

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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PENTECOST SUNDAY!

This Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday! It's time to pull out the red! Red shoes – red blouses, red ties. Maybe even a red hat. The color of Pentecost is red – red for the fire of the Spirit, red for the fire lit within the first disciples of the risen Jesus, empowering them to take up the mission of Jesus and be the church in the world.

Pentecost celebrates God alive – in us, in the church, in the world. It celebrates that God is not a belief but a personal reality. Heaven is not just out there in the future, but breaking in here, now, where we live our lives. Jesus is not just a divinely inspired figure of the past who has ascended into heaven to take his place in the Trinity, but One who engages us in the present with his call to follow him to a world that desperately needs the witness of his people.

I am privileged to lead you in worship on Sunday. So put on your red and join me! The message will be titled "When the Church Comes Alive!" Come celebrate with us!

J. David Hester

GIVING OUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS!

Listen to a shocking statistic:

"Only three percent of the nation's 13 year-olds have a Biblical worldview which serves as the foundation for their decision-making!" (from the book Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions, by George Barna)

What can we do? Is it too late for the Church and people of faith to act?

The world we live in is often a hostile place for children. From abortions to refugee camps to children sold as slaves, to children made to be cold killers in the name of religion, to a culture which pushes children toward adulthood way before their time, the challenges are greater than ever in giving children basic spiritual foundations.

But Christian parents and grandparents and a church family who really love the Lord and trust His word, can still help lay the sure foundation of faith in a child's life! Four Biblical principles are key.

(1) Help them GUARD their hearts (Proverbs 4:23)! Spend time with them at home in the word, do devotions and prayers with them, talk about spiritual things, help them relate faith to life. Do Sunday School and worship, Children's Church, VBS and camps; encourage them to go on mission trips; live out the faith before them.

(2) Help them HIDE the word (Psalm 119:11)! The revealed word of God implanted in believers' hearts can transform their lives and steady them to face whatever life brings! Teach children how to memorize and apply key scriptures so they will have a wealth of spiritual resources!

(3) Help them learn to OBEY God's will (Matthew 7:24)! We must help our children and grandchildren understand that to love God is to obey Him and make His will the foundation for living and decision-making. Jesus said: *"If you love me, you will obey what I command!"* (John 14:15)

(4) Help them to STAND (Ephesians 6:10-13)! The ancient imagery of a full suit of armor reveals what our children/grandchildren still need today to stand against the principalities and powers, the forces of evil, the storms of life! *"Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand!"* (Ephesians 6:13)

Helping children build firm spiritual foundations is a sacred responsibility for all of us as parents, grandparents, and the church family!



SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS

The Presbytery of East Tennessee has a complete summer church camping program at Camp Chilhowee and Camp John Speer for children of all ages. The schedule for the summer of 2012:

Middle School Camp (completed grades 6-8) June 3-7, Camp John Speer, Greeneville

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 10-15, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Middle School Camp (completed grades 6-8) June 17-22, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Junior Camp (completed grades 3-5) June 24-28, Camp John Speer, Greeneville

High School Camp (completed grades 9-12) June 24-29, Camp Chilhowee, Knoxville

Our denominational Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC, for those who have completed grades 9-12) will be held July 8-13 on the campus of Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee.

The church will pay ½ the cost of all camp fees! Registration forms and complete information will be available in the church office. Please call 588-8581 or 228-0710.

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

May

27-Danny Goodrich
29-Collier Goodrich
30-Scott Roberts



Activities for May 27-June 2, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for May 20, 2012

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	66
Offering	\$4,516.00
Capital Improvements Fund	\$45.00

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Last Sunday, we worshipped God and honored our graduates. The following young ladies received special recognition: *Stephanie Bridges, Halls High School; Taylor Gollhofer, Hardin Valley Academy; Amanda Roberts, Roane State Community College of Nursing; Kari Summers, Halls High School.*

Our love and prayers go with you as you take the next big steps in your lives!

"The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go!" (Joshua 1:9b)

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THANK YOU

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to conduct our son's Eagle Scout Ceremony at your church on April 21, 2012. We really appreciated being able to use your facilities and being able to do it with the Manneschmidt family.

Sincerely,
Charles and Susan Perry

THANK YOU

First Cumberland Presbyterian staff,

Thank you for allowing you to use the church for our Eagle ceremony. Everything was just as we hoped it would be.

The Manneschmidt family

Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

Sarah Woodcox, (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood), Park West Hospital

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 Gollhofer'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); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Richard Congdon; Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery's niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Amy Beth Davidson; Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Faye O'Neal; Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; John Kujawski, (Esther Congdon's nephew—cancer); Steve Kujawski, (Esther Congdon's great nephew-blood clot); Gladys Sullins, (Betty Ham-mills' aunt).

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

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 27 marks the beginning of the festival of Pentecost in the Church! Pentecost commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit, who empowers believers worldwide to live and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to join us for worship on this very special Sunday!



Hey Kids!

Don't Miss Our Outstanding VBS June 24-28!!!
Bring Your Friends! Sign Up Soon!