

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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## For Your Consideration...



### WHERE ARE WE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST?

Are we a mission church, an institutional church, or a survival church?

MISSION CHURCHES are future-oriented, vision-driven, community-focused, invest their resources and as a result experience conversion growth.

INSTITUTIONAL CHURCHES are present-oriented, program-driven, congregation-focused, provide their resources, and experience mostly transfer growth from other churches.

SURVIVAL CHURCHES are past-oriented, structure-driven, core-focused, try to preserve their resources, and experience little or no growth.

### AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

### A PERSONAL SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE FOR 2011!

Will we be any better in 2011 than we were in 2010? Or will we do the “same old, same old?” That’s the easy way isn’t it, in matters of life and faith?

But what if God is calling us to get serious and grow in relationship, in praying and understanding His word, in faithfulness to His Church, in involvement in serving Him, in making a difference in someone’s life by sharing and caring about their spiritual development?

When will we say “yes” to the priorities of God in our lives? When will we finally let Him lead? Each of us has this life only to respond to His call!

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

This Sunday, January 9 during the morning worship service Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer will be ordained and installed as elders for three year terms. They will begin their service with the first Session meeting Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

Elders are called by God and elected by the congregation to share with the pastor in the “government, leadership, and pastoral oversight of the church.”

There are currently nine elders on the Session. All of them need your continuing prayers, support, and encouragement as they serve the Lord and His Church in 2011!

### GODSPELL IS COMING JANUARY 29!

The Bethel University Renaissance Theatre production of “Godspell” is coming to the Bijou Theatre, 803 South Gay Street in Knoxville Saturday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students 18 and under.

Don’t miss this historic opportunity to see the first touring production of Bethel Renaissance Theatre. “Godspell” is a reverent, contemporary presentation of the life of Christ. To reserve your tickets, call The Bijou Theatre (656-4444) or go online to [www.knoxbijou.com](http://www.knoxbijou.com). Hope to see you there!




### 2011 PIONEER CLUBS STARTS JANUARY 30!

All children of First Church and their friends are invited to the beginning of another exciting year in Pioneer Clubs beginning Sunday, January 30, 4:00 p.m.! Twelve weeks of pure faith, fun and learning activities are being planned for all ages, pre-school through junior high school! As always we will need lots of helpers for the Scooters, Voyagers, Pathfinders, and Trailblazers including group leaders and those who will help provide one weekly meal. Get involved in children’s ministry this year by contacting director Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

~ Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!  
And bring a friend!**



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# Happy Birthday

## January

9-Stella Holt

14-Leigh Ann Summers

## Activities for January 9-15, 2011

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for January 2, 2011

Sunday School.....	43
Worship.....	72
Offering.....	\$4,497.25
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$275.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$2,917.52

## Offering Envelopes

**Offering envelopes for 2011 are available in the narthex. Please call the church office if you need them mailed (588-8581).**

**DEAR CHURCH FRIENDS,**

Thanks you so much for your cards, calls, etc and especially for your prayers. I know that your support and God's love is why I am alive today.

Thank you also for the Christmas goodies and card, especially to Kevin and Nancy for bringing me to the Candlelight service.

Love,  
Marlene Ritchey

**DEAR CHURCH FRIENDS,**

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and the “goodie” bag. I certainly am enjoying them.

Thanks to Steve Goodrich for the delivery. It is always a pleasure to visit with him and Wendy.

Sincerely,  
Edna Fleenor

## THANK YOU

Thanks to my dear members of 1st Church for all your prayers, cards and flowers.

I'm still enjoying the Beautiful Poinsettia given to me by Pastor Kevin.

Without your prayers I would not be here and God's wishes.

Yours in Christian Love,  
Maxine McGuire

### Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; 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); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); 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; Jin Gaston; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Daniel and Kay Jang, missionaries in the Philippines suffering with the dengue disease; Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis's); Kayla Rose (Carol Seeman's granddaughter); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson's father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Golliher and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Golliher 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); the family of JoAnne Arp (Sam Ware's aunt); the family of Elena Zimmerman.

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

## ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

**Sunday, January 9, 2011 we will ordain and install Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer to the office of elder for three-year terms. The congregation expresses gratitude to the elders who will rotate off the Session at the end of 2010: Steve Goodrich, Steve McCurry and Dianne Pipkin.**

**The first Session meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Please remember in prayer those who have fulfilled their term and those who will begin their service to the Lord and His Church!**

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB JANUARY 12

**A new year and a new invitation for anyone at least 55 years-old to join us for our monthly Friendship Club luncheon Wednesday, January 12, 11:00 a.m. at The Chop House, 9700 Kingston Pike (531-2467). Feel free to bring your friends to enjoy the fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call us (588-8581).**