

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2013! 2012 is now history and we look forward to a productive year in 2013. We encourage you to include your church – and your spiritual life – in your plans for this new year. Then it will truly be a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

EPIPHANY

We are in the midst of CHRISTMASTIDE. Christmas begins with Christmas Day and concludes 12 days later with Epiphany. Thus, the “12 days of Christmas”.

Epiphany was designated by the early church to mark the celebration of the coming of the Magi – the “wise men”. The Epiphany celebration will mark our worship on Sunday.

Sunday will also mark our celebration of The Lord’s Supper as we observe this Sacrament of our church.

CELEBRATE!

On March 1, 2011 – 21 months ago - we began a fund-raising effort to rebuild our 36-year old HVAC system. The estimated cost (by the contractor) would be \$230,000. We named the effort **Faith for the Future**.

Once the effort got underway, we asked our people to pledge and give to this effort. You did – in a great way! \$10,000+ was given by 4; \$8,000 by 3; \$7,000 by 2; \$5,000 by 6; \$3,000 by 3; and \$1,000 by 7. Many other amounts were given as people joined in our venture for **Faith for the Future**.

As the work went forward last fall, it was completed and the contractor billed us for \$191,357.38 – not the original estimate of \$230,000.

You continued to give. People outside our congregational membership gave. In fact, of the \$190,000 we raised, \$57,787 came from non-members!

In October, we needed \$17,000 to pay off this HVAC indebtedness. I challenged the Session – 9 elders – to join me in giving \$1700 each. Ten of us could give \$1700 and we could wipe out this debt.

I am reporting to you today that your elders responded – all having already given substantially to the effort. I am pleased to report to you today that they gave that \$17,000 that we needed to go over the top!

So, let us celebrate! We have crossed a major mile-stone in our **Faith for the Future**! Thank you for your generosity!

- J. David Hester

AMONG OUR PEOPLE



Apologies to **Stephanie Bridges** for missing her name in last week’s list of college students home for holidays; she is home from Tennessee Wesleyan ... **Betty Hammill (with Curt and Brenda)** attended funeral of Betty’s brother-in-law, Jimmy Hitt, in Cedartown GA on Saturday ... **Heath Harpers** were “home” in west KY last week-end ...

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Happy Birthday

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Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.	Search Committee

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Sunday School.....	36
Worship.....	52
Offering	\$12,924.00
Capital Improvements Fund	\$25.00
Gift to The King.....	\$220.00
FAITH for the FUTURE.....	\$2000.00

Will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 11 am in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich – dessert will be provided.

Women of Our Church We invite all the ladies in the church to join us.

“A Present for a Presence” is the theme for our annual Gift to the King offering. These offerings this year will go for the Samaki CP church in Cambodia. We will finish collecting those gifts this Sunday. Take an envelope from the pew, place your money or check – made to First church – and mark “GIFT”.



I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to help in the office this past year.

We will continue to use volunteers in the office. If you want to work in office, please let Tom Witmer or Jewell Kerr know and we will fit your schedule and skill level to office work.

Prayer Concerns

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

Your 2012 Giving statements will be available for pickup beginning this Sunday January 6 in the Narthex. If you have any questions concerning your statement please call the office or talk to Tom Witmer.



OFFERING ENVELOPES
Offering Envelopes for 2013 are in the Narthex for you to pick up. Call the church office if you need them mailed to you.

The monthly meeting of our Friendship Club (those age 50 and above) will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Puleo's in Fountain City.



Still time to turn your pledge card in for 2013.
Just call office for one.