

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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THE NAPKIN

"The Gospel of John tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse (John 20:7) to tell us that it was neatly folded and placed at the head of the stony coffin.

Is that important? Absolutely! Is it significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition. The folded napkin had to do with the master and servant. Every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table, he made sure it was exactly the way the master wanted. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating. The servant dared not touch the table until the master was finished. If the master was finished, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers and mouth with the napkin and toss it on the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. In those days the wadded napkin meant "I'm done." But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant knew the folded napkin meant, "I'm not done yet."

The folded napkin meant the master would be coming back."

Happy Easter, until the Master returns!!!

--Adapted

What a powerful Easter Sunday service we shared! Thanks be to God and to all who helped prepare and lead the worship service!

ANOTHER EASTER THANK YOU...

...to everyone who brought candy and eggs, worked in the kitchen, hid eggs, and of course all the wonderful children and their "helpers" who participated in our "Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt" last Saturday. A great crowd, a great day, and great fun and fellowship! Let's do it again next year!

A NEW SERVICE MINISTRY BEGUN BY THE ELDERS

The church expresses appreciation to those elders who served Communion to people who could not make it to the Celebration of Life last Sunday. This ministry will continue and will be expanded to include anyone who wants to participate. Please call the church office and have your name added to the list of those who will have Communion brought to them once a quarter on the same Sunday it is observed in the congregation. Opportunities for the rest of 2008 are June 1, October 5, and December 24.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Sunday, March 30, 10:45 a.m. Dr. J. David Hester will preach and make a special presentation about Memphis Theological Seminary, the only Cumberland Presbyterian seminary in the world. An opportunity will be given for you to make a contribution using envelopes in the pews. The seminary trains pastors and leaders for Christian service in many different denominations including our own. Please pray for the ministry of our seminary!

"OPERATION ANDREW"

"Operation Andrew" continues at First Church!

You can still make a personal commitment to invite two or more family members and friends by following the five steps of "OA"— (1) LOOK AROUND—start listing names of those whom you know need Jesus Christ; (2) LOOK UP—start praying for them daily that you will have opportunities to share His love with them; (3) LOOK OUT—find ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them; (4) LOOK FORWARD---begin to talk with each person on your list about attending the Festival and the other evangelistic events listed below; and (5) LOOK AFTER—stick with those who make a decision and help them become active in your church. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.

In the month of April we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events. Please pray that people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become His disciple!

The events include the following:

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

"Funfest Community Outreach" in the gym.

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

Franklin Graham Festival at Thompson-Boling Arena.

**Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.*

**Youth Night, Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.*

**Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.*

2008 BETHEL COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce that "The Crossing," First Church's youth group, will be taking students to the 2008 Bethel College Youth Festival in McKenzie, Tennessee. It should be a great weekend, led by Dr. David Lancaster, and centered on Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?"

We will be leaving from the church at 4:30 p.m. sharp this Friday, March 28th and returning on Sunday afternoon, March 30 (exact time, TBD). The cost for the weekend will be \$70 for two nights, van rental and gas.

All participants should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, Bible, and some extra cash should they want to purchase additional items. If possible, please bring an air mattress as the girls will be sleeping in the gym, and the boys in the fine arts building. Please pack for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Anyone, grades 6-12, interested in going should call us and let us know if you are planning to attend. Remember, scholarships are available for anyone who needs it! Call us (300-2226) or e-mail lduncan@tanasi.org.

John and Lindsay Duncan, Youth Directors

ELDERS ON CALL FOR MARCH/APRIL

Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin

Sunday, April 6 Steve Summers

Sunday, April 13 Valerie Wann

Sunday, April 20 Lois Witmer

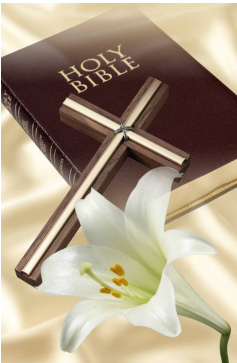
Sunday, April 27 Tom Witmer

NEW SERIES/NEW CLASS

I will begin a new sermon series on "Discipleship—What It Means to Follow Jesus Today!" and a new Sunday School class on the same topic beginning Sunday, April 7. The class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. The sermon will be a part of worship at 10:45 a.m. If you want to know more, "come and see!"

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday



March/April
30-Mildred Acuff
31-Taylor Golliher
1-Valerie Wann
2-James O’Neal
3-Michael Bachman
5-Elijah O’Neal



Activities for March 29–April 5, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Tues., 10:45 a.m. West Circle
6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 23, 2008

Sunday School.....50
Worship.....135
Offering.....\$1,434.75
Capital Improvements Fund\$65.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....15.00
Expenses paid last week\$5,603.70
FISH.....\$200.00

Year-to-Date (as of March 23, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$43,553.68
Expenses paid to date:.....\$61,132.84
FISH.....\$2,125.00

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$75,334.55*
*Includes giving toward pledges

Directory Information

If you have not picked up your February 2008 Directory, please get one in the Narthex. If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office and we will mail one out to you. If you find any information that needs to be corrected please let either Esther Congdon or the office know. The following are corrections / additions:

Jo Ann Ford: phone number is 357-0389
Evelyn Crowell: phone number is 691-2973
Add: Becky Rader, 10213 Poppy Lane, 37922, 250-2336,
E-mail: bradermimi@yahoo.com

Committee Meetings

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m. Contact—Dianne Pipkin, 675-2872.
The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. Contact—Bill Halbert, 693-5849.
The **Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on Tuesday April 1st at 7:00 p.m. Contact—Tom Witmer, 690-6916.

WEST CIRCLE

will meet at the church at 1045 a.m. Tuesday, April 1st. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

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; 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; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Diana Hess; Donna Walker; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Penny Thurman; Clara Zelinski; Bill M. (friend of the Congdons); Jerrie Moffet; Pat Booher; Dan Miller; Sue Hounshell; Arrienne Murphy.

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

Thank you for your contribution of \$200 to FISH this past week. Special thanks from all us go to Judy Norman’s Sunday School Class of Marietta CP Church for their \$300 contribution. They support us every year and we are very appreciative of their help. The total amount contributed to date is \$2125.

Thanks to a lot of helpers after the Easter Egg Hunt we were able to move all the food from the church and John’s and Lindsay’s garage to the FISH Pantry. These helpers included John and Lindsay Duncan, Steve McCurry, Steve and Wendy Goodrich, Sherri Shetterly, Jimmy Curtis and Kevin and Nancy Wood. On Thursday afternoon we will pick up the food order from Food City (Bearden) and transport it to the FISH Pantry. Meet at the back Loading Dock at Food City at 3:30 p.m.

Our first bagging will be Saturday March 29th (this Saturday) at 9:30 a.m. at the Pantry.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in helping feed the hungry in our community.

Betty Hammill

Thanks Prayer Warriors

This Easter week has been a great one for me. I have felt much better and I attribute it to the many prayers lifted in my behalf. Thank you for them and the visit by Pastor Kevin with a beautiful lily: a visit by Wendy Goodrich with a DVD of family photos, an Easter card from Riley Wann of our Children’s Church and a card from Chloe, Hailey, Hunter, Emma, Chris, Justin, Chrissy and Julia of the Kindergarten SS Class. The receiving of Communion made this a very special Easter. Thanks First Church.

Bill Hammill