

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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UPWARD BASKETBALL BEGINS THIS SATURDAY!

This Saturday, January 9, 11:00 a.m. the third season of Upward Basketball begins at First Church. Boys and girls, kindergarten through grade six, will play their first games of the eight week season.

Upward Basketball is committed to making sure “every child plays, every child learns, and every child is a winner.” During the season coaches emphasize basic basketball skills and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Players have devotionals during practices each week and a halftime devotional is presented to parents, grandparents, and friends.

Please pray for this important ministry and attend as many games as you can. Your encouragement makes a difference!

THREE MISTAKES TO AVOID IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!

(James 4:13-17)

Everyone is interested in the future! The book of James warns us about three common mistakes we often make regarding the future:

Mistake #1: We plan without God! (vs. 13) There is nothing wrong with having dreams and making plans, as long as we pray for God’s direction and God’s will. Life, after all, is very short. There are a lot of ‘if’s’ in life. Our deepest desire as believers should be to follow God’s plan instead of our own. James says we should say “if God wills” or “Lord willing,” we will do this or that (vs. 15)!

Mistake #2: We presume about tomorrow! There are no guarantees we have “the rest of our lives” to do anything. We act like we’re going to live forever, but the Bible paints a description of life using phrases like *leaf, grass, shadow, cloud, puff of smoke, mist or vapor*. The solution for believers is Matthew 6:34: *“Don’t be anxious about tomorrow—God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time!”* The future can be overwhelming, but fortunately it comes in bite-sized pieces, twenty-four hours at a time. Determine to live life one day at a time!

Mistake #3: We put off doing the good we can do now! (vs. 17). Procrastination is a sin of omission—we fail to do what we should have done. It’s like living in the land of “Someday I’ll...” Someday I’ll get serious about my relationship with Christ; someday I’ll ask forgiveness, or say I’m sorry, or help someone, or share my faith... But God says, since you don’t have any promise of tomorrow, do the good you can do now!

SESSION MEETINGS

The first regular Session meeting of 2010 will be Tuesday, January 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. The annual planning retreat will be held the following Sunday, January 24 immediately following morning worship. All elders are encouraged to be present!

“THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE FORGIVEN”

Feed Your Faith of Knoxville will host a day-long men’s conference, *“The Good, the Bad, and the Forgiven,”* Saturday, January 16 at Sevier Heights Baptist Church. Featured speakers include Michael Franzese, Dr. Voddie Buacham, Hallerin Hilton Hill, and Burt Rosen. See www.FeedYourFaith for more information! All proceeds from the conference will benefit Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is looking for new members in 2010 and everyone 55 and older is automatically included. The group will be going out for lunch each month to a selected restaurant. Wednesday, January 20, 11:00 a.m. you can join us at Lulu’s Tea Room, 3703 West Beaver Creek Drive. For reservations, sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581. Restaurant suggestions are welcome by calling Dick and Esther Congdon (689-9692).

~ Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!
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Happy Birthday

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14-Leigh Ann Summers
16-Betty Hammill



Activities for January 10–January 16, 2010

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	10:30 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Sat.,	11:00 a.m.	Upward Basketball

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 3, 2010

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	64
Offering.....	\$.5,575.25
Capital Improvements Fund	\$285.00
Expenses paid last week	N/A

Pledge Cards

If you have not turned you pledge card in for this year, please send or bring into the office now. Thank you for your support.

Celebrating 200 Years!!!



The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you to a special 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 31, 3:30 p.m. at Talbott C. P. Church, Talbott, TN. Dinner will be served at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Reservations are required by Monday, January 18. Please call Peggy Long (423-586-5355) or send an e-mail to mfsharp@musfiber.com.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2010 are available in the nar-thex. Please call the church office if you need them mailed (588-8581).

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, Shannondale Assisted Living
JoAnn Ford, St. Mary’s Hospital, #86

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); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Austin Johnson; Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet (friends of Cliff Parrott); family of Danny McDonald (brother-in-law of Stephen Park); family of Rev. Don Alexander; Sarah Pipkin; Julie Rech; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Jeame Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy).

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

Needed...

...a small refrigerator.
If you have one or know of anyone who has one 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 in the Cumberlander.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

A service of ordination and installation for our newly elected elders (Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder) will be held Sunday, January 17 at the close of morning worship. Remember them in your prayers as they prepare to begin their three-year terms of office!

ICE SKATING PARTY!

All Pioneer Club kids and their friends are invited to an Ice Skating Party Saturday, January 9, 2:00 p.m. at the Ice Chalet. Make a list of your friends and bring them all to this winter blast! For more information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

The twelve-week, winter-spring session of Pioneer Clubs will begin Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m. Adult volunteers will be needed as club leaders and for preparing weekly club meals. Will you help us!