

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

February 13, 2013

### LENT BEGINS TODAY

Today (Feb. 13) is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. Thus, the season of Lent is before us.

Many of us find this to be one of the most spiritual times of the church year as we engage in a six-week period of penitence. Lent spans the forty weekdays which begin on Ash Wednesday and end the day before Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are simply referred to as the Sundays in Lent. The number forty is connected with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry.

As followers of Christ, we are encouraged to use this period for introspection, self-examination, and repentance. By acknowledging our failures and repenting of our sins, we are made more aware of the need for God's grace.

(From *Mid-Week Manna*, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cookeville TN)



## LENT BEGINS

### LENTEN SERMON SERIES

"*Personal Contact with Christ*" will be the title of the sermon series during Lent.

Feb. 17 – He Touched Me      Feb. 24 – A night that changed the World

Mar. 3 – A Christian with Reservations

Mar. 10 – Christ and a woman with a Past

March 17 – In Search of God    Mar. 24 – (Palm) Blundering into Paradise

March 31 – (Easter) – The Courageous Pessimist

### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday was a great worship experience for us! Scouts and families gathered; scouts participated in the service. We pledged allegiance to the flags, sang Kum-Ba-Yah, witnessed scouts ushering and receiving the offerings. It was a great day!

### COMING EVENTS

February 13 - Ash Wednesday

February 17 – Fellowship Dinner (noon)

- Session meeting/planning (afternoon)

February 20 – Friendship Club (Bravo – Bearden Hill)

## Among Our People

Sympathy to the family of **Virginia Sue (Patrick) Rains** in her death last week. Virginia was niece of **Frances Wilkerson**, our former Pastor's Assistant. Jack Rains and Virginia were married in our chapel in October, 1980 ... **Phil Bridges** is recovering from bout with shingles ... **Bill Halbert** spent Sunday morning (Feb. 3) in hospital emergency room for some continuing complications with his diabetes. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers ...

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# Happy Birthday

## February

- 17-Kaitlyn Curtis  
18-Mindy Goddard  
19-Chris Curtis  
19-Justin Curtis  
19-Dainel Saults  
23-Becky Rader



## Activities for February 17-23, 2013

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship Dinner  
1:00 p.m. Session Workshop  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report February 10, 2013

Sunday School.....	45
Worship.....	136
Offering .....	\$5,057.88
Denomination Day.....	\$5.00
Music Fund.....	\$5.00
FAITH For The Future.....	\$268.50
Building Fund.....	\$10.00
Building Usage.....	\$6,138.38



**Inclement weather policy** – We will intend to have Worship services every Sunday. Members will be encouraged to use their own discretion when it comes to traveling on treacherous roads. In case of church closing, we will use emails, texts and phone calls to notify members.

We have openings on committees. If you wish to serve on a committee or volunteer in the office or help teach Sunday School or help with Vacation Bible School, PLEASE call the office or talk with Tom Witmer or Pastor Hester.



## The Journey Begins!



## Prayer Concerns

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges' neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway.

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

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS

We are still collecting Campbell's Labels for service project for the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. Please remember to save your labels and bring to the church office. THANK YOU!!



Would you describe yourself as being the "light," not when things are perfect, not when things go your way, but ALWAYS? If not, maybe it is time to question yourself about why you aren't. Sanctification requires us to change, to mature our thought patterns, grow in faith, and become part of the solution ~ not just in action, but in attitude.