

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" December 3, 2008

### GOD BLESS COOPER!

What better way to begin the Advent season than the infant baptism of Cooper Thomas Pritchard last Sunday, November 30! Cooper is the son of Jesse and Amy Pritchard and the grandson of Larry and Dianne Fielder. He is a child of the covenant and he reminds us of that baby born to save us!

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

### ADVENT EVENTS

First Church invites you and your family to go with us on the journey to Bethlehem during this Advent season!:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10:45 A.M.

Dedication of the Sanctuary Symbols for the Advent-Christmas season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:45 A.M.

Special Music by the Marcie Clark Memorial Handbell Choir and other musical guests.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:00 P.M.

Children’s Christmas Program and Churchwide Christmas party in the Gym. Please bring finger foods and desserts to share with the entire church family!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10: 45 A.M.

Christmas cantata by the choir, “Mary Did You Know?”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion.

### DON’T FORGET YOUR LOAVES AND FISHES!

This Sunday, December 7 will be the last Sunday to bring your “Loaves and Fishes” offering which has been dedicated for cyclone relief for Myanmar (50%), the CP World Hunger Fund (25%) and local benevolence (25%). Thank you for your generosity!

### UPWARD BASKETBALL SEASON

Your prayers and participation are needed to make our second Upward Basketball season a resounding success! If you know of any child who wants to be part of Upward Basketball or you want to volunteer to help, please call Steve Summers (548-9698) or Kevin Wood (228-0710).

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 7!

If you aren’t part of a Sunday School class come check out a brand new Bible study in the Chapel beginning this Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

The class will use the “40 Days of Community” daily devotional books to take a closer look at 40 “one-anothers” in the New Testament. Our intention during the next eight weeks is to grow closer in our love for God and for each other. We will be engaged in the five purposes for which God created us: worship, fellowship, growth, service, and outreach (evangelism). Get ready to put your faith into action!!!

### THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Friendship Club welcomes anyone 55 and older to join them for their Christmas gathering Wednesday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. at the Copper Cellar, 7316 Kingston Pike. Sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

### Pastor Kevin

Dear Pastor Kevin & Church Family,

What a blessing you are to the homeless and at risk youth, your love gift of coats for men, women and children were given out to those who are in need on the streets of Knoxville.

The need is great, as it has turned cold very quickly. May God bless each of you for partnering with Lost Sheep Ministry to take the gospel to the inner city.

Sincerely,  
Maxine Raines  
Executive Director



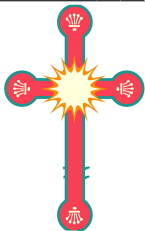
Bring your Christmas cards for your church family and place in the Youth Post Office Box located in the Narthex. The youth / children will deliver for you. You will save postage and you can give to the Youth Fund for the postage you save.



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# Happy Birthday



December

8-Andrew Clark  
12-Allison Davis  
12-Taylor Ford



## Activities for December 7-13, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	10:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Copper Cellar
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.,	11:00 a.m.	Children's Play Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for November 30, 2008

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	84
Offering.....	\$2,188.50
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$335.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$00.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$1,733.04

## Year-to-Date (as of November 30, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$137,824.05
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$21,837.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$228,701.72
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$99,945.55

## Mitten Tree

Well with the temperatures dipping into the twenties it is time to start our yearly collection of mittens, gloves, scarves, etc. for CAM. All items collected will be delivered to CAM after Christmas. Bring your items to the library or the office. Thanks for your continued support for this worthy cause.



**The Bereans Sunday School class** is sponsoring the Water Angels Ministry regarding gathering toiletries for the homeless. We'd like to fill 75-100 bags. You can bring shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, washcloths to the church office over the next two weeks. We will be filling 1 gallon ziploc bags to be dropped off before the December 14th Christmas service.

**CPWM** is once again collecting items for Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Most folks don't realize they still have patients onsite (170 last month). Suggested items are: toiletries, small games, some clothing items (no glass or colognes with an alcohol base). Items must be delivered December 12, so please put the items in the box in the library during the next two weeks.

## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St. Jude's Children's Hospital

### 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); the family of Steve Serbin.

*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.

## The Rebeccas Circle

would like to invite the women of the church to a Christmas Brunch and ornament exchange on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Brunch will be at the Cedar Bluff Holiday Inn, husbands are welcome. Please RSVP to Donna Walker, [thetwwalkers@att.net](mailto:thetwwalkers@att.net), or Faye O'Neal, 693-0656, by December 17th if you plan to come.

Dear Friends,

11/21/08

As Thanksgiving approaches, I take this time to thank you for all the expressions of love sent to me this past year. Starting with a beautiful poinsettia, Christmas of last year, brought to me by the Steve Summers family and Judy Gammon. After that, the children's classes sent me beautiful valentines then had made, and I thank them and their teachers for helping them. Then in June when my birthday came, many of you sent me birthday cards with loving messages. I appreciate everyone. I thank Lea and Mildred Acuff for their faithfulness in sending me the church bulletin every week which helps me keep in touch with you. They also send me the "shut-in activity sheet" which is always fun to do. I thank all of you for your many phone calls throughout the year showing your concern for me and especially Betty Hammill who kept me informed about Circle business. I want to thank Dr. Hester for his visits and Kevin for his phone calls. I miss and love all of you.

Sincerely,  
Mildred Stone