

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GOD'S LOVE!

(1) God's Love never ends. It is eternal!

Human love at its best is fallible. It often falters and sometimes forsakes. In I Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul says there are three things that last. But there is really only one, since faith and hope will not be needed beyond this life. Love is the only thing that lasts: Agape Love, Godly Love! The Love of Christ is the only one that never ends!

And the symbol of that love is not a valentine, but the cross!

(2) God's Love is always personal!

Of all the world's religions only Christianity reveals that God came to us in human form; breakable, fragile, and vulnerable. Why? In order to have a real relationship with us! "For God so loved the world"... yes! But also, "For God so loved you...and me!" His love for us is intensely personal!

(3) God's Love frees us!

His Love frees us from sin and liberates us to be all He created us to be! We don't have to live in the darkness of our own wrongdoing! Christ has set us free! His mercy has emancipated us from fear and condemnation! We are perfectly free to love God and love others!

The first letter of John in the New Testament, chapter four, reveals the very nature and essence of God: "God is Love!" Have you accepted that Love?

SCOUT SUNDAY WAS OUTSTANDING!

"Scout Sunday" was an outstanding worship and fellowship experience last Sunday with so many scouts, scout leaders and families present! Every one of the scouts who led in the service blessed us and made us grateful to God we open our facilities each week to Boy Scout Troop 20, Cub Scout Pack 20, Girl Scout Cadets and Juniors 20959 and Brownie Troop 20278.

Soon we will welcome American Heritage Girls Troop Tennessee 215 to our weekly lineup!

Thank you Scout leaders and parents for sharing your children with us! We can't wait until the second Sunday of February, 2012 when we will celebrate "Scout Sunday" again!

JOIN US IN PRAYER AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF FIRST CHURCH!

In addition to your continuing prayers for First Church the elders and I want to be sure you complete the recent survey we all have been working on! If you don't have a copy you can still receive one at your request by e-mail or regular mail. Please call the church office right away and let us know (588-8581).

By now the elders should have called and invited you to one of the two remaining small group meetings (Sundays, February 20 or 27). Please bring your completed survey with you on your Sunday! We will be sharing ideas and the surveys will be collected for future reference. Thank you for your prayers and participation!

~ Pastor Kevin

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JESUS



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Sunday!
And bring a friend!

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Happy Birthday

February

23-Becky Rader
26-Tiffany May



Activities for February 20-26, 2011

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Luncheon Survey Meeting

Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for February 13 , 2011

Sunday School..... 43
Worship.....172
Offering.....\$3,318.11
Capital Improvements Fund\$260.00
Expenses paid last week\$7,797.37

FISH

FISH is near. Get ready to help the needy again this year with our FISH Pantry project. Steve McCurry will be handling the FISH project this year. He is replacing Betty Hammill who has performed this task for about 30 years. Thank you so much Betty.
Steve will need as much help as Betty needed. So everyone we need to pitch in and make this a success again. If you have money to donate to FISH place it in the offering plate and mark envelope FISH or you can always send it in to the office.
Steve will be putting out more information as to how everyone can help.

THANK YOU!

A little thoughtfulness can be the greatest blessing of all.

Dear Friends,
Thank you again for helping meet my needs. There have been many times I would have went without medicine, food and just the prayers.
You have shared my joy watching Taylor return to Christ. I know your faith helped me daily. Losing my vision and the diabetes were made so much easier because of you.
Love to all of you,
Jo Ann

Kim, J. David and Betty have kept me safe. I love you.



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; 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); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); 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; Jin Gaston; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Daniel and Kay Jang, missionaries in the Philippines suffering with the dengue disease; Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis’s); Kayla Rose (Carol Seeman’s granddaughter); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson’s father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Gollihier and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollihier’s mother).); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Gollihier 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); Richard Congdon; Stephanie Bridges.

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

JO ANN FORD

JoAnn needs a large sized recliner. She has to sleep in a recliner to help her breathe better. Please contact the church office if you can help with a chair or give money towards a chair.



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Session has voted to accept Dr. J. David Hester’s gracious offer to head up a Fundraising Campaign to raise funds to repair / replace our HVAC system.
How can you help? David is looking for a few persons to help him in this effort. There is plenty to do. If you are interested in helping David in this campaign please call (769-0540) or talk to him.
More information will be forth coming.