

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 14 2009

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Tell us your story. 100-200 words written and signed by Sunday, February 1. One encounter, one experience, one episode in your life spent in the presence of Jesus Christ. You may be like Bill who sees Christ every day in his wife's loving care. Or you may be like Evelyn who says that only with the Lord's help has she lived 100 and ½ years.

What trauma or trial has the Lord brought you through? What personal dilemma did He provide a way out of? Name some of the joys and sorrows you have experienced in your walk with Christ!

You need to share it and we need to hear it! Sit down long enough in the next couple of weeks to write your story. If you need any help writing it or want someone to listen and write it for you, we can do that. Bring your story to the church office and we will compile all of them into our Lenten devotional book entitled "Our Faith Stories—First Cumberland Presbyterian Church." Be a faithful witness to what the Lord has done for you!

Don't Miss the Special **Hymnal Dedication Service** this Sunday, January 18, 10:45 a.m.

Thank you for your generous gifts of 300 beautiful white hymnals given to the glory of God and in honor/memory of those who love and serve Him!

NEW ELDERS!

Congratulations to our three new elders (class of 2011) Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis, and Kim Halbert who were ordained and installed at the conclusion of worship last Sunday. They appreciate all your prayers and encouragement as they attend their first Session meeting along with all the other elders Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m.

COME AND SEE UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY IN ACTION!

This Saturday, January 17 the second season of Upward Basketball continues at First Church. Be a personal supporter of our Upward Basketball ministry! Pray for God to change hearts and lives and attend some games and support the leadership of this dynamic sports ministry. Your presence encourages us!

SIGN-UP FOR PIONEER CLUBS!

The second session of Pioneer Clubs begins this Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Pioneer Clubs provides weekly club programs for boys and girls in pre-school through middle school that help them make Christ Lord in every aspect of life.

Sign ups for Pioneer Clubs will be held in the narthex. Registration is \$15.00 per child to help cover the cost of meals and materials. A sign-up sheet for any parents/grandparents or other caring adults who will help provide one meal will be available.

FIRST CHURCH TO HOST DENOMINATION DAY!

We will be honored to host the 199th Denomination Day birthday celebration for East Tennessee Cumberland Presbyterians Sunday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.

We will see and hear slide shows and eye-witness accounts of the historic General Assembly in Japan last summer.

A catered meal will follow the worship service in the gym. Our own Dianne Pipkin will be in charge and she will need a large number of volunteers to help.

Everyone is invited to the special celebration! The cost of the meal will be \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are required including the number in your party. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS FEBRUARY 1!

Our special thanks to Rev. Bill Ivey who received a certificate of appreciation last Sunday in recognition of his leadership in Sunday School over the past two years. Bill finished his last class with us and will be attending church with his wife Edna.

First Church is pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. Rev. J. David Hester will lead the Sunday School class and will offer a new study entitled "Called to Be God's People!"

What a great opportunity for those of you who do not attend a Sunday School class.

A new class, a new year, and a new beginning—a marvelous chance to grow in faith!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



January
18-Diane Clark
20-Ryan Hoy



Activities for January 18-24, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 11, 2009

Sunday School.....	44
Worship.....	93
Offering.....	\$2,351.85
Capital Improvements Fund	\$100.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$1,951.28

Year-to-Date (as of January 11, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$9,301.40
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$700.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$4,534.78
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$101,765.55

Directory Update

Wilson, Billie & Maher, Joe

2414 Dayton Street, 37921

If you have any changes or updates to the Directory please let us know, call the office.

Thank You Note

Dear Reverend Wood, 1/5/09

On behalf of Rocky Hill School I would like to sincerely thank you and your congregation for the loving gifts purchased for two of our needy children at Christmas. The single mothers of both children expressed their profound gratitude to me for your help in providing a nice Christmas for their boys. We do appreciate your willingness t reach out to children at our school. Your generosity put smiles on the faces of two special young children.

God bless you and your congregation in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Debbie Cruze, School Counselor



Was your birthday not listed in the Cumberlander? Do not be offended, we may not have it on file. Please let me know if your birthday was missed.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital



Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker),
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital
Sheena Richardson Beal, Patricia Neal Center (daughter of Jean and Regina Richardson)
Flora Mae Keene, Holston Health
Bill Keene, Holston Health
Caleb Michael Bundon, UT Hospital NICU

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff’s great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer’s); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory’s sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman’s); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club’s Mom); The Cooper Children (Justin, Jeremy, Kasey and Jeffery); Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball (friend of Congdons and Wares); Cecil Presnell, (coworker of Dianne Fielder); Irene Marshall, (friend of Maxine McGuire); Stephen Park (health and family); Upward Basketball and Pioneer Club Ministries; Pam Wisner (JoAnn Ford’s sister).

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information), firewood.
Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition. Please call the office for information on the above items. If you have good give away items or need an item call the church office and we will add to our list.

Upward Scholarships

Would you like to help the Upward program but aren’t sure how? We have the opportunity to help several children participate in our Upward Basketball league who might not otherwise play. The cost of providing a scholarship is \$63 per child, which covers their uniform and Upward scripture learning materials. Would you consider sponsoring a child? If so, please contact Steve Summers or just include your contribution in this week’s offering. You can make your check payable to the church, but please remember to make a note on the check for “Upward Scholarship”.

Reberras Circle will meet at Perkins Restaurant for breakfast Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.