

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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### ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1st is "All Saints' Day"—and we shall observe it on Sunday. Halloween is "All Saints' Eve"; "Hallow" is another name for "holy." The holy ones are the saints. When we celebrate All Saints' Day we are celebrating all the great Christian Saints. We are also celebrating those saints of our church who have left us this past year. Halloween is the "eve" or evening before All Saints Day. Hence it is "All Saints Eve".

### STEWARDSHIP MONTH

We shall observe Stewardship month in November. Over and over Jesus talked about our stewardship; the word simply means "taking care of your possessions". God has given each of us many possessions: Time, Talents, Treasure. Though we have a tendency to think only of money when the word stewardship is mentioned, it really means more than that.

So, next month we shall look at our stewardship. How are we "taking care of" what God has given to us? I would hope that we can truthfully say that we are being good stewards of our possessions!

### A MESSAGE FROM BILLY GRAHAM

Last week a full-page in the *Wall Street Journal* had a picture of Billy Graham with this message from him: "The legacy we leave behind for our children, grandchildren, and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, I realize this election could be my last.

I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel. I urge you to vote for those who protect the sanctity of life and support the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for biblical values this November 6, and pray with me that America will remain one nation under God. – Billy Graham

### VOTE – VOTE – VOTE

The time is here; next Tuesday, November 6, is election day. We urge you to be sure that you cast your ballot – either by early voting or on November 6. Our Christian duty is to vote – for the candidate(s) or our choice.

### YES, WE HAVE HEAT!

In spite of the rupture in a valve in the back hall on Sunday morning, we now have that cleaned up and repaired; and **we do have heat in the building!** So, join us Sunday as we worship in a comfortable atmosphere.

### CHANGE THOSE CLOCKS!

Remember to move your clocks **back** this Saturday night so that they will reflect standard time on Sunday morning. You will be reminded of this many times. Be sure to reset your clocks as we near midnight Saturday; don't overlook changing your clock.



### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club had a great outing last week to Cosby and Gatlinburg. The views were breath-taking. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 14 for our next meeting. This will be held at the Chop House in Fountain City. We shall gather at 11:00.

### THURSDAY CONNECTION AUCTION

Thursday Connection (home schoolers) are in our church each Thursday. On Friday night, November 9, they will have a silent auction in our gym. You are invited to come by and see what they have to offer.

## Among Our People

**Steve and Leigh Ann Summers** spent last week in Orlando; Steve attending a conference and Leigh Ann ??? ...

**Tom Witmer** will undergo major surgery Friday, November 2 ... **Sherry Abercombie**, sister of **Tammy Eblen** is back in the hospital...**Hailey Davis** and grandparents **Tom and Lois Witmer** were in Atlanta last Saturday for a program featuring the Olympic gymnastic team ... Thanks to **Bill Halbert** and **Jimmy Curtis** for cleaning up the water in the halls Sunday morning (from the pipe leak) ...

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# Happy Birthday

## November

- 4-Sheila Emory  
5-Larry Fielder  
Brent Witmer  
6-Darian Hayes  
7-Sheri Hill  
Jennifer Rech  
Josephine Rech  
Steve Summers  
9-Kim McCurry



## Activities for November 5-11, 2012

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report October 28, 2012

Sunday School.....	27
Worship.....	44
Offering .....	\$3,360.00
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$25.00

## God's Bucket List— Part 2

Please understand that only one human being has ever been born conforming to God's bucket list. The rest of us have much work to do! We must improve ourselves continually, or our attitude will leave us unusable in the work of God. If you struggle with impatience, you're probably wondering why I don't just get to the list already, but without a teachable attitude and a desire to change, what good would a list do? It would be a gee-whiz moment with no permanent lifestyle impact.

We must pray for God to prepare our hearts. Exhortation and recognition of sin in others is easy, but how does that make us a better Christian? God doesn't grade on a curve; he commands us to be about our own business! (1 Thessalonians 4:11) Finding people with "more sin" than ourselves doesn't make us better, it just makes us prideful. We need to be plucking beams out of our own eyes continually, so when God is gracious enough to use us, we don't miss a single opportunity because it calls us to react in a different way, set aside our pride, or simply forgive because it is right, not because it is deserved.

"Because this is the way I've always been," "if God wanted me different, He would have made me that way," and "I'm good enough or too old to change" are all lies and excuses we make for ourselves that cost us blessing! Do you want God's full blessing and protection? Tune in next week for God's ultimate bucket list.



## Prayer Concerns In the Hospital



Sherry Abercrombie, sister of Tammy Eblen, in Park West hospital

## On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges'); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon;. *Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.*

## WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday November 6 at 11 o'clock in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich—drinks and dessert will be provided. We invite the ladies of the church to join us.

## BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Will be held on Sunday, November 18th form 9 until after church in the library. We will need baked items and any craft items. Ladies, please take note and make plans to participate in this fund raiser. Thank you.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Women and children, you are invited to join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 p.m.! Our special guest is Heather Grubb from The Learning Channel's America's Next Best Baker. She will be sharing her testimony with us and decorating cup-cakes with the kids. Please call Donna Walker at 566-7381 before November 22nd to RSVP, so Heather will know many cupcakes to bake! Feel free to invite friends.