

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

April 6, 2011

**FORGIVEN!**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in a book of daily meditations the following:

*"The greatest psychological insight cannot grasp this one thing: what sin is. Worldly wisdom knows what distress and weakness and failure are, but it does not know the godlessness of human beings. And so it also does not know that human beings are destroyed only by sin and healed only by forgiveness! Only the Christian knows this!"*

The miracle of the cross of Christ is you and I stand forgiven! Hebrews 10:1-18 gives the details of how we are forgiven and why. Remarkably, in this passage we get the full Biblical understanding of how God has forgiven us in Jesus—from both the Old and New Testament perspectives.

In the Old Testament, priestly sacrifices using the blood of animals only foreshadowed how Christ, our great High Priest, would become the sinless sacrifice for our sin. Repetition of the rituals did not purge the guilt and shame, but in fact, served only as painful reminders for guilty consciences.

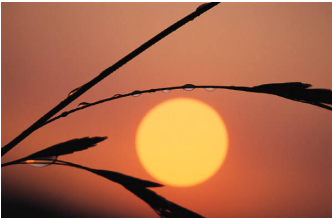
But in the New Testament, when the Word became flesh and lived among us, Jesus Christ stepped up as the perfect blood sacrifice for sin and guilt. Hebrews 10:10 shows us what God wanted to happen: *"And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time!"*

When Jesus Christ uttered those last three words from the cross, *"It is finished,"* God Almighty annihilated the power of sin and guilt in the life of every true believer once and for all! Pastor and author Erwin Lutzer put it this way: *"There is infinitely more grace in God's heart than there is in your past!"*

Are you struggling with the guilt and shame of past sins? Have you fully accepted what Jesus, the Christ, did for you on the cross? In Christ alone, you and I find that God has not only forgiven us, He has forgotten our sins. He can only remember that we are sons and daughters, just like Jesus.

Talk about a miracle, take a look at Hebrews 10:18: *"Now when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices!"*

If you agree with the Biblical view of sin; if you have repented and turned to God; if you have asked for forgiveness in Jesus' name; and you have accepted His *"once for all time"* sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, you stand forgiven! If only the whole world would hear and respond to this Good News? Have you?



## Rise!

***Enjoy New Life in Christ This Easter!!!***

**Palm Sunday, April 17, 10:45 A.M.**

***Choir Cantata, "The King is Coming!"***

**Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:30 P.M.**

***Worship Service and Holy Communion***

**Saturday, April 23, 11:30 A.M.**

***Community Easter Egg Hunt (Toddlers-Grade 5)***

**Easter Sunday, April 24, 7:30 A.M.**

***Early Service on the Front Lawn***

***(weather permitting, alternate location: Chapel)***

**Easter Sunday, April 24, 8:30 A.M.**

***Full Breakfast in the Gym (donation)***

**Easter Service, April 24, 10:45 A.M.**

***"Celebration of Life" Worship Service and Holy Communion***

***\*nursery available for all services/activities***

# "Faith for the Future!"

"Faith for the Future," our fund-raising campaign is continuing. Thanks to everyone who was able to make a special commitment to the campaign last Sunday. The total so far is \$65,980.

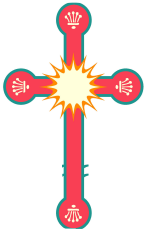
By God's grace and the participation of everyone who has been blessed by the ministry of First Church we will be able to complete the needed repairs and updates to the HVAC heating and cooling system by this fall. Thanks be to God for your sacrificial giving!

~ Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

## April

- 10-Joseph Park
- 11-Karen Ware
- 12-Eric Bachman



## Activities for April 10 - 16, 2011

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for March 27 , 2011

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	68
Offering.....	..\$5,370.68
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$110.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$2,392.42

## FISH- Calling all Volunteers!

Our FISH Ministry continues again this year. Please contact Steve McCurry to volunteer to help. We need many persons to help bag, dispose of cardboard, and many more things. The FISH bagging dates are Saturdays **April 9 and 16 at 9:00 am.**

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. at Harrison’s Restaurant, 110 Hillvale Road, Clinton (463-6368). Everyone at least 55 years-old is encouraged to join us. Please feel free to bring other friends as well! A carpool will be leaving the church by 10:15 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office (588-8581/228-0710).

## SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, April 24 (Easter Sunday).

## “CRAZY GOLFERS” GOING TO PINE LAKES!

Men and women who enjoy a round of golf are invited to join the “Crazy Golfers” of First Church for their first outing of 2011 this coming Sunday, April 10, 1:30 p.m. at Pine Lakes Golf Course in Rockford. Cost for the round will be \$30.00 including cart. Tee times have been arranged so please arrive on time to warm up. Please sign up before Sunday outside the church offices or call us (588-8581/228-0710). Newcomers are always welcome!



## 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; Millie Jones; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker’s husband); Matthew Crawford (12 year old friend of Phil Bridges’ niece Melissa Roach); Melanie Ball; Judy Moore; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis’s); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson’s father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Gollihier and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollihier’s mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Gollihier and Carol Seeman); Steven Park; Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister); Kathy Langston (mother of a co worker of Brent Witmer); Earl Beeler (Greg Beeler’s uncle); Brian Migas; Donald Witmer (Tom’s uncle); Richard Dougherty; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Virginia Brown, (Kim Halbert’s grandmother).

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).

The Church Women United's spring luncheon is Friday May 6 at Church Street Methodist Church with the theme "Living Our Friendship-Passing on the Key." If you would like to attend, please contact Dianne Fielder as reservations must be made.

## HVAC CAMPAIGN REPORT

We've topped \$65,000! Pledge Sunday brought in gifts and pledges that now total \$ 65,980. Thank you!

The Children's Department started us off with a gift of \$1000!

If you were not present Sunday, bring your pledge card this Sunday and place it in the offering plate with your regular offering.

Our Faith for the Future is showing!

- J. David Hester