

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

Lots of people call themselves Christian, but are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? Do you put Him and His Church first in your life or somewhere way down the priority list? Disciples don't tell the Master what to do, they obey Him! One of Jesus' most poignant observations about would-be disciples was: *"Why do you call me Lord, Lord but do not do what I command you?" (Luke 6:46)*

Have you made both a personal as well as public decision to follow Him? Have you repented of your sin and been baptized as He commands? Are you digging into God's word to find your direction in life or are you charting your own course and asking God to bless it? Are you walking by faith or by sight? Are you led by the Spirit or by selfish impulse? If you died tonight, are you sure you would wake up in heaven?

Every once in a while we need to ask ourselves the hard questions. Lent is a good time to do that. The season of Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) and continues through Holy Week (March 16-22). Easter is March 23. Between now and then, the most important question you can ask yourself is "Am I really living like I'm a follower of Jesus Christ?" If you aren't, do you want to?

FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVAL IS COMING

The dates are April 25-27 at Thompson-Bowling Arena. The East Tennessee Franklin Graham Festival will include services on Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Kidzfest, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.; and the closing service Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

As we prepare for the Festival, a series of Christian Life and Witness classes are taking place at churches all over the city. I invite you to join me in taking these classes as a way of renewing your faith and improving your witness for Jesus Christ. The schedule was included in last Sunday's bulletin and is also on our bulletin boards at the church. All sessions are free at all locations!

"YOU ARE INVITED TO AN 'AGAPE' FEAST!"

The elders will be calling on you in the next few weeks with a special invitation to an "Agape Feast." When they call please say yes and bring some family and friends.

Our "Agape Feasts" will include time for fellowship, prayer, a Lenten devotional from the Bible, and Holy Communion. The schedule includes four Sunday evenings during Lent:

- Sunday, February 17, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Lee Barron and Valerie Wann)
- Sunday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders James O'Neal and Dianne Pipkin)
- Sunday, March 9, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Tom and Lois Witmer and Steve Summers)
- Sunday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Steve McCurry and Steve Goodrich)

Don't miss the blessing God has for you! If for some reason you don't receive a call please call the church office (588-8581) and we will sign you up for the "Agape Feast" of your choice.

COMMITTEE ORIENTATION MEETING

A one-time orientation meeting for all committees/teams of the church will be held this Sunday, February 10, 3:30 p.m. in the chapel. This includes new members who agreed to serve in 2008. A complete list is available on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Committees/teams including Building & Grounds, Christian Education, Worship, Missions and Outreach, Stewardship and Finance, and Small Group Team.

Initially the meeting will cover basic guidelines and goals for everyone. Then committees/teams will break into groups, elect officers, and begin planning. The church is grateful to all those who will serve!

SCOUT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

Beginning this year our annual worship service with scouts will include both Boy Scout Troop 20 and Cub Scout Pack 20. We will welcome the scouts and their families during morning worship this Sunday, February 10. Our Mike Bachman is an adult leader in the Troop 20.

YOUTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Calling all youth of First Church to help us plan and lead the worship service for Sunday, February 24! If you would like to participate please join us for pizzas and sodas in the gym following the morning service this Sunday, February 10. We will stay just long enough to finish planning and praying for the Youth Sunday service. We need everyone from grade 4 and up!

'ELDER ON CALL' FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

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| Sunday, February 10 | Lois Witmer | Sunday, March 9 | Steve Goodrich |
| Sunday, February 17 | Valerie Wann | Sunday, March 16 | Steve McCurry |
| Sunday, February 24 | Tom Witmer | Sunday, March 23 | James O'Neal |
| Sunday, March 2 | Lee Barron | Sunday, March 30 | Dianne Pipkin |

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join us for our February luncheon at the Chop House, 9700 Kingston Pike, Wednesday, February 27, 11:00 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

~Pastor Kevin

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Activities for February 9-16, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	Committee Orientation
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for February 3, 2008

Sunday School.....	60
Worship.....	92
Offering.....	\$6,009.75
Capital Improvements Fund	\$285.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	115.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,288.24

Year-to-Date (as of February 3, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$19,009.42
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$18,562.97

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$73,587.00*
*Includes giving toward pledges

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

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

We have been informed that our loan request was approved for the amount of \$200,000. Work has already begun on the roof.

If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O’Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

We are still looking for helpers for Children’s Church for the months of March through December. If you can help, please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

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; JoAnn 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; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermoden; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Thomas King; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Marion Biggs; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Lea Acuff; Cliff Limerick; 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.

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

The are back and ready to get together!
This group is for 30, 40, 50, and 60 somethings (the older we get, the more we raise the age limit!) to get together for dinner and socializing. Our first dinner will be held on Saturday, **Feb. 16th** at P.F. Changs at 6:00. We would love to have a great turnout and make this a regular part of our church family relation-ship. Please call Steve and Wendy Goodrich (691-4069) by Wednesday, Feb. 14th if you will be able to join us. All are invited and we hope to see everyone there!



Thank You!

Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can ever say.

Dear Pastor Kevin and members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for being there. You turn the dark moments into days of hope and love.
Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. It brightened our home for many days.
Sincerely with love to all.

Mary Jane Blaylock