

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

April 10, 2013

WELCOME!

We welcome into our church new members **Emma and Elijah O'Neal**, children of **James & Peggy O'Neal**. They came forward and made a public Profession of Faith and united with the church at the close of Sunday's worship service.

Emma and Eli have been a part of the Pastor's Class during Lent and, after that study and guidance, they were prepared to make the life-changing Profession on Sunday. And they blessed us! Welcome, Emma and Eli!

FAMILY WEEK

We continue our emphasis on Family week this Sunday. Brochures to guide you in your Family emphasis were distributed Sunday.

This Sunday we invite you to be prepared to make a special contribution to our Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton Texas. This is our denominational extension of family care.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery of East Tennessee met on Saturday at the Mercy Hispanic church in Lenoir City. Representing our church were Elder Steve Summers, Pastor Hester, and Heath Harper.

In addition to worship and fellowship, a highlight was the reception of four new Candidates for Ministry: Ben Crocker (Faith Fellowship), Rebecca Prenshaw (Loudon), two from our Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Philippines (live interviews via Skype).

A Memorial service was held, including those who have died from our church during the past year: Richard Congdon, Esther Congdon, Faye O'Neal, Reba Smith, Steve Gwilliams, Clinton Shelby.

Rev. Jamie Lively, Pastor of our Greeneville Church, was endorsed to be nominated for Moderator of the 2013 General Assembly.

EASTER JOY CONTINUES

According to the church calendar, Easter isn't a day, but a season that lasts for 50 days right up to Pentecost. It's called **Eastertide**, and is actually longer than Lent, a clear reminder that the joy and hope of our faith supersedes whatever sacrifices we're called to make for Christ's sake.

Our worship services will continue with joyful themes through the season.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The April meeting of our Friendship Club (over 50's) will be Wednesday, April 17, at the Lakeside Tavern in west Knoxville at 11:00 a.m. Please sign the reservation sheet on the office bulletin board; and we encourage you to join us!

FUTURE DATES

Vacation Bible School – June 2-6

Camps at Camp Chilhowee –

Junior Camp - Sunday-Thursday, June 9-13 (Completed grades 3-5)

Middle School – June 16-21 (completed grades 6-8)

High School – June 23-28 – (completed grades 9-12)

See Pastor Hester for more information and registration forms.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Good to see **Cliff Parrott** Sunday after a bout with pneumonia ... **Ryan Kerr**, grandson of **Jewell Kerr**, Senior at Catholic High, committed to gymnastics team at Air Force Academy in Colorado ... **Mildred Acuff** in hospital with pneumonia ...



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Activities for April 14-20, 2013

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Weds.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club Lunch
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas Circle


(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report April 7, 2013

Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	62
Offering	\$5,232.75
Music.....	\$15.00
Building Fund.....	\$155.00
FAITH (Ethel Bankert).....	\$96.00
Building Usage.....	\$872.26



GOD BLESS OUR FISH CAMPAIGN

Last Saturday we had our second bagging session. The crew packed 91 bags in 40 minutes. They consisted of James and Eli O’Neal, Tom and Donna Walker, Jimmy, Dawn and Chrissy Curtis, and Betty Hammill. Our third and last bagging session will be this Saturday, April 13 at 9:30am at the pantry site. The last two Saturday bagging sessions will be done by our partner, Church of the Savoir. At this time we have sufficient funds. Prayers are still welcome. Thank you and may God bless our Fish Campaign.



My family, Lois, Allison, Brent and myself; and my brother Walter and wife Colleen in Texas; and sister susan, husband Gregg, and children McKenzie, Nick, Elena and A.J. Basile in York, PA., want to thank the Session, this church for your support and love that you have showed us during the time of struggle and the dealing with our Mother, Mother-in-Law, Daughter-in-Law, Son-in-Law and Grandmother’s death. We wish to thank those of you who contributed to the Memorial Fund in her name. The flowers the Session sent to the funeral were absolutely beautiful.

In the Love of Christ,
Tom and Lois




Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital
Mildred Acuff, Park West

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Taylor Ford; 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; Saxon Cochran (Bridges’ neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Tama Tappin (friend of the Bridges); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstpcp@earthlink.net



FAMILY WEEK

Family Week began this Sunday as we think about the importance of the family in our Christian context. During **Family Week**—Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to:

Read and discuss a daily Bible verse from Acts 2:42-47, which is a look at the early church and how they worked together to grow in their faith.

Spend some time each day during the week putting the scripture into ACTION by coming up with a Family ACTION plan.

Family ACTION Plan:

Action=Read the daily Bible verse
Celebrate=Celebrate special ACTIONs
Time=Give a gift of time