# The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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## Share Your Thanksgiving!!

If you could share with others what you're thankful for, would you? This Sunday, November 20 during our 10:45 a.m. morning worship, you will be encouraged to stand up and express your thanksgiving to God during the service. Please feel free to offer your gratitude for what a gracious God has done for you! Not only will it glorify the Lord but it will edify and encourage His Church!!!



#### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent has many facets, all directly connected to the Savior!

- (1) Advent marks the beginning of the new Church year which follows the life of Jesus!
- (2) Advent is from the Latin for "arrival," and is a time of waiting with expectancy for the coming of Jesus to earth as a baby in the manger!
- (3) Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas when Christians around the world celebrate light in the midst of darkness!
- (4) Advent is a celebration that Jesus came into the world and that He also promised one day to return in all His glory!

You and your family are invited to join us as we begin the season of Advent Sunday, November 27, 10:45 a.m. The sanctuary and the church will be decorated with all the symbols and we will hang Chrismons on the trees in the narthex. Let us prepare for the coming of the Savior!



#### NEXT 'NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP' DECEMBER 4, 6:00 P.M.!

Please join us for the second in our winter series of contemporary worship experiences when "Night of Praise and Worship" continues Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Live music from our Praise Team, a solid, Biblical message, casual dress, childcare, fellowship, refreshments, and a little Christmas joy! Don't miss it!!!

#### **LOAVES AND FISHES!**

Our annual Loaves and Fishes Offering (formerly "Love Loaf") this fall will help fund Hot Lunch Programs in Mexico and Colombia, South America (50%); the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%); and local benevolence causes for needy people in the Knoxville community (25%).

Loaves and Fishes collection boxes are available in the narthex. Everyone is encouraged to keep them in a conspicuous place at home and fill them with pocket change.

The Loaves and Fishes offering will be dedicated on Sunday, November 27. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!**

A congregational meeting to elect three new elders for three year terms will be held at the conclusion of morning worship on Sunday, December 11. At that time the Session will place in nomination Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin and Steve Summers.

Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the person has already been contacted and has agreed to serve.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to vote in the election. Those who are elected will be ordained/installed to the office of elder on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Please be in prayer for the congregation and for those who will serve!

~Pastor Kevin



Join Us For Worship this Sunday! And bring a friend!







#### November

20-Hunter Witmer 21-Patrick Curtis



#### Activities for November 19-26, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Dance Class

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

#### Stewardship Report for November 13, 2011

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| Capital Improvements Fund |    |

#### **COOKIE MIX FOR SALE (REDUCED PRICE)**

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix \$4 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

#### **NEED A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?**

Here is a suggestion. Donate \$5 or increments of \$5 to the Fish Hospitality Pantries. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex for details. Talk to Betty Hammill if you have any questions.

CPWM Craft and Bake sale next Sunday, Nov. 20, before and after church service. Bring your items and goodies to the Library.

#### **REBECCAS**

Join us for breakfast and fellowship Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. at Perkins on Kingston Pike. See you there.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ...**

...Hailey Davis and the Tataru's Level 5 girls for taking 1st place Saturday at Camelot in the Magnitude Gymnastics Invitational meet! Hailey placed first all around in her age group with a 38.400, she got 9.400 (1st) on vault, 9.925 (1st) on beam, 9.725 (1st) on Floor and 9.350 (2nd) on bars. Way to go Hailey! ...Kari Summers and the Halls High School Cheerleading squad who competed in the State Cheerleading Championships.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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 Ministry Corner**

#### **Unconventional Acts**

With prayerful wisdom, take every opportunity you are given to show grace to others!

These actions are a much stronger witness than any words you can use,

And fly in the face of the world view of religion!

#### SESSION MEETING

The Session meeting for December will be held Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders and newly elected elders are encouraged to attend!

#### DECEMBER FRIENDSHIP CLUB!

The Friendship Club will meet for their Christmas gettogether Wednesday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. at the Copper Cellar Restaurant, 7316 Kingston Pike (673-3422). Come bring your friends and enjoy the season with us! Everyone at least 55 years-old has a standing invitation!!!

#### <u>Seniors</u>

We are starting a program for the seniors on December 7. We will meet at 12:00 for lunch to be followed with a meeting to discuss what we want to do going forward. We will end with singing Christmas carols. This is for everyone 55 and older. Mark your calendars. See you there.

Maxine Curtis