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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

In one week, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday is peculiar to the USA. It was begun in the 1600's when the first Pilgrims to our shores had a thanksgiving feast at the conclusion of their first harvest. So, next week, most of us will feast again. Of course, we give thanks to God – and to others – more often than once a year. Thanksgiving is a theme of our Bible in many places. Let's not let our appetites get in our way of giving thanks to God next Thursday!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

Our church is a part of the Bearden-Sequoyah Hills Ministerial Alliance. That group will once again sponsor a Community Thanksgiving service. It will be at Bearden Central Baptist Sunday night, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. We are all invited to share in this time together.

BIBLE SUNDAY

This Sunday is designated as "Bible Sunday" over our nation. We shall take special note of this at our worship service Sunday.

As a part of this Bible Sunday, there will be a display of Bibles in the hall by the Library Sunday morning. You are invited to pause and take a look at this display.

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

"We all have our time machines.

Some take us back, they're called memories.

Some take us forward, they're called dreams."

—Jeremy Irons, English Actor

LOVE LOAF SUNDAY

For several weeks we have been gathering funds in our Love Loaf that we picked up several weeks ago. All of these funds are for mission use.

This Sunday morning, we shall make the giving of our love loaf a part of the worship service. Bring yours and help us celebrate this outreach of our giving.

STEWARDSHIP

As we move through this month of stewardship emphasis, I talked about "Getting a Kick out of Giving" Sunday. In that message, I quoted for you an epitaph on an English gravestone: "What I kept, I lost. What I spent, I had. What I gave, I have". Think about this as you begin to prepare to bring your commitment to your church budget for 2013. We will receive those commitment cards on Sunday, November 25.

– J. David Hester

Sewardship Work

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Tom Witmer home from hospital and recuperating from surgery ... Mary Cregger had second cataract removed last week ... Former member Charlotte Ladd McGehee wife of Bob McGehee, died last week ... Kian Pipkin has had a bout with pneumonia ... Congratulations to Cliff Parrott on his 85th birthday November 14 ... Sympathy to Judy Gammon in the death of her cousin, Sue Jenkins on November 11 ... Ruth McNabb, mother of Tammy Eblen, home from successful surgery on last Friday ...







Happy Birthday

November



14-Cliff Parrott 20-Hunter Witmer 21-Patrick Curtis 23-Kian Pipkin



Activities for November 18-24, 2012

Sun., BAKE/CRAFT SALE

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs., THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 11, 2012

Sunday School	43
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LET'S HELP CLIFF CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday to Cliff Parrott! He will be 85 on Wednesday November 14. Some of his children will be in town to help him celebrate. Friends are invited to stop by the house between 1:00 and 4:00 Sunday November 18 to offer your congratulations.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FISH

Our church has been a part of the area FISH program since its inception. This year, the Fish Hospitality pantries will feed over 11,000 families per month!

For \$5.00 or any multiple of \$5.00--you can send holiday wishes to feed hungry families. You may send family and friends FISH Hospitality Pantries Christmas Gift Cards and help end hunger in Knoxville. (\$5.00 will feed a family of four for three days!)

In our Narthex there are brochures that give you directions as to people you are remembering and how to get the money to FISH.

TOM WITMER HOME RECUPERATING

Many thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and food over the past week during Tom's recent surgery. Continue praying for continued healing and improvement. It's great to have a caring church family.

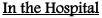
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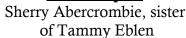
NEEDED

The church is in need of two 4-drawer file cabinets. Please let the office know if you have any. Thanks.



Prayer Concerns





On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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





BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Will happen this Sunday, November 18th from 9 until after church in the library. We will need baked items and any craft items in place early. Please plan to participate by both contributing and buying goods.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Women and children, you are invited to join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 p.m.! Our special guest is Heather Grubb from The Learning Channel's America's Next Best Baker. She will be sharing her testimony with us and decorating cupcakes with the kids. Please call Donna Walker at 566-7381 before November 22nd to RSVP, so Heather will know many cupcakes to bake! Feel free to invite friends.