

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 25, 2009

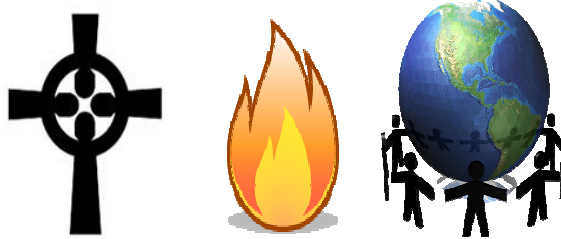
### ADVENT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

The season of Advent, preparing us for the birth of the Savior, begins this Sunday, November 29. The sanctuary and facility will be decorated with all the beautiful symbols, lights, and greenery to commemorate the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem! Come and behold the miracle: "Emmanuel, God is with us!" What a wonderful time to invite unchurched family and friends to discover the true meaning of this holy season!

### OUR LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERINGS!

This Sunday, November 29 we will dedicate our "Loaves and Fishes" offerings and send them to the Cumberland Presbyterian Missions Ministry Team in Memphis where they will be distributed to the following worthy causes: 50% to the Nehemiah Foundation in Colombia (eight different ministries to the needy!), 25% to the CP World Hunger Fund and 25% to our Local Benevolence Fund. Don't forget to bring your box filled to the brim!

It will make a world of difference!



### COMMITMENT CARDS FOR "REVIVAL, RENEWAL, AND RE-AWAKENING!"

If you haven't turned in your Stewardship Commitment Card for 2010 please do so by this Sunday, November 29! We are counting on everyone to join us in ministry and help reach the church's financial goals for the new year! Thank you for your generosity!

### ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

On Sunday, December 13, at the close of morning worship, a congregational meeting will be held to elect three new elders. At that time the Session will place in nomination Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder to serve three year terms starting in January, 2010. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the candidate has previously been asked to serve.

All members of the church are asked to pray for and participate in the election of new elders!

### VITAL STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS!

**\$4,835.00...**

...the amount of weekly offerings needed in 2010 to meet the proposed church budget!

**\$300.00...**

...the amount needed weekly to pay the loan on the new roof and building improvements!

If we are successful each week in 2010, we will be able to maintain all trust and endowment funds at current levels and will not have to withdraw any funds to subsidize the proposed budget!

### WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?

What's the one hand-crafted, custom-made talent or spiritual gift God has given you? Whatever your gift may be, we promise to help you use it to the glory of God and to build up the church in 2010! God bless you as you dedicate yourself to ministry and service in the new year!

### PIONEER CLUB PLANS IN THE COMING WEEKS

We have big plans for all Pioneer Club kids with two special outings during December and January:

*Saturday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. Hayride on the church grounds!*

*Saturday, January 9 (2010), 2:00 p.m. Ice Skating party!*

More details in the weeks ahead. Make a list of your friends and invite them all! The winter-spring session of Pioneer Clubs will begin Sunday, January 24, 2010! Congratulations to all the Pioneer Club kids and leaders who completed the fall session in such grand fashion last Sunday with a super sing-a-long and award ceremony during morning worship!

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for fun and fellowship Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. at The Chop House in Fountain City (4870 Harvest Mill Way, 687-1330). Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

~Pastor Kevin

### BENEVOLENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our church has participated in several different projects over the years that we are planning to do again this year. We want to get started earlier this year, so you may choose how you personally want to participate. If you give cash, you need to budget, and if you plan to give items, shopping early will give you the opportunity to look for bargains. **FRIENDS OF LAKESHORE** due Dec 6. **MITTEN TREE (CAM)** will be delivered in January. **FCPC ANGEL TREE** will include needs from our church community and KARM. The requests will start appearing as early as 11/29 and continue to 12/25 to meet the needs of children who do not qualify for other programs as their situation changed in December. When attending church on Sundays, check the bulletin boards and library for details. If you cannot attend church, you may participate by sending money to Dianne Fielder who will do the shopping for you for the project you choose. Remember Advent is a great time to extend your celebration of Christmas beyond just one day of observance!

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# Happy Birthday

December

3-Chris Goodrich  
4-JoAnn Ford  
4-Andrea Golliher

Activities for November 29–December 5, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 22, 2009

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	79
Offering.....	\$1,879.75
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$170.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$00.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$3,145.40

Dog in need of a home

Billie Wilson is a dog rescuer. She has a 6 month old female Snorkie. It is a cross between a Yorkie and miniature Schnauzer. Dog is eager to please and very friendly. If interested call the church office or Billie @ 673-0758.

WEST CIRCLE

will meet in the Keene Room at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2009. We will have a pot luck lunch. Please join us for some delicious food and Christian fellowship. Betty Hammill (690-8739)

Angel Tree

Here's how it works:

1. Pick an angel from the bulletin board across from the library.
2. Write your name and phone number on the sign up sheet beside the number of the angel you took.
3. Purchase the item that is written on the angel.
4. Wrap the item.
5. Place the angel on the OUTSIDE of the package.
6. Put the package in the church office no later than Friday December 18.

Call **Dianne Fielder** if you have any questions.

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO REPORT THE GYM FOR PLAY PRACTICE AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL PLAY IS PERFORMED. THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION, AMANDA.

Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer  
Lea Acuff, Brakebill

Byran Scott, Johnston Memorial, Abington, VA (Sherri Hill’s brother)

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Rex Holt; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Janie Beeler (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood); Judy Lawson, (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal’s); Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Fielder’s next door neighbor); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Rev. Don Alexander (cancer); Lindsay Bridges; Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; John Kujawski, (nephew of Esther Congdon); Lisa and Nick Deal; Russell Witmer; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Cliff Parrott; Austin Johnson.

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

Needed...

...a small refrigerator.  
...a coffee maker.

If you have one or know of anyone who has these to give away, please call the church office.

If you are in need of something or have something you would like to give away, please let the office know and we will advertise the need to have and to give away in the Cumberlander.

For over **40 years** our congregation has participated in the collection of Christmas gifts for patients at Lakeshore. Yes there are still residents there. Please check the list of needed items posted on the CPWM bulletin board: toiletries, games, clothing. There are limitations, so buy only the specified things. Please place them in the box in the library by Sunday December 6. For more information, please contact **Dianne Fielder**.

