

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

So far I have received faith stories from Bill, Evelyn, Faye, Jewell, Dan, Tammy and Kim! There are many more of you out there who need to share the story of what Jesus Christ has done in your life. Don't be bashful. Please let me hear from you before the deadline: Sunday, February 1.

Just 100-200 words, written and signed. One encounter, one experience, one episode in your life spent in the company of the Master. Has the Lord brought you through a time of sickness, trial, and trouble? Have you witnessed a miracle you can share?

You need to share it and we need to hear it! Sit down long enough in the next ten days to write your story. If you need any help writing it, let me know! 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!

EVELYN CROWELL'S PRESCRIPTION FOR LONG LIFE

During a recent visit with Evelyn Crowell, a longtime member of First Church who will be 101 in June, Evelyn shared her secrets for a long life. She calls them the "Three L's for Living Long Life."

1. LAUGH...better than a dose of medicine. Relaxes nerves. Keeps digestive problems away, loosens tight muscles.
2. LOVE...a necessary ingredient for happiness, for healthy living. Makes a real desire to live.
3. THE LORD...knowing HIM! Having faith and trusting gives one relaxation. Offers security and less tension. Helps prevent loneliness. Gives peace of mind.

If you have any questions, just give Evelyn a call (691-2973).

PIONEER CLUBS UNDERWAY!

The second session of Pioneer Clubs has begun and will continue through March 29.

It's not too late to sign up your children and grandchildren and all the neighborhood kids too! Lots of fun and excitement and special guests this session. This week Kristi Summers will visit with us and show us how to twirl the baton! We're learning and growing in a lot of ways at Pioneer Clubs, but most of all we're learning about God's word!

Pioneer Clubs meets every Sunday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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. The new presbyterial choir will sing.

A 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!

First Church is pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. Rev. J. David Hester will lead a 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!

SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8!

In 2009 First Church will welcome Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts on Scout Sunday, February 8, 10:45 a.m.! We are blessed to have so many scouting organizations using the facility including Boy Scout Troop 20, Cub Scout Pack 20, and now Girl Scout Daisy Troop 173, Girl Scout Junior Troop 959 and Brownie Troop 1006! It will be wonderful to have all our scouts and their leaders and parents worshipping with us on the 8th!

SESSION MEETING RE-SCHEDULED

Due to the cold, icy weather the Session meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are asked to pick up their packets in the narthex this Sunday, January 25.

~Pastor Kevin

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24-Bill Keene
25-Ann Gallaher
28-Kevin Wood
30-Kim Halbert

Activities for January 25-31, 2009

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

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 18, 2009

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	96
Offering.....	\$1,609.66
Capital Improvements Fund	\$190.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$20.00
Expenses paid last week	\$11,636.29

Year-to-Date (as of January 18, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$10,911.06
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$700.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$16,171.07
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$101,975.55

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

Welcome back to Thursday Connection students, parents, staff and board of directors. Classes started January 8th.

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); Bill Taylor (Becky Rader’s brother-in-law); Samantha Caruso (student of Wendy Goodrich) and her mother, Susan Caruso at the death of brother and son, Jimmy Breeden; Claudia Pharaoh (Maxine McGuire’s niece).

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

Welcome to our newest facility users!

They are all Girl Scouts and they will be here February 8th when we celebrate Scouting at our church.

Daisy Troop 173. Led by Lindsay Duncan.

Juniors Troop 959 and Brownies Troop 1006. Led by Cheryl-Ann Paul.

Please join me in welcoming them into our family.