

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE G.O.S.P.E.L.?

The church has been given the wonderful privilege of witnessing, announcing and inviting people to receive the good news of Jesus Christ. Using each letter of the word GOSPEL we can see the scope of the salvation God is offering to every human being!

“G”— Get reunited with God! God sent His Son to fill the hole in our soul with Himself! Anyone, no matter who they are or what they’ve done, can ask Christ to come in, wash away the sin, fill the emptiness and be the source of peace, purpose, and security in their life!

“O”--- once we have received Christ into our hearts the power of God actually makes it possible for us to Overcome our character flaws! Jesus says: *“If you remain in me and I in you...I will fill you with a love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control like mine!”* (John 15:15; Galatians 5:22-23)

“S”--- Set your course in life by reliable truth! In a world where truth is up for grabs, Jesus says: “Follow me... *“I am the way, the truth, and the life!”* (John 14:6)

“P”--- Participate in the renewal of this world! Until Christ comes again and makes “everything new” we are called to be “salt and light” world-changers!

“E” --- We’re all going to die, but we don’t have to be afraid of dying if we trust in Jesus! He has prepared for us a spectacular new life with an entirely new kind of body, no longer subject to decay, clothed with immortality! We can Enjoy life beyond the grave!

“L” --- In this life we are learning to Love with the greatest love of all! In the Resurrection, God’s love will be perfected in us and Christ’s character will be fully ours!

Have you received the good news of the Gospel in your heart? If you have, are you a joyful witness to others?

ELDER NOMINATION PROCESS

It is time again for the nomination and election of three new elders on the church Session. Elders are elected by the congregation to serve three year terms. Those rotating off at the end of 2011 are Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis and Kim Halbert. They will form a Nominating Committee to receive your suggestions for the office. Please prayerfully consider the names of those members of the church whom you believe would serve best at this time and pass them on to the Nominating Committee or any elder currently active on Session.

NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

The next meeting of the Task Force will be Sunday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All those who are helping to develop plans for the service are encouraged to be present to share your ideas and leadership.

THE SEASON OF PRAYER CONTINUES

Pray that the Lord will build His Church at 6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive

Pray that God’s People will be open to the Spirit

Pray that barriers to church growth will fall

Pray for those facing trials and trouble, addictions and disease

Pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world

Pray for the Youth and Children’s Ministries of First Church

Pray for the Task Force on a new Contemporary Service

Pray that America will turn to the Lord

Thank God for prayers answered already!!!

Still available: Prayer booklets; Prayer Groups! Add names and needs to “Prayer Central” in the Chapel. Call us: 588-8581/228-0710.

CONGRATULATIONS, TEACHERS AND LEADERS!

Congratulations to all our Sunday School and Christian Education teachers and leaders who were commissioned for continuing service last Sunday during “Rally Day!” Anyone, young or old, who is searching for an opportunity to grow in their understanding of the Bible and the Christian life is invited to join a class!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

September

5-Hannah Haddox
5-Julie Rech
8-Sydney O’Neal

Activities for September 4–10, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Mon., LABOR DAY—Office Closed
Tues., 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for August 28, 2011

Sunday School.....44
Worship.....70
Offering.....\$2,013.00
Capital Improvements Fund\$15.00

Lay Ministry Corner

Mark Twain once said, “I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened.” How much time do we spend worrying about things that have never happened? It’s easy to get so buried in our ideas, plans, problems, and fears that we don’t make the most of the opportunities that God gives us each day to serve Him. We must be present in each moment of each day to know what God is revealing to us. We need fresh minds to sense His presence and to know what He wants us to do! He’s all around us. We just have to first listen and discern and then we must act upon it, unfettered by the haze of busyness around us - singular in focus. Our blessing depends on the decisions that we make each day, and choosing not to act is also a choice.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN SEPTEMBER

Participation in Friendship Club outings are growing and you are cordially invited to the next fellowship luncheon with us Wednesday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. at Kanpai of Tokyo, 1645 Downtown West Boulevard (693-3903). Anyone at least 55 years-old has a standing invitation including family and friends. Join us!

SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. Packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, September 18. All elders are encouraged to be present.

BABY SHOWER

Baby shower will be held September 25 at 2pm in the Keene Room for Tara Eblen Shelley.



Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Richard Dougherty, Park West

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker’s husband); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis’s); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Reed Davis (Whitney Goodrich’s father); Richard Congdon; Marlana Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Nell Souder (Whitney Goodrich’s grandmother); David Rech (Justin Rech’s father); Rue Dougherty; J.A. Boone and Joyce Boone; Steve GWilliams; Jeff Yates (Phil Bridges nephew); Timothy Queen (father of a co-worker of Susan Shelton).

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

Moving to the Digital World

We are now in the slow process of moving our decades of Worship Services that are recorded on cassette tape to CD. We will have these CDs in the library for those who may want to check them out and listen to them. If you have old format memories and want to move them to digital call the office. Fees will be contribution to HVAC renovation.

Directory Update

We have begun the process of updating our Church Directory. Please fill out the forms located in the Narthex and give turn them into the office. We hope to have a new directory printed by the end of September.

NEED A NOTARY?

We now have Tennessee Notary service in the office. Call if you need anything notarized.

FAVORITE HYMN MONTH

The Worship Committee has declared the month of September to be “Favorite Hymn Month”. There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out and suggest your Favorite Hymn(s).

