

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" March 5, 2008

A DYNAMITE CONCLUSION TO UPWARD BASKETBALL!!!

Last Sunday evening the gym was filled with more than 250 people to thank God and celebrate the end of Upward Basketball, 2008. So many worked so hard in the first season of this wonderful ministry. As director Steve Summers said so well, God greatly rewarded our little steps of faith! Thirteen children indicated their desire to ask Jesus into their lives or to know more about Him! Every parent and grandparent thanked the church for sponsoring the league and gave their whole-hearted endorsement for next year.

‘AGAPE FEAST’ TIME CHANGE!

Our one “Agape Feast” during Lent will be held this Sunday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited. The potluck will be followed by special fellowship, prayer, and Holy Communion. Like our brothers and sisters in the early New Testament church you will be encouraged and strengthened in this time together as the Body of Christ.

GET YOUR FREE TICKETS TO BETHEL AT THE BIJOU!

We have tickets to one of the best shows you’ll ever see when our own Bethel College Renaissance comes to the Bijou Theatre Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. The tickets are free for the asking while they last. You better call this week and secure as many as you can for family and friends.

“OPERATION ANDREW”

“Operation Andrew” is underway at First Church!

You can still make a personal commitment to invite two or more family members and friends by following the five steps of “OA”— (1) LOOK AROUND—start listing names of those whom you know need Jesus Christ; (2) LOOK UP—start praying for them daily that you will have opportunities to share His love with them; (3) LOOK OUT—find ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them; (4) LOOK FORWARD---begin to talk with each person on your list about attending the Festival and the other evangelistic events listed below; and (5) LOOK AFTER—stick with those who make a decision and help them become active in your church. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.

In the next two months we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events. Please pray that people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become His disciple!

The events include the following:

Palm Sunday, March 16, 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday Choral Cantata and Cross-Nailing Service.

Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.

‘Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt,’ rain or shine at First Church.

Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m.

Celebration of Eternal Life and Invitation to Become a Disciple

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

“Springfest Community Outreach in the gym.

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

Franklin Graham Festival at Thompson-Bowling Arena.

**Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. (the church will charter a 44-passenger bus for kids up to middle school age, their parents and families).*

**Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. (the church will charter a 52-passenger bus for youth and adults, their families and friends).*

Start planning to fill the buses for Kidzfest and the final service of the Franklin Graham Festival! We can do it together for the glory of God!

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Rick Warren reminds us “there are no spiritual orphans. Every believer needs a church home.”

Are you without a church home? You need a church family you know! People who will love you and stand by you and help keep you active and growing in your faith.

If you have been attending First Church but have never taken the step of church membership you can talk with the pastor about it anytime. You can be received by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and receive Christian baptism or by transfer of membership from another church or by re-affirmation of faith (if you have no previous church membership).

Please pray about your decision during this season of Lent! The next few Sundays are an excellent time for you to make this commitment. So come as the Lord leads you!

A VISIT TO THE BETHEL COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL MARCH 28-30

Here’s a special invitation to the youth of our church, grades 6 and up! Would you like to attend a special Youth Festival at Bethel College the weekend of March 28-30 with all expenses paid? The weekend includes special concerts, fun and recreation, worship, Bible study, and a chance to stay with adult chaperones in a real college dorm. It will be a wonderful weekend in the Lord and it may be your chance to visit the only Cumberland Presbyterian college in America. Bethel is growing by leaps and bounds and offers a first-class Christian education!

If you are , please call John and Lindsay Duncan, youth directors (300-2226) or watch for their invitation letter in the mail this week.

EASTER EGG HUNT

First Church, Jazzercise and friends will host a huge community “Eggstravaganza” Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. on the church grounds. A hot dog lunch will be served. Separate outdoor hunting areas for toddlers, kindergarteners, and grade-schoolers will be arranged. Come rain or shine!

For those who want to start bringing candy and plastic eggs to be filled, please use the designated boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your contributions!

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 9 Steve Goodrich

Sunday, March 23 James O’Neal

Sunday, March 16 Steve McCurry

Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin

~Pastor Kevin


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9-Jewell Kerr
11-Heather Self
13-Chrissy Curtis
14-Ryan Self
15-Sarah Pipkin



Activities for March 8–15, 2008

Sat.,	8:00 a.m.	BSA Troop 20 Pinewood Derby
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Comm

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 2, 2008

Sunday School.....	55
Worship.....	92
Offering.....	\$8,731.50
Capital Improvements Fund	\$313.55*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$4,322.04
FISH.....	\$430.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 2, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$36,965.99
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$42,336.61
FISH.....	\$855.00

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$74,537.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.


Sunday School News

The Sunday school class taught by Bill Ivey, room 24, began a new two month study March 2. The seven last words of Christ from the cross will be reviewed for their meaning and our inspiration and response. Anyone who does not presently attend a Sunday school class is invited to take part in the study. For details see Bill Ivey.

Thank You!!

Thanks and appreciation in advance for any extra or new kitchen towels that you may have to share. Just leave them in the office or kitchen. The “Kitchen Crew”

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstpcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermlen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Jane Matthews; Diana Hess; Claudia Pharaoh; Donna Walker; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; the family of Toby Biggs.

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

Thank you for the \$425 contribution last week and the \$430 contribution this week which brings our total contribution to \$855 so far. Thank you also for the 67 jars of peanut butter you donated this week. Please continue donating this item for the next few weeks. Thursday Connection has volunteered to donate cans of spaghetti sauce. We appreciate their support. Hugh Morgan will accompany me to Second Harvest Food Bank this week to purchase any available food items. Again, thank you for your faithfulness in helping feed the hungry of our community.

Betty Hammill

Box Tops

Thursday Connection collects box tops. Collecting **Box Tops 4 Education** is an on-going project for them all year. So please clip your box tops and bring them to church. Thursday Connection will have a collection box for your box tops in the Narthex. Thank you for your help in helping Thursday Connection raise funds for their home school co-op.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for remembering my 101st birthday with so many beautiful cards.
Thanks also to Kevin for delivering the gift of candy from the church.
Vester Summitt