaves and Fishes” offering! All you have to do is place one of the “Loaves and Fishes” boxes in a prominent place in your home and donate daily to these worthy causes! 50% will go to the Nehemiah Foundation in Colombia (eight different ministries to the needy!), 25% to the CP World Hunger Fund and 25% to our Local Benevolence Fund. Dedication Sunday will be November 29!

### VITAL STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS!

**\$4,835.00...**

...the amount of weekly offerings needed in 2010 to meet the proposed church budget!

**\$300.00...**

...the amount needed weekly to pay the loan on the new roof and building improvements!

If we are successful each week in 2010, we will be able to maintain all trust and endowment funds at current levels and will not have to withdraw any funds to subsidize the proposed budget!  
Please give as God has given to you!

### WHAT’S YOUR GIFT?

What’s the one hand-crafted, custom-made talent or spiritual gift God has given you to glorify Him and help build up the church? We want to give you the chance to use it in 2010! Just name it on your stewardship commitment card this Sunday, November 22. No gift from God should go undiscovered and unused!

### ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

On Sunday, December 13, at the close of morning worship, a congregational meeting will be held to elect 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 been asked to serve.

All members of the church are asked to pray for and participate in the election of new elders!

~Pastor Kevin

### BENEVOLENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our church has participated in several different projects over the years that we are planning to do again this year. We want to get started earlier this year, so you may choose how you personally want to participate. If you give cash, you need to budget, and if you plan to give items, shopping early will give you the opportunity to look for bargains. **FRIENDS OF LAKESHORE** due Dec 6. **MITTEN TREE (CAM)** will be delivered in January. **FCPC ANGEL TREE** will include needs from our church community and KARM. The requests will start appearing as early as 11/29 and continue to 12/25 to meet the needs of children who do not qualify for other programs as their situation changed in December. When attending church on Sundays, check the bulletin boards and library for details. If you cannot attend church, you may participate by sending money to Dianne Fielder who will do the shopping for you for the project you choose. Remember Advent is a great time to extend your celebration of Christmas beyond just one day of observance!

Knoxville First Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church, Inc.  
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 90  
Knoxville,  
Tennessee



Happy Birthday

November

28-Mary Cregger

Activities for November 22–28, 2009		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs
	4:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Practice
	4:00 p.m.	The Truth Project
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 15, 2009

Sunday School.....58  
Worship.....88  
Offering.....\$1,637.00  
Capital Improvements Fund .....\$160.00  
Memorial/Building Fund.....\$00.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$10,219.24

Year-to-Date (as of November 15, 2009)  
Offerings received to date:.....\$121,226.96  
Facility usage fees received to date.....\$22,874.50  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$237,885.86

The CPWM, our women's group, will be hosting our annual Craft and Bake Sale to raise funds for our mission projects. Please plan on supporting the group by bringing in goodies and/or buying some homemade baked goods for your Thanksgiving celebration or to share with your Sunday School class! The sale will be in the library beginning at 9:00am on Sunday, November 22nd. We will have pecans available again this year (halves and pieces) thanks to Danny Eblen. The pecans are priced at \$6 for a 12 oz. bag. If you have any questions, or want to reserve your pecans in advance, please contact the church office or email Donna Walker at thetwwalkers@att.net.

Powerful Messages

If you missed the last two Worship Services, you missed some very powerful God inspired messages in the form of Pastor Kevin’s sermons, the choir’s singing of “Revive Us Again” and the Marcie Clark Handbell Choir playing. Open yourself up to the power of the Holy Spirit and let God take care of your life by turning your life over to God and let Him rule in your life. Thanks be to God!!!

Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer  
Lea Acuff, Brakebill  
Russell Witmer, HealthSouth Facility, PA (Tom’s father)  
Byran Scott, Johnston Memorial, Abington, VA (Sherri Hill’s brother)

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; Rex Holt; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Janie Beeler (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood); 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); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Rev. Don Alexander (cancer); Lindsay Bridges; Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Greg Beeler; Jack Gaston; Darian Hayes, newborn son of Lisa Hayes; John Kujawski, (nephew of Esther Congdon); Lisa and Nick Deal.  
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.

Needed...

...a recliner.  
...a small refrigerator.  
...a small microwave.  
...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.

For over 40 years our congregation has participated in the collection of Christmas gifts for patients at Lakeshore. Yes there are still residents there. Please check the list of needed items posted on the CPWM bulletin board: toiletries, games, clothing. There are limitations, so buy only the specified things. Please place them in the box in the library by Sunday December 6. For more information, please contact Dianne Fielder.