

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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### **THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GOD'S LOVE!**

#### **(1) It's Eternal!**

Human love at its best is fallible. It often falters and sometimes forsakes. In I Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul says there are three things that last. But there is really only one, since faith and hope will not be needed beyond this life. Love is the only thing that lasts: Agape Love, Godly Love! The Love of Christ is the only one that never ends! And the symbol of that love is not a valentine, but the cross!

#### **(2) It's Personal!**

Of all the world's religions only Christianity reveals that God came to us in human form; breakable, fragile, vulnerable. Why? In order to have a real relationship with us! "For God so loved the world"...yes! But also, "For God so loved you...and me!" His love for us is intensely personal!

#### **(3) It frees us!**

His love frees us from sin and liberates us to be all He created us to be! We don't have to live in the darkness of our own wrongdoing! Christ has set us free! His mercy has emancipated us from fear and condemnation! We are perfectly free to love God and love others! The first letter of John in the New Testament, chapter four, reveals the very nature and essence of God: "God is love!"

Have you accepted that Love?

### **A WONDERFUL WEEKEND AT FIRST CHURCH!**

It began with the "Valentine's Dinner" on Saturday evening. The music, atmosphere, fellowship, food and service were outstanding with our children and youth leading the way!

Sunday morning began with a celebration of scouting and worship centering on our common need to keep growing in our love for God and for people. What a blessing to have so many scout families present with their children taking leadership roles in the service!

Sunday evening gave us the opportunity to praise God for a beautiful day and marvel at His radical, redemptive love for human beings.

It took a huge amount of preparation and devotion by a large number of gifted people to make this weekend happen. God was glorified and many people were moved and blessed! We're truly grateful the Holy Spirit was with us!

### **FAITHFULNESS DURING LENT!**

As pastor I would like to ask each of you to affirm your personal commitment to Jesus Christ during the upcoming season of Lent.

Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent (February 26) and continuing through Easter Sunday (April 8) I ask you to make a top priority of attending worship each Sunday without missing a Sunday and bringing a guest with you!

Faithfulness is a Christian virtue and a fruit of the Spirit! In the Bible, God is always pictured as the supreme example of faithfulness. Those who prove faithful in following Christ will receive the Master's rewards: "*Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things!*" (Matthew 25:21)

The effects of your commitment to be faithful to the Lord in attending worship will be immediately felt and will have a powerful impact on First Church! Not only will you find your love for Christ and His Church growing deeper but you will notice a growing sense of excitement, unity and purpose among members and friends as each of us make our personal commitment to be faithful to the One who "gave Himself for the Church!"

If you haven't been attending First Church in a while, please pray about renewing your promise to be "faithful" during the season of Lent. Come and join us!

### **INQUIRER'S CLASSES IN MARCH**

For those who want to learn more about the Christian faith and church membership a series of Inquirer's Classes for adults, youth and children will be held on the following schedule in March:

*Sunday, March 11, 9:30 A.M. Adult Class in the Pastor's Office*

*Sunday, March 18, 9:30 A.M. Youth Class in the Pastor's Office (grades 5 and above)*

*Sunday, March 25, 9:30 A.M. Children's Class in the Pastor's Office (grade 4 and below)*

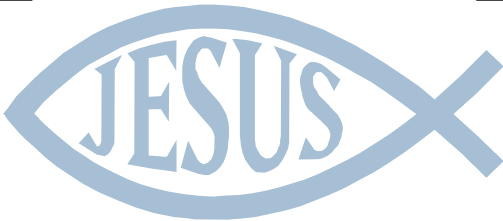
Please call and let me know of your interest (228-0710).

~Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

## February

- 19-Chris Curtis
- 19-Justin Curtis
- 19-Daniel Saults
- 23-Becky Rader



## Activities for February 19-25, 2012

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Scouts
  - 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
  - Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session
  - Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- (See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for February 12, 2012

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	181
Praise and Worship.....	34
Offering .....	\$5,353.15
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$65.00

## PROGRAM HELP—STILL LOOKING

I am looking for persons to help in all areas of our church’s ministries. We are looking to expand our reach in the areas of: Seniors, Youth, Women’s Bible Study, Men’s Bible Study, Consignment Sale, Charity Sale, Silent Auction, Talent Shows, Advertising, Fund Raising, Cooking, Kitchen, Bulletin boards, Liaison to each facility user group, etc. There are many other things to do that can be found for you if you want to volunteer.

Do you have any event that you would like to suggest that we try? Like ~ Ice Cream supper, etc. If you do let me know.

We need your help to grow this Church.

~~~ Thanks, Tom Witmer

## SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. Session packets will be available in the narthex Sunday, February 19.

## THANK YOU!!!!

Hope everyone had a fun time at the Valentine’s Dinner last Saturday, I know the children did. A very special thank you to Dianne Pipkin for preparing the delicious meal! A very special thank you to the children of FCPC, I hear you are the best servers in Knoxville!! Great Job kids! I would also like to thank the following for your help; Dianne Fielder, Karen Ware, Nancy Wood, and Jewel Kerr.

Allison Davis

## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

- Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother)
- Melissa Stutts, (Sam and Karen Ware’s daughter)

### 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; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert’s son, cancer); Ann Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler, terminal cancer); Dick Booher; Tara Null (friend of Lindsay Hammill Duncan); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon’s cousin); Tom Parrott (Cliff’s son); Richard Congdon; the family of John Hall (friend of the Congdons); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); ; Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Brad West (co-worker of Phil Bridges); the family of Colonel Bob Long, USAF (retired), cancer and Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friends of Cliff Parrott).

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

## LAY CORNER

A Bible that is falling apart is usually owned by somebody who is not. ~ Vance Havner

Dear Church Family-

Thank you for the love & support, prayers and hugs, flowers and food during this tough time. Friends like you helped us through it all.

May God bless First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Peace Lily is gorgeous!

Mike & Ann Bachman

Dear Church Family,

I really appreciate all the cards and letters everyone sent. Thank you for all the support and prayers during such a hard time.

Sherri Shetterly & Family

Wanted!!!

Karen and Sam are wanting to build the choir and to restart the hand bell choir. If you are interested in either singing or playing hand bell or do both. Please contact Karen or Sam.

