

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 5, 2008



**Bring All Your Good Used
Coats and Boots to Our**



for the Homeless of Knoxville!

***Our Special Guest will be Maxine Raines
of Lost Sheep Ministries---
Hear Her Incredible True Story!!!***

Sunday, November 16, 10:45 a.m.

***Please bring your coats and boots with you to the service.**

Tell your family and friends to bring theirs too!

Let's pile them high in the sanctuary on the 16th!!!

*(*to donate before the 16th call 588-8581)*

40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY—BETTER TOGETHER!

"How We Help Each Other Grow!"

The third purpose God has in mind for us is that we grow to be like Jesus Christ. But we can't do it alone. We need other believers to help us grow! We do it "better together!"

There are four ways we can help each other grow toward Christ-likeness.

(1) We help each other grow by affirming each other's worth---with acceptance, attention, affection, and appreciation! Think of three people you can call this week to affirm and encourage them!

(2) We can help each other grow by praying for each other's growth! This week you can pray for the spiritual growth of people closest to you by using the following scriptures one at a time: Ephesians 3:18-19; Hebrews 13:21; Romans 15:13; Ephesians 1:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Ephesians 3:16. Romans 15:5 offers the chance to pray especially for your small group!

(3) We can help each other grow by admitting our own mistakes! Being totally open and honest with fellow believers leads to emotional healing, a fresh start, unleashing God's power to change, and deeper fellowship!

(4) We can help each other grow by encouraging each other's commitment! We can help each other commit to love Jesus Christ, commit to love other believers, commit to grow in God's word, commit to serving in the church's ministry, and commit to sharing the Good News! "Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you!" (Romans 1:12b)

YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ELDERS

The nominating committee for new elders will be meeting before November 18 and they need your suggestions for three candidates whom you believe would be best qualified to serve. Three new elders will be elected to serve three-year terms (class of 2011). Elders who will rotate off the Session at the end of 2008 will serve as the nominating committee. They are Lee Barron, James O'Neal, and Steve Summers. As a member of the church you should feel free to suggest names of other members to the nominating committee or any of the elders on Session. Please be in prayer for those who will be nominated and elected.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAYS!

As your pastor I invite you to join with the elders and the church family in making your commitments of time, talents, and money to the continuing work of First Church in the Knoxville community. This year you have the opportunity to make that commitment on Sunday November 9 or Sunday, November 16 at the close of the worship service. Please bring your completed commitment card with you or one will be provided in the bulletins.

God has done some amazing things in our lives and in our church! Now is the time to express your thanksgiving for every good and perfect gift He has given you and your family. Nancy and I will come forward with you and add our commitments to yours on one of the next two Sundays. Pray for guidance and do your best. God will certainly do the rest!

LOAVES AND FISHES

It's time again for our "Loaves and Fishes" offering (formerly Love Loaves) and we will be collecting all your loose change for the next thirty days to go to some very needy people at home and abroad. Please pick up your box the next two Sundays (November 9 and 16) and give generously to the following mission projects: (1) ongoing relief for the people of Myanmar, recovering from a devastating cyclone which left thousands homeless and 140,000 dead or missing (50%); the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%), and our Love and Company local benevolence ministry (25%).

Pastor Kevin

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Activities for November 9-15, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	11:30a.m.	Friendship Club—Crossville
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.,	6:00 p.m.	Silent Prayer Meeting-Chapel
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas Circle—Perkins

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 2, 2008

Sunday School.....	37
Worship.....	65
Offering.....	\$3,662.26
Capital Improvements Fund	\$35.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$1,733.04

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

Offerings received to date:.....	\$128,884.24
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$21,137.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$204,247.97
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$98,000.55

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

All children of First Church and their friends are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m. for Christmas program practice during Children’s Church. Amanda Roberts will be directing the practices between now and Sunday, December 14. Everyone is needed, from the youngest to the oldest! This year the program will be presented Sunday evening, December 14 in the gym.

PIONEER CLUBS BLAZING A TRAIL!

Children and youth are growing in faith at an alarming rate at Pioneer Clubs! We have three weeks to go in our first session before we share what we learned with the church family Sunday, November 23, 10:45 a.m. (Thanksgiving Sunday!).

We are looking for one more family or individual to prepare a simple meal for us Sunday, November 16, 5:45 p.m. If you can help, it would encourage our Pioneer Club kids! Please let the pastor know (588-8581;357-1946;228-0710).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB OUTING FOR NOVEMBER

Those who are going on the Friendship Club’s trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville Tuesday, November 11 are asked to meet at the church by 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions about arrangements please contact Rev. Bill Ivey (966-5946).



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer’s); Lou Jackson (heart by-pass surgery); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Ernest Cooper (friend of Maxine McGuire); Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman’s); Lisa Godwin (recovering from a heart attack); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); to the family of Rebecca Hitt (Bill Hammill’s sister); to the family of Virginia Avonell (Judy GWilliams’ mother); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club’s Mom).

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

Congratulations to ...

Hailey Davis and her Level 4 gymnasts team from Tatarus Gym who won 2nd place as a team at the Invitational Athletics Gymnastic Meet held at Opryland Hotel this past weekend. Hailey placed 3rd in the bars, 2nd on the beam and finished 3rd All-Around. Hailey has a meet this coming weekend and then the weekend before Thanksgiving and the Tennessee State championship meet is the weekend of December 5, 6 & 7. Good Luck Hailey!



CPMW Reminder

The Children’s Home in Denton, TX is still participating in the Campbell’s label program. There is a box in the church office for labels you have collected. In addition to Campbell soup product labels, you can collect Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Prego, and Franco American product labels. Check the CPWM bulletin board for more information or contact Dianne Fielder by phone at 982-6918 or by email at dfielder9@comcast.net.

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

Please let me know of your events so we can get them on the calendar and publicize them. All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net.