

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" March 2, 2011

# "Faith for the Future!"

What is "Faith for the Future!?"  
Come and See This Sunday, March 6, 10:45 a.m.  
with Dr. J. David Hester

### OUR ROCK!

The Bible paints several "word-pictures" to describe the character and work of God! One of the most prominent is "God is our rock!"

"God is our rock" in at least two senses. One, He is our foundation --- unchangeable, immovable, unshakeable! In a turbulent sea of change, we can always count on God to be the same!

"*The Song of Moses*" expresses this reality in Deuteronomy 32:3-4: "*I will proclaim the name of the Lord; how glorious is our God! He is the rock! His work is perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!*"

Two, God is not only our foundation, He is also our fortress! No one said it better than King David when facing troubled times in his life:

*"You are my rock of safety and refuge, O God! A strong fortress where my enemies cannot reach me!"* Psalm 31:2

When we say God is our fortress, we are not saying bad things won't happen to us; we're saying bad things won't separate us from God! He will not save us from death, but He will secure our souls in death for an eternity with Him!

Two well-known hymns testify that God is both our foundation and our fortress!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (verse 1): "*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be!*"

How Firm A Foundation (verse 4): "*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!*"

Jesus concludes His famous parable at the end of the Sermon on the Mount by saying: "*Everyone then, who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock, and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock!*"

Matthew 7:24-25

The world around us may fall apart, but "our God is like a rock!"

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"* Hebrews 13:8

### THANK YOU!

Special thanks to the elders and all who participated in the recent small group meetings on the future of First Church!

The annual Session Retreat, scheduled for Sunday, March 27 will consider everything that has been said or written in the congregational surveys. We still invite you to turn in a completed survey by the deadline this coming Sunday, March 6.

Please remember to keep praying for God to reveal the right course of action. His options will be our best options!



### "SPRING FLING SPAGHETTI SUPPER!"

Our children and youth are planning a restaurant-style spaghetti supper for all adults and friends of First Church Saturday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. The menu will feature spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and drink. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person, and will be available in the church office starting this Wednesday, March 2. Price includes surprise entertainment! All proceeds will go toward the Pioneer Club ministry this fall.

### SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR MARCH

The Friendship Club welcomes all 55-plus adults to join them for their monthly fellowship luncheon Wednesday, March 16, 11:00 a.m. at Flatwater Grill, 100 Melton Lake Peninsula, Oak Ridge (862-8646). Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581. A carpool is available from the church by calling 228-0710.

~ Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

## March

9-Jewell Kerr  
11-Madelyn McCurry

### Activities for March 6-12, 2011

|         |            |                               |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Sun.,   | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                 |
|         | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service               |
| Weds.,  | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice                |
| Thurs., | 6:30 p.m.  | Stewardship & Finance         |
| Sat.,   | 5:00 p.m.  | Spring Fling Spaghetti Supper |

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report for February 27 , 2011

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday School.....              | 39           |
| Worship.....                    | 68           |
| Offering.....                   | ..\$2,510.25 |
| Capital Improvements Fund ..... | \$295.00     |
| Expenses paid last week .....   | \$2,462.47   |

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Your help is requested to do maintenance on the Prayer Concerns List. Please contact the office about persons on the Prayer Concerns List. We need to maintain this list current by both removing those who do not need to be on the list and by adding others who need to be on the list. By maintaining a current list we can focus our prayers on those who are in need of our prayers for help with a current health, physical or mental need. Thank you for your help. Next week I will begin to remove names. So call or email me to keep your prayer persons on the list.

## SORRY

I overlooked Anna Deal's birthday on February 28. Happy Belated Birthday Anna!

### MORE IN MARCH

Ash Wednesday,  
March 9

Potluck Luncheon After Church  
Sunday, March 20

Miniversity on Stewardship  
at Union CP Church  
March 26

Session Retreat After Church  
Sunday, March 27

(Details Soon!)

### Prayer Concerns

#### In the Hospital

Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen's mother, Park West

#### 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); 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); 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; 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); Earl Beeler (Greg Beeler's uncle); Brian Migas; Donald Witmer (Tom's uncle); Richard Dougherty.

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

### FISH

Our FISH Ministry continues again this year. Steve McCurry is leading the effort this year. Please contact Steve about volunteering to help. We will need many persons to help bag, dispose of cardboard, get food, unload food, and many more things. We also need money to buy the necessary items we need to feed the hungry.

### CUMBERLANDER DELIVERY

We would like to begin to decrease our mailing of the Cumberlander and instead use email. Seeing the Cumberlander in color via email is an enhancement that is much better than the mailed black and white printed version. If you would like your Cumberlander emailed to you instead of mailing, please contact the office or email the office at firstcpc@earthlink.net and let us know.

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