# The Cumberlander

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#### APPLYING THE WORD TO LIFE!

In the book of James we find a warning label showing us how the word of God is meant to be used.

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

If all we do is hear and receive the word and it stops there, we actually cheat ourselves! In other words the Bible can warm the heart without ever moving the soul. The Bible can inform the mind without transforming the life. The Bible can educate the sinner without eradicating the sin!

Bible knowledge alone does not lead to life-change!

To use James' analogy it's like looking into a mirror. He tells us that if we linger in the word of God, at any length, like a mirror it will expose and reveal what needs to be changed. At that moment when we can see the truth of God's word, we have a choice: We can reject it or apply it!

Bible application for life-change—that's what God's word is all about!

Next time you pick up your Bible realize that God wants to change your life through His word. He wants to make you more and more like His Son, Jesus Christ!

Take any Bible passage and "apply" these eight questions:

- (1) Is there an example for me to follow?
- (2) Is there a sin for me to confess?
- (3) Is there a promise for me to claim?
- (4) Is there a prayer for me to pray?
- (5) Is there a condition for me to meet?
- (6) Is there a life-verse for me to memorize?
- (7) Is there an obstacle that God wants me to avoid?
- (8) Is there a challenge God wants me to face?

The word of God is full of lessons for life-change! Are you ready and willing to apply what you learn?

#### SO THANKFUL FOR OUR LEADERS AND TEACHERS!

Last Sunday we commissioned and installed our Christian Education leaders and Sunday School teachers for the new year. In the last several years our Sunday School has witnessed modest growth and we are now offering five children's, one youth, and four adult classes!

In the coming weeks we will detail areas of study for all Sunday School classes so that those who don't have a class may get connected and start growing in Bible understanding and application!

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, really is a great place to grow!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN!**

Last Sunday ten children received new Bibles for their efforts in the recent Bible quiz: Dawn Curtis, Connor Davis, Hailey Davis, Hannah Davis, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Park, Julianna Park, Sarah Grace Paschke, Hunter Witmer and Laci Witmer. Congratulations and keep up the good work! Future Bible quizzes will be held to encourage families to study the word of God together!

#### TWENTY NEW MEMBERS STILL OUR GOAL!

As we walk through the last half of the year I want to remind you that we still have a goal for 20 new members at First Church in 2010! We're half-way there but we should not rest with so many people who have no spiritual home and no meaningful relationship with a church family!

Most people will not publicize the fact they're not attending church but as a caring friend whom they encounter on a dayto-day basis, you have the greatest chance to give them a simple, direct, heartfelt, no-pressure invitation. Do your best; God will do the rest!

#### **DISHES, DISHES, AND MORE DISHES**

A large assortment of empty food containers have been left in the gym kitchen waiting to be re-claimed. Please check the kitchen to see if they belong to you, otherwise they will be donated to charity before the next potluck. Thank you for your assistance!

~ Pastor Kevin



Join Us For Worship this Sunday! And bring a friend!









September
3-Jordan Hill



# Activities for August 29-September 4, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

# Stewardship Report for August 22, 2010

| Sunday School             | 45         |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Worship                   |            |
| Offering                  | \$1,658.55 |
| Capital Improvements Fund |            |
| Expenses paid last week   | \$8,719.43 |

# **AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE**

We received \$150 this past week for the HVAC. The amount received to date is \$15,158. God Bless you that have given. Our total HVAC repair bills are \$18,567.20.

#### **NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH**

We need patio furniture for the courtyard. We have worked hard to make the courtyard a more beautiful place and need patio furniture to turn it into a place to sit and relax and enjoy God's work.

#### **NEEDED FOR OTHERS**

Any size microwave. A used television.

A VCR.



# FCP COFFEE SHOPPE

This Saturday starting at 6 pm the FCP Coffee Shoppe will begin. We will have coffee, brewed and supplied by Gourmet's Market and Cosmo's Café in Homberg Place. We will also have desserts, cakes, cookies and snacks (furnished by congregation and friends of the church).

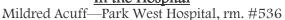
Persons performing are:

**Hailey Davis Sheila Emory** Sam Ware **Amanda Roberts** Karen Ware **Scott Roberts Eugene McCammon** Hannah Haddox Dianne Pipkin **Grace Hanna** Julie Rech Joey Kukura James Paschke **Kevin Wood** Laura Paschke **Brent Witmer Tom Witmer Ethan Ferguson** J. David Hester **FCP Chancel Choir** 



# **Prayer Concerns**





On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

# **CALLING ALL LOGGERS!!!**

We are having a cut up and splitting party in the front lawn of the church at 9:30 am on Saturday the 28th. We need to remove the tree that was felled by a storm last Monday. We will be hauling the split wood to Fred Johnson's house for him to use as firewood to heat his

home this winter. This is Fred's only source of heat.

We need people, chain saws, splitters, trucks and good weather. Please come and help with this project. Call the office if you can come and help.



## **MORE KITTENS!**

...Nancy and I still have two beautiful kittens remaining for immediate adoption to loving homes. Their names are George and Cheri. They have already

been fixed, had their shots (except rabies), been littertrained and are ready to go home with you! Give us a call (228-0710)!

...Four kittens, six months-old, all females, are also available for adoption by calling 673-4943.