

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

On Feb. 4, 1810, three men gathered at the home of Rev. Samuel McAdow in Dickson County TN. Revs. Finis Ewing and Samuel King, along with Candidate Ephraim McLean, had ridden horseback from Bowling Green KY to meet with the elderly McAdow.

The result of that meeting, following a night of prayer, was the re-formation of the Cumberland Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church. This Presbytery was ultimately to become a separate Presbyterian denomination and was called the "Cumberland Presbyterian Church".

So, today, Feb. 4, 2013, we celebrate the 203rd birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Happy birthday to us!

We received a special offering Sunday for our Historical Archives in Memphis. **If you were not present, bring your special gift this Sunday.** Make check to our church – we will send total gift to the Historical Archives.

A NEW CHURCH!

A communication from Rev. Boyce Wallace, our missionary in Colombia South America advises us that on Jan. 27 the Emaus Fellowship in Buenaventura Colombia was organized as a new church development! We rejoice with our fellow Cumberland Presbyterians with the organization of this new congregation.

Interesting to note that Buenaventura is a major port on the Pacific side of Colombia. This is the port where Rev. Walter Swartz entered the country to plant the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Colombia in 1925.

REPORTS

Here are reports to you on various items:

- **Elder Training** – Our church was host last Saturday to THE EVENT – Elder Training. Attending this all-day event from our church were **Dianne Fielder, Heath Harper, Phil Bridges, Steve Summers, Kim Halbert, Jewell Kerr, Maxine Curtis, Pastor Hester.** Dianne Pipkin provided the lunch for the group.

- **Mitten Tree** – Your gifts of mittens/gloves/scarves/yarn were delivered to CAM Craft Cabin in Townsend last week by Pastor Hester and Betty Hammill. These gifts are already in the possession of the children needing them – probably in Del Rio TN Elementary School.

- **FISH** – You were invited during Advent to give a Christmas Gift to the Fish program. Some of you did. We are advised by FISH that the Christmas gift card project received a record \$102,122 in contributions. This is the first year they have gone over \$100,000. This program serves 11,000 families each month in neighborhood pick up pantries. Our church participates in this each April.

- **Gift to the King** – This annual offering for missions in our church gleaned \$150.00 from our congregation. Thank you!

STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT

Here is a summary of the Annual Report which we have sent to the General Assembly office. This report reflects our numbers as of Dec. 31, 2012.

	<u>End of 2011</u>	<u>End of 2012</u>
Total Members	394	395
Active Members	115	96
Professions of Faith	2	3
Gains in membership	6	6
Losses in membership	6	5
Infant Baptisms	0	2
Sunday School Enrollment	75	75
Contributions	\$185,115	\$226,335
Outreach	17,663	13,969
Expenses	275,981	248,159

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Happy Birthday

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7-Jane Carroll
9-Stephanie Sauls
9-Matthew Shelton



Activities for February 3-9, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Search Committee

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report February 3, 2013

Sunday School.....22
Worship.....46
Offering\$3,760.35
Denomination Day.....\$60.00
FAITH For The Future.....\$268.50
Music Fund.....\$5.00



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.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10 - Boy Scout Sunday
- Feb. 17 – Fellowship meal at noon; Elder Retreat in the afternoon.
- Feb. 20 – Friendship Club will meet for lunch at 11:00 at Bravo’s (Bearden Hill)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

It was good to see **Cliff Parrott** back Sunday after being out with physical problems recently ... **John Harvey Smith** continues to receive a weekly chemo treatment and a daily radiation treatment ...

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.



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).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email 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!!



Congratulations to Hailey Davis

Hailey and the Level 7 optional gymnastics team competed at the Tiger Paw meet on Friday. They have been referred to as "The Magnificent Seven" as they are all very good gymnasts. Hailey finished first in three events, (vault, bars and floor) and second in the beam. She finished first All-Around in her age group, as did Olivia Adams in her age group. Hailey's All-Around score was 38.175, which was the highest of the 234 level 7s that competed at Tiger Paw. Their team tied for first and was awarded second place based on tie breaker rules.