

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 12, 2008

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 16---PALM SUNDAY 10:45 A.M

"In Christ Alone"

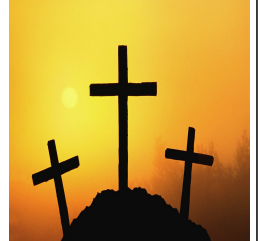
*Easter Cantata by the Chancel Choir

under the Direction of Sam and Karen Ware

*Parade of Palms by the Children

*Symbolic Cross-Nailing Ceremony

"Operation Andrew"--Bring Family and Friends to Hear the Good News!!!



A FEW MORE TICKETS TO BETHEL AT THE BIJOU!

We have tickets to one of the best shows you'll ever see when our own Bethel College Renaissance comes to the Bijou Theatre Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. The tickets are free for the asking while they last. Call the church office for remaining tickets (588-8581).

"OPERATION ANDREW"

"Operation Andrew" is underway at First Church!

You can still make a personal commitment to invite two or more family members and friends by following the five steps of "OA"— (1) LOOK AROUND—start listing names of those whom you know need Jesus Christ; (2) LOOK UP—start praying for them daily that you will have opportunities to share His love with them; (3) LOOK OUT—find ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them; (4) LOOK FORWARD---begin to talk with each person on your list about attending the Festival and the other evangelistic events listed below; and (5) LOOK AFTER—stick with those who make a decision and help them become active in your church. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.

In the next two months we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events. Please pray that people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become His disciple!

The events include the following:

Palm Sunday, March 16, 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday Choral Cantata and Cross-Nailing Service.

Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.

'Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt,' rain or shine at First Church.

Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m.

Celebration of Eternal Life and Invitation to Become a Disciple.

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

"Springfest Community Outreach" in the gym.

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

Franklin Graham Festival at Thompson-Boling Arena.

**Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. (the church will charter a 44-passenger bus for kids up to middle school age, their parents and families).*

**Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. (the church will charter a 52-passenger bus for youth and adults, their families and friends).*

Start planning to fill the buses for Kidzfest and the final service of the Franklin Graham Festival! We can do it together for the glory of God!

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Rick Warren reminds us "there are no spiritual orphans. Every believer needs a church home."

Are you without a church home? You need a church family you know! People who will love you and stand by you and help keep you active and growing in your faith.

If you have been attending First Church but have never taken the step of church membership you can talk with the pastor about it anytime. You can be received by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and receive Christian baptism or by transfer of membership from another church or by re-affirmation of faith (if you have no previous church membership).

Please pray about your decision during this season of Lent! The next few Sundays are an excellent time for you to make this commitment. So come as the Lord leads you!

2008 BETHEL COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce that "The Crossing," First Church's youth group, will be taking students to the 2008 Bethel College Youth Festival in McKenzie, Tennessee. It should be a great weekend, led by Dr. David Lancaster, and centered on Psalm 121:1, *"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?"*

We will be leaving from the church at 4:30 p.m. sharp on Friday, March 28th and returning on Sunday afternoon, March 30 (exact time, TBD). The cost for the weekend will be \$70 for two nights, van rental and gas.

All participants should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, and some extra cash should they want to purchase additional items. If possible, please bring an air mattress as the girls will be sleeping in the gym, and the boys in the fine arts building. Please pack for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Anyone, grades 6-12, interested in going should let us know by Friday, March 21st. Call us at 3000-2226 or at lduncan@tanasi.org.

John and Lindsay Duncan, Youth Directors

EASTER EGG HUNT

First Church, Jazzercise and friends will host a huge community "Eggstravaganza" Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. on the church grounds. A hot dog lunch will be served. Separate outdoor hunting areas for toddlers, kindergarteners, and grade-schoolers will be arranged. Come rain or shine!

The "Eggstravaganza" needs the following helpers: kitchen folks to help prepare a hot dog and potato chip lunch; youth and adults to prepare and hide eggs (grade 6 and above), and donations of candy and plastic eggs. Please use the donation boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your contributions!

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MARCH

***Sunday, March 16 Steve McCurry
~Pastor Kevin***

Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin

Sunday, March 23 James O'Neal



Happy Birthday



March

18-J. David Hester
18-Bonnie Holbert
19-Marikate Walker
21-Judy Gammon
21-Dianne Pipkin
22-Amy (Felder) Pritchard



Activities for March 15–22, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins Restaurant
	11:00 a.m.	Eggstravaganza

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 9, 2008

Sunday School.....	37
Worship.....	84
Offering.....	\$3,181.00
Capital Improvements Fund	\$560.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	15.00
Expenses paid last week	\$11,013.80
FISH.....	\$550.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 9, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$40,146.99
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$53,350.41
FISH.....	\$1,405.00

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$75,112.55*

*Includes giving toward pledges

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

Dear Church Members and Kevin & Nancy,
Thanks so very much for all your prayers for me while I was in Isolation and in the Hospital. I can say it is the worst I have ever felt, and I have had heart and spinal surgeries, broken bones, pneumonia and flu so many times I cannot count. It is all in God's hands. I truly thought several times this time my life was ending. When needle worked out of my vein and arm turned red, black and I was packed in ice from 11:30 p.m. till 8 a.m. the next morning. But through your prayers and God's will I am coming back to my wonderful fellow members of First Church.

Yours in Christ,

Maxine McGuire

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermlen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder's cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Jane Matthews; Diana Hess; Donna Walker; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Penny Thurman; Clara Zelinski; the family of Pearl Brooks (Reba Smith's sister); Bill M. (friend of the Congdons).

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

Thank you for your contribution last week of \$550. Together, with the \$855 previously contributed and the \$1,073.76 left over from last year, this brings our total to \$2478.76. We are over halfway to our goal of \$4500. Thank you for the 58 jars of peanut butter you brought in this past week. We will continue to collect peanut butter for two more weeks.

The last full week of March we'll need to pick up the order from Food City, to get all the peanut butter from the church, and all the Second Harvest food stored in John and Lindsay's garage - all over to the Pantry. We will designate Thursday, March 27 to do that.

Thank you, again. for your faithfulness in helping to feed the hungry in our community.

Betty Hammill

Rebeccas Circle

Rebeccas have postponed their March meeting to 10:00 a.m. Saturday March 22, at Perkins on Kingston Pike. Hope to see you there.

(My Mom's 90th birthday celebration will be the weekend of March 15th. Most of the O'Neal crew are planning to go.)

Faye O'Neal

Thank You!!

Thanks and appreciation in advance for any extra or new kitchen towels that you may have to share. Just leave them in the office or kitchen. The "Kitchen Crew"