The Cumberlander

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"Loving God, Loving People"

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Our Weekly Newsletter

THE SEASON OF LENT

Very soon we will be entering the season of Lent. Lent is a period of forty weekdays and six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and culminating in Holy Week (April 1-7). During Lent the Church remembers, reflects, and responds to the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross for the sins of the world.

A special observance is being planned for the season of Lent this year at First Church. You will be invited to participate in the prayers, worship, belonging, learning, serving and witnessing opportunities provided. More details to come in next week's <u>Cumberlander</u>.



VALENTINE'S DINNER

This Saturday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The menu will include your choice of entrée served by First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Youth

Chicken Divan with rice and fruit <u>OR</u> Baked Spaghetti with garlic bread and green beans

**both entrees will be served with salad

Cost: \$5.00 per person (all proceeds go to FCPC Youth)

A Beautiful Valentine Door Prize will also be given away!!!
Buy a meal and you are entered. You do not have to come and eat.
Our Youth and Children will serve you!!!
Please Call For Reservations: 588-8582 or 470-9004

SCOUT SUNDAY, THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12!

First Church is looking forward to our annual "Scout Sunday" worship celebration this coming Sunday, February 12, 10:45 a.m. The service will include Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage girls, their leaders, families, and friends! All of the wonderful scouting organizations who meet in our facility will be well represented and will participate in all parts of the service!

This is also your opportunity to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and classmates to meet the congregation and enjoy the outstanding partnership we share with scouting!

'NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP!'

This Coming Sunday, February 12, *5:00 p.m. "God's Radical Love!"

(*Please note our new time!!!)

featuring
Our Outstanding Praise and Worship Team
and the Pastor's Message
Everyone is Invited!!!



THANK YOU...!

...to the Session for their prayers, devotions and renewed commitment to work as one to lead the ministry of First Church, following our recent retreat!

...to the Praise Team and members of the Task Force for their commitment to continue leading the monthly "Night of Praise and Worship" contemporary services through April.

We are blessed to have such dedicated leadership in the church!!!

THANK YOU!

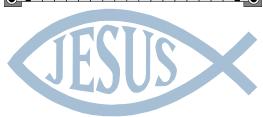
First Church expresses our appreciation to Kim Halbert (writer, director), Dawn Curtis and John Fitzgerald (puppeteers) for the excellent puppet show commemorating Denomination Day last Sunday! Thank you for your ministry to children and all of us!!!

~Pastor Kevin



Join Us For Worship this Sunday! And bring a friend!





Happy Birthday



February

Activities for February 12-18, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Scouts

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship

Tues., 6:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds

Weds., 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship & Finance

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for February 5, 2012

Sunday School	42
Worship	
Offering	\$5,073.30
Capital Improvements Fund	

PROGRAM HELP—STILL LOOKING

I am looking for persons to help in all areas of our church's ministries. We are looking to expand our reach in the areas of: Seniors, Youth, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Consignment Sale, Charity Sale, Silent Auction, Talent Shows, Advertising, Fund Raising, Cooking, Kitchen, Bulletin boards, Liaison to each facility user group, etc. There are many other things to do that can be found for you if you want to volunteer.

Do you have any event that you would like to suggest that we try? Like ~ Ice Cream supper, a Valentines dinner (DONE!!), etc. If you do let me know.

We need your help to grow this Church.

~~~ Thanks, Tom Witmer

#### **SESSION MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. Session packets will be available in the narthex Sunday, February 19.

#### **WEST CIRCLE**

Will meet on Tuesday, February 14 at 11a.m. in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich – drinks and dessert will be provided. We welcome all the ladies of the church to join us as we talk about Valentine and love.

#### REBECCA'S CIRCLE

Meeting Saturday February 18 at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast at Perkins on Kingston Pike. Join us if you are out that way.

#### Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother)
On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Ann Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler, terminal cancer); Colonel Bob Long, USAF (retired), cancer and Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friends of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Tara Null (friend of Lindsay Hammill Duncan); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Tom Parrott (Cliff's son); Richard Congdon; the family of John Hall (friend of the Congdons); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Melissa Stutts (Sam and Karen Ware's daughter); Carl Ware (Sam's father); Brad West (co-worker of Phil Bridges).

Please keep the Church Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.

Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

#### **LAY CORNER**

What We Know

As a child, I was terrified at the thought of judgment day! I was anxious that it would be like 5<sup>th</sup> grade sword drills or catechism practice and if I couldn't find the right book without looking at the table of contents or be able to recite enough verses on command that I would be case aside and rejected because I didn't possess enough knowledge of God in my head to be saved. For years, I fretted over this until God brought me to a verse. Deuteronomy 6:6 says, "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your *hearts*." The important things that we learn of God are not about how much knowledge we have in our heads, but what we do with that knowledge; how do we treat others; and most importantly the loving gratitude we possess, act upon and that motivates us to seek a further relationship with God!

#### Troop 20 Scouting for Food

The collection boxes are out around the church. Please bring your donations by February 12: soup, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, canned tuna or any non-perishable food. We need only regular size packages. The food will benefit the FISH pantry which assists over 11,000 families per month.