

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 14, 2012

### **LOOKING FOR SOME FERTILE GROUND?!**

"We cannot live a spiritual life alone. The life of the Spirit is like a seed that needs fertile ground to grow. This fertile ground includes not only a good inner disposition, but also a supportive milieu.

It is hard to live a life of prayer in a milieu where no one prays or speaks lovingly about prayer. It is nearly impossible to deepen our communion with God when those with whom we live and work reject or even ridicule the idea that there is a loving God. It is a superhuman task to keep setting our hearts on the kingdom when all those whom we know and talk with are setting their hearts on everything but the kingdom...

When we are serious about living a spiritual life we are responsible for the milieu where it can grow and mature. Although we might not be able to create the ideal context for a life in the Spirit, we have many more options than we often claim for ourselves. We can choose friends, books, churches, art, music, places to visit, and people to be with that, taken together, offer a milieu that allows the mustard seed that God has sown in us to grow into a strong tree."

The words of Christian author Henri Nouwen remind us to be grateful that we have a faithful community in which to worship God and nurture the Spirit. Are you grateful for the church family God has given you? Are you a living, growing part of the Body of Christ?



### **NEXT 'NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP' THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 18!**

Our special guests for the next 'Night of Praise and Worship' this coming Sunday, March 18, 5:00 p.m. will be the Youth Choir and Drama Team from Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Youth pastor Matt Tyler and a total of 55 youth and adults will be with us for worship in the sanctuary!

Following the service a potluck dinner will be held in the gym! Please bring lots of meats, salads, vegetables and desserts to share with the group! Please also encourage any youth and young adults you know to join us. It will be a night to remember!

### **REMAINING INQUIRER CLASSES**

For those who want to learn more about the Christian faith and church membership:

Sunday, March 18, 9:30 A.M. Youth Class in the Pastor's Office (grades 5 and above)

Sunday, March 25, 9:30 A.M. Children's Class in the Pastor's Office (grade 4 and below)

Please call and let me know of your interest (228-0710).

### **SESSION MEETING**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session packets will be available by this Sunday, March 18 in the narthex. All elders are encouraged to be present.

### **PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT**

Our Lenten Prayer/Bible Study group continues on Thursday nights, 6:30 p.m. (March 15, 22 and 29). The topic for the study is the "The 'I AM' Sayings of Jesus!" You are welcome to join us any Thursday!



### **ETERNAL LIFE!**

*Receive the Gift This Easter!*

~Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

## March

- 18-J. David Hester
- 18-Bonnie Holbert
- 19-Allen G Williams
- 19-MariKate Walker
- 19-Billie Wilson
- 21-Judy Gammon
- 21-Dianne Pipkin
- 22-Amy Fielder Pritchard

## Activities for March 18-24, 2012

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

## Stewardship Report for March 11, 2012

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	71
Offering .....	\$3,957.00
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$60.00

## PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

You, your family and friends are invited to join the pastor for a Prayer/Bible Study group during Lent! The study will be held on five Thursday nights, 6:30 p.m. (March 15, 22 and 29).

The topic for the study will be “The ‘I AM’ Sayings of Jesus!” Come and pray with us and discover the unique claims of the Christ!



March 11	Exodus 20:1-17	March 25	Jeremiah 31:31-34
March 12	2 Kings 5:1-15	March 26	Psalms 40:7-11
March 13	Matthew 18:21-35	March 27	Numbers 21:4-9
March 14	Psalms 147:12-20	March 28	Daniel 3:14-20, 21-25
March 15	Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9	March 29	John 8:51-59
March 16	Mark 12:28-34	March 30	Psalms 18:2-7
March 17	Hosea 6:1-6	March 31	Ezekiel 37:21-28
March 18	Ephesians 2:4-10	April 1	Mark 11:1-10
March 19	Romans 4:13-18, 22	April 2	John 12:1-11
March 20	John 5:1-16	April 3	Isaiah 49:1-6
March 21	John 5:17-30	April 4	Matthew 26:14-25
March 22	Psalms 106:19-23	April 5	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
March 23	Psalms 34:17-21, 23	April 6	Hebrews 4:14-5:
March 24	John 7:40-53	April 8	Matthew 28:1-10

## WHAT THE CHURCH MEANS TO ME

- 1.A place of stability-always here for me.
- 2.A place where I have grown as a person and as a Christian.
3. A place where I've met people and formed lasting friendships.
- 4.A place that has given me opportunities for service.
5. A place where good food, good fun and good fellowship have abounded for me.
- 6.A place that has always supported me and my family in times of crisis.

Yes, I love this church. I pray for this church. I thank God for this church. I am proud to be a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, TN

## Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A.R. Wood; 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); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert’s son, cancer); Dick Booher; Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon’s cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (Cliff’s son); Richard Congdon; Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery’s niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Lynne Blanco, (friend of Sheri Hill); the family of John Gibson, (Susan Shelton’s father).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net).

## FISH CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your contribution of \$570. We are still collecting jars of peanut butter. There are 3 boxes at the entrances and the Narthex to place them. Steve McCurry will be ordering the groceries soon and will be setting up a time for delivery. It will probably be Thursday or Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. We will need volunteers to help with that process. Our bagging dates are at the pantry at 9:30am on March 31, April 7 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help.

## ETERNAL LIFE!

### Receive the Gift This Easter!

March 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Prayer/Bible Study Group

Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:45 A.M.

Choir-led Easter Music

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 6:30 P.M.

Worship Service and Holy Communion

Friday, April 6, 12 Noon

Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church featuring “The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus Christ from the Cross!”

Saturday, April 7, 11:30 A.M.

Community Easter Egg Hunt (T.-G.5)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 7:30 A.M.

Early Service in the Courtyard

(weather permitting, alt. location: Chapel)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 8:30 A.M.

Full Breakfast in the Gym (donations accepted)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 10:45 A.M.

“Celebration of Life” Worship Service and Holy Communion

## REBECCAS

March meeting delayed 1 week. We will meet on Saturday, March 24 at Perkins for breakfast, 10:00 am.