

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 9, 2011



THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS!!!

*"The pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts.
No Americans have been more impoverished than these,
who nevertheless set aside a day of thanksgiving!"*

-- H. U. Westermayer

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget
that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them!"*

-- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

*"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies;
but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and
as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour,
some heavenly blessings!"*

--Henry Ward Beecher

*"We can only be said to be alive in those moments
when our hearts are conscious of our treasures!"*

-- Thorton Wilder

PRAISE GOD FOR A WONDERFUL SERVICE!

By all accounts the first "Night of Praise and Worship" was a blessing for everyone! The chapel was filled and the worship was Spirit-led.

Special thanks to all those who made preparations and shared their spiritual gifts to the glory of God and the edification of the Church.

We look forward with great anticipation to the next two Sunday evening services scheduled for December 4 and January 1, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Please continue praying for all the worship and outreach ministries of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church!

SESSION

The Session will meet for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Session Packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, November 13.

LOAVES AND FISHES!

Our annual Loaves and Fishes Offering (formerly "Love Loaf") this fall will help fund Hot Lunch Programs in Mexico and Colombia, South America (50%); the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%); and local benevolence causes for needy people in the Knoxville community (25%).

Loaves and Fishes collection boxes are available any of the next three Sundays in the narthex. Everyone is encouraged to keep them in a conspicuous place at home and fill them with pocket change.

The Loaves and Fishes offering will be dedicated on Sunday, November 27. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

A congregational meeting to elect three new elders for three year terms will be held at the conclusion of morning worship on Sunday, December 11. At that time the Session will place in nomination Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin and Steve Summers.

Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the person has already been contacted and has agreed to serve.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to vote in the election. Those who are elected will be ordained/installed to the office of elder on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Please be in prayer for the congregation and for those who will serve!

~Pastor Kevin

THIS SUNDAY

Storms happen! In fact, life is full of storms - both man-made and natural occurrences. Some are predictable; we can see them coming and have time to prepare for their onslaught. Others blindsides us and catch us totally off guard. This Sunday morning while our pastor is on vacation I will be preaching on "When all Hail breaks loose". Come and join us at 10:45!

- J. David Hester

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Activities for November 13-19, 2011		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Weds.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
	7:30 p.m.	Dance Class
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report for November 6, 2011	
Sunday School.....	55
Worship.....	82
Praise & Worship.....	58
Offering (AM).....	\$4,596.00
Offering (PM).....	\$178.20
Capital Improvements Fund	\$165.00

COOKIE MIX FOR SALE

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

NEED A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

Here is a suggestion. Donate \$5 or increments of \$5 to the Fish Hospitality Pantries. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex for details. Talk to Betty Hammill if you have any questions.

Seniors

We are starting a program for the seniors. We thought that we could get started in November, but due to scheduling conflicts we have decided to move it to December 7. We will meet at 12:00 for lunch to be followed with a meeting to discuss what we want to do going forward (if you got a questionnaire, please turn it into Tom). We will end with singing Christmas carols. This is for everyone 55 and older. Mark your calendars. See you there.

Maxine Curtis

HVAC RENOVATION UPDATE

We will have heat in the Sanctuary this Sunday. We will have limited heat in other rooms. The project is moving right along and hope to have it wrapped up in a few more weeks.

Get your pledges and gifts into the office.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

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); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); 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 Live-say, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Rue Dougherty; Steve GWilliams; Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Ann Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler, terminal cancer).Ember Murphy and her baby McKenzi with post-birth problems (friend of Susan Sheloton); April Bryan (friend of Maxine McGuire); to Virginia Chesney and family in the death of her brother, Charles Edward Johnson in South Williamson, KY last week.

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 Ministry Corner

Beware of Drawing Boundaries

I used to know a church member who said that he was willing to serve God in anyway, except becoming a missionary in Africa. I often wonder if his relationship has gotten to the point that God has pushed him to do the very thing he held back as a boundary he wouldn't cross. God is the Father in our relationship and, in my personal experience; I've grown very weary of holding back anything from Him! The few times I've said absolutely not, these are the very things he has made me do and often in very awkward ways that left me wondering why at the time! The answer for all of us is simple though. God's in charge, not us. If we want to have the audacity to think we can dictate terms in our relationship, we deserve the correction that we get! Serve God with your whole heart in any way He might call you. He will be faithful and prepare you for what he calls you to do. The blessing is definitely worth stepping out of your comfort zone!

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is filling up with new selections of Christian fiction books. Please see Esther in the library and she will gladly show you our large selection of these books.