

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" March 23, 2011

THREE TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM THE CROSS!
(based on Mark 15:21-39)

(1) Jesus couldn't carry His own cross, but He's the only one who can help you carry yours!

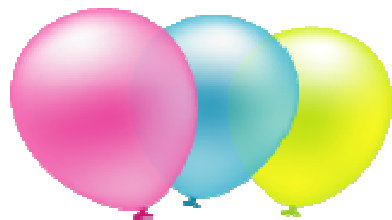
By the time Jesus was whipped, He could no longer walk. The cross weighed as much as 200 pounds. Obviously, His strength was gone. So an unknown stranger, Simon of Cyrene, was forced to help carry the cross.
Whatever your cross; whatever you have to bear in life—illness, weakness, trials, temptations, mistreatment, suffering or shame—whatever it may be, you don't have to bear it alone. Jesus will help you carry your cross!

(2) Jesus couldn't save Himself, but He's the only one who can save you!

He could have summoned legions of angels from the shadows, but He chose not to! Why? Because saving you meant that He had to drink from the cup of suffering and shame and death. He had to pay the price for sin. And He was willing to do it!

(3) Jesus experienced separation from God, so you can experience reconciliation with Him!

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" It was the most gut-wrenching cry of loneliness in human history. He experienced that terrible moment of separation from the Father, so you will never have to know anything but God's peace, and presence, and power!
Come to the cross and see!!!



Rise!

Enjoy New Life in Christ This Easter!!!

Palm Sunday, April 17, 10:45 A.M.

Choir Cantata, "The King is Coming!"

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:30 P.M.

Worship Service and Holy Communion

Saturday, April 23, 11:30 A.M.

Community Easter Egg Hunt (Toddlers-Grade 5)

Easter Sunday, April 24, 7:30 A.M.

Early Service on the Front Lawn

(weather permitting, alternate location: Chapel)

Easter Sunday, April 24, 8:30 A.M.

Full Breakfast in the Gym (donation)

Easter Service, April 24, 10:45 A.M.

"Celebration of Life" Worship Service and Holy Communion

****nursery available for all services/activities***

"Faith for the Future!"

"Faith for the Future," our fund-raising campaign to pay for a major repair on the HVAC heating and cooling system, continues. The future of the church and this facility is now in our hands! By the grace of God and with the help of many longtime friends of the church we can achieve our goal! Checks should be made to the church and designated "Faith for the Future Campaign."

As of Sunday, March 20 the total of contributions and pledges is \$28,350.00. Pray and give what you can to continue the ministry of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church which has been sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ for over 126 years!

If you have any questions about the campaign please contact Dr. J. David Hester, campaign director (769-0540/250-5375).

MINIVERSITY

The pastors and several session members of First Church will attend a special denominational workshop on stewardship this coming Saturday, March 26 at Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Farragut. The "Miniversity" will last from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

~ Pastor Kevin

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March

- 27-Howard Eblen
- 30-Mildred Acuff
- 31-Taylor Golliher



April

- 1-Valarie Wann
- 2-James O'Neal

Activities for March 27-April 2, 2011

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 20 , 2011

Sunday School.....	46
Worship.....	89
Offering.....	\$2,523.25
Capital Improvements Fund	\$870.00
Expenses paid last week	\$5,266.29

FISH- Calling all Volunteers!

Our FISH Ministry continues again this year. Please contact Steve McCurry to volunteer to help. We will need many persons to help bag, dispose of cardboard, get food, unload food, and many more things. The FISH bagging dates are Saturdays **April 2, 9 and 16 at 9:00 am.**

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful support you gave the Pioneer Club by attending the spaghetti dinner. The children did a wonderful job and were so excited to be interacting with the adults. They have asked, When can we do it again? So look for another dinner in the future.

I also want to thank Gin and Jack Gaston for coming and teaching some waltz steps. Everyone seemed to enjoy the class. I've even had some people to suggest that Gin and Jack teach a class here.

Thanks again for your support. It means so much to the children.

Maxine Curtis

SESSION RETREAT

All elders currently on Session are encouraged to attend the annual Session Retreat this coming Sunday, March 27 immediately following morning worship. Buddy's Barbeque will provide lunch in the gym. The retreat will conclude by 2:30 p.m.

SPRING PRESBYTERY

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee will be held at Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. Delegates from First Church include elders Maxine Curtis and Allison Davis, alternate. Dr. Hester and the pastor will also be in attendance.

Prayer Concerns



In the Hospital

Virginia Brown, KY, Kim Halbert's grandmother

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; Millie Jones; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's aunt); Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker's husband); Matthew Crawford (12 year old friend of Phil Bridges' niece Melissa Roach); Melanie Ball: Judy Moore; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis's); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson's father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Golliher and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Golliher and Carol Seeman); Steven Park; Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); Kathy Langston (mother of a co worker of Brent Witmer); Earl Beeler (Greg Beeler's uncle); Brian Migas; Donald Witmer (Tom's uncle); Richard Dougherty; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father).

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

Our dearest, sweetest, most precious Church FAMILY:

I have made several attempts at this note but have been unsuccessful each time as I have been overcome with emotion of how grateful I am to have YOU in my life. Words—spoken or written—cannot express the pure humbleness we ALL have in our heart for the outpouring of love we felt from EACH of you when our most precious Daddy (Bill Hammill) finally met his Maker last week. While we are so happy for his reunion in the Kingdom of Heaven, it will take a little bit for our hearts to catch up with our head. (Meaning: we know he is way better off, but we already miss him so dearly!) He loved you, the members of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, until his last heartbeat and wants nothing more than for all of us to walk TOGETHER with the Lord. Thank you for loving and honoring him so well and thank you for loving "his" church. He was so proud to be a member, just as we are.

Love, John and Lindsay Duncan

ps-- Please, please keep up the support for mom (Betty Hammill). She needs you NOW more than ever before! 690-8739 is her number.