

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 24, 2008



CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

The One whose birth we celebrate
invites you and your family
to share the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation
this Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary of
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

the table is open to all who receive Him as Savior and Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST ELDERS!

Congratulations to our newest elders, Maxine Curtis, Dick Congdon, and Kim Halbert who were elected to three year-terms during last Sunday's congregational meeting. They will be ordained and installed Sunday, January 11, 2009.

Our deepest gratitude to Lee Barron, James O'Neal, and Steve Summers, who have served faithfully on Session and have completed their terms of service as elders!

THANK YOU CHOIR!

Special thanks to Sam and Karen Ware, music directors, Steve Summers, sound technician, and the chancel choir for their beautiful, inspiring cantata, "Mary, Did You Know?" last Sunday! You told the Good News so well, and we heard it loud and clear!

A NOTE FROM A MOTHER ABOUT HER SON!

Dear Friends at First Church:

You have blessed him with your giving spirit and I as a single mother can't thank you enough. May Christ continue to stay in your heart as the true spirit of Christmas!

--- Lucille Hardiman (one of our secret angel tree recipients)

MORE THANK YOU'S!

Thanks to all of you who gave so many outstanding gifts and helped deliver poinsettias to all the homebound and shut-in folks! You brought a lot of joy to a lot of lives and witnessed to the greatest gift ever given! Merry Christmas!

COMING SOON!

YOUNG EARTH SEMINAR, SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:00 P.M. at First Church with special guests Frank Galbraith and Fred Mynatt. Have you ever wondered when did the Biblical creation occur and how old is the earth? Have you ever wondered where the Garden of Eden was located? Come and hear some compelling answers to these and many other questions during this community-wide event sponsored by Kingdom Builders Ministries.

UPWARD BASKETBALL SEASON begins Saturday, January 10. Please continue to pray for a successful season of glorifying God and reaching many children and families!

PIONEER CLUBS (session two) for 4 year-olds through grade seven beginning January 18, 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Many new and exciting adventures are being planned!

Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



December

28-Andrew Godwin
28-James Searcy, Jr.
29-Mark Boggs



January

2-Susan Overton
3-Lindsey O’Neal

Activities for December 28-January 3, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Thurs., New Year’s Day
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for December 21, 2008

Sunday School.....??
Worship.....90
Offering.....\$3,099.07
Capital Improvements Fund260.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....\$0.00
Expenses paid last week\$3,446.98

Year-to-Date (as of December 21, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$147,012.70
Facility usage fees received to date.....\$23,339.50
Expenses paid to date:.....\$243,288.82
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$101,325.55

Pledge Cards

If you have not turned you pledge card in for next year, please send or bring into the office before the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

End of the Year Reminder!

You have two more giving Sundays to give money to the church for tax year 2008. Monies given to the church after December 31 will not be credited to the 2008 tax year.

Thanks

I want to acknowledge those who help me in the office on a weekly basis without their constant help I could not get all the things done that need to be done. On Monday the Congdons. On Tuesday Mary Ann Haney. On Thursdays Jewell Kerr. On Fridays Maxine Curtis. They handle such items as: Sanctuary candles, copying, filing, bulk mailing of the Cumberlander, shut-in mailings, bulletin insert stuffing, letters to visitors and answering the phone. There are many others who come in as fill-ins, Dianne Fielder, Faye O’Neal, Jim Curtis, and Dawn and Chrissy Curtis.
God Bless You All , Tom



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital



Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker),
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital
Mark West, Ft. Sanders (son of CP minister Fred West)
Earl Dunn, St. Mary’s (friend of Maxine McGuire)
Cecil Presnell, Baptist West (coworker of Dianne Fielder)

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); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman’s); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club’s Mom); The Cooper Children (Justin, Jeremy, Kasey and Jeffery); Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; James O’Neal; Brenda Ball (friend of Congdons and Wares); Howell Sherrod (Becky Rader’s brother—heart by-pass surgery); the family of Polly Haney (friend of Maxine McGuire).

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information).
Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition, and a pair of lamps.
Please call the office for information on the above items. If you have good give away items or need an item call the church office and we will add to our list.

The 199th Denominational Day Celebration

The Denominational day Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 3:30 at the First Church of Knoxville. This year’s agenda will be the historical meeting of General Assembly held in Japan last June. There will be a slide presentation and the Commissioners have been asked to make brief reports of their experiences. There will be a question and answer session to follow.

After the service there will be a meal offered by the host church. If you plan to stay for the meal, please call Tom Witmer at (865) 588-8581 or e-mail at firstcpc@earthlink.net, with the number of your party. The meal will be \$6.00. Please have your reservations turned in no later than Saturday January 24, 2009.