

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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### WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM?

In these days of skepticism and spin, Christians need to affirm the scriptures are "the infallible rule of faith and practice, the authoritative guide for Christian living!" (Confession of Faith, p. 1, 1.05)

The reality is the Bible began in the heart of God. 2 Peter 1:16-21 tells us we need not think it is merely a collection of cleverly invented stories, myths, legends, or human opinions. No prophecy or scripture ever had its origin in the mind or will of any human being. God is the author of the Bible!

Theologically speaking, we say all scripture is inspired or "God-breathed." The Bible reflects the heart, mind, life, and language of God Himself! As such, the Bible has two major implications for our lives: (1) The Bible is truthful; and (2) The Bible is useful. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us: "*All scripture is God-breathed and is helpful and useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives! It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do!*"

One of the most amazing facts about the Bible is it is the oldest book in existence, dating from the writings of Moses in 1,675 B.C. The Bible was written by 40 different authors and compiled into 66 different books, yet it reflects only one theme: salvation in Jesus Christ alone!

Although we see humanity and humanness throughout the Bible; although the personalities and writing styles of the authors are unique and varied, the Spirit of God guided and protected the writers as they faithfully transmitted the word of God!

We will encounter passages we cannot understand; we will struggle, wrangle, and wrestle with the word! But, as author-pastor Tim Keller has said in his book, The Reason for God, "*if you don't trust the Bible enough to let it challenge and correct your thinking, how could you ever have a personal relationship with God? An authoritative Bible is not the enemy of a personal relationship with God, it is the pre-condition for it!*"

How should we respond to the Bible: (1) Treasure the word; (2) Explore the word; and above all, (3) Trust the word!

### THANK YOU'S...!

..to Faye O'Neal who opened her home all week to a special guest from the Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church during their recent mission trip here!

..to Paul and Dianne Pipkin for making their swimming pool available to children and young adult swim partiers recently. The church family is grateful for your hospitality!

### K.A.R.M. SUMMER MISSION

It's so much more than just a Vacation Bible School! It's a chance to share Christ's love personally with homeless children and their families!

Our fourth annual Knox Area Rescue Ministries VBS will be held August 2-5. Ann Bachman, Margaret Migas, Allison Davis, Sheri Hill, Steve and Kim McCurry, Steve and Maggie Park, and Jordan and Ryan Kerr (Jewell Kerr's grandchildren) have volunteered to conduct the VBS, help with the shopping for new school clothes, go to a waterpark and help host a visit to First Church the following Sunday, August 8.

Others are still welcome to join us as we go on mission without leaving Knoxville. Please pray for us! Also your offerings to help with school outfits for each child who lives at K.A.R.M. is greatly needed and appreciated. Contact Steve and Kim McCurry (690-1601) or Kevin Wood (228-0710).

### CRAZY GOLFERS TO CENTENNIAL

The "Crazy Golfers" will play 18 holes at Centennial Golf Course in Oak Ridge Sunday, July 25. The cost will be \$25.00 including cart (special coupons will be provided). Tee times will be 2:28 and 2:36 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

### CONCERT SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 1

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for an evening of "Adelines and Ice Cream" as we kick off a series of four summer/fall fund-raising concerts, Sunday, August 1, 5:00 p.m. You won't want to miss the heavenly harmonies of the Smoky Mountain Show Chorus and some cool, creative, creamy confections from the gym kitchen. For tickets, call 588-8581 or 228-0710.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHEON AUGUST 11

The Friendship Club invites all those at least 55 years-old to join them for lunch Wednesday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. at Harrison's Restaurant (I-75, Exit 122, 463-6368). A carpool will be available from the church at 10:15 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office. Newcomers and their friends are always welcome!

### CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ QUESTION #1

Name the young boy who went to sleep and fell out the window when the apostle Paul preached until midnight (answer is somewhere in the final ten chapters of Acts)!

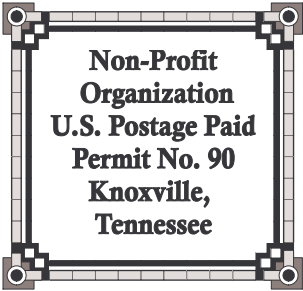
Write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me this Sunday, July 25. Questions #2 and #3 will be given the next two Sundays during Children's Sharing Time.

The person who correctly answers all three questions will receive a new Children's Bible with their name engraved on it. Have fun searching God's word!!!


~ Pastor Kevin



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




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# Happy Birthday

July  
21-Amy Pipkin  
28-Tom Walker  
30-Margaret Migas



Activities for July 25-31, 2010		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		


Stewardship Report for July 18, 2010	
Sunday School.....	51
Worship.....	72
Offering.....	\$2,157.11
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$1,085.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$7,049.77

**AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE**  
We did not received any contributions toward the HVAC repairs this past week. The amount received to date remains the same at \$13,543. God Bless you that have given.

**CONSIGNORS NEEDED!!**  
August 6 & 7th will be here before you know it.  
**Cut-off date for signing up is August 2.**  
Consigners receive 75% of sales.  
Registration fee of \$10 will apply to the 25% charge .  
Consigners are not required to be there the day of the sale.  
Contact FCPC for information packet, and tags for items or visit our web site to download the packet.

**Rummage / Consignment Sale**  
**The last day to bring items for the rummage sale is July 28.** We will accept them Mon.-Fri. from 9-3 up until July 28. Please call the church (588-8581) to set up a time to drop off donations to ensure someone is at the church to let you in. We will also pick up items for you if needed. We need persons to help sort and stage the rummage sale items that are being brought to the basement. If you want to help with the pre-sale, sale and after the sale, please call the office to inquire or ask Beth Fleenor or Maxine Curtis.

**THANKS FROM GRACIE**  
I want to thank every body from this church how much I appreciate your love and prayers for my recent surgery. The doctor said that all went better than expected, and I am feeling better every day. I have to be real careful with my head for the next few months. I don't know when I will be back in church - I hope it is soon because I miss ALL of you. I love you ALL of 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; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; 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 Deal’s); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); 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); Jim Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler); Claudia Pharaoh; David Vanaman (friend of Fred Johnson); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie) upcoming surgery on July 13; Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurry’s, the Gollither’s); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Wood’s co-worker’s husband); Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister).

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed. Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.*



**CONCERT**  
**August 1 at 5:00pm “Adelines and Ice Cream”** featuring Smoky Mountain Harmony. Tickets are \$3/ adult, 10 and under free, max \$10/family. Bring home made ice cream or store bought or desserts to share with all. This is a fund raising and an outreach event. Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors. Great time, food and singing you have to hear to believe how good it sounds. They will sound so good that you may want to join their group. If you do, just ask one of them. They would more than welcome you to join their group.  
**Buy your advance tickets now. Call office.**

**NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH**  
We need patio furniture for the courtyard. We have worked hard to make the courtyard a more beautiful place and need patio furniture to turn it into a place to sit and relax and enjoy God’s work.  
We need plastic grocery bags, small boxes (at least 12 x 12), heavy plastic bags that comforters/sheets come in, hangers (plastic or metal)

**TALENT WANTED**  
We are looking for **your talent** for our August 28 FCP Coffee Shoppe. Can you sing, dance, play an instrument? Let your talent shine! Let your talent out from under the basket. Call now and reserve your spot in the show. Only a few spots are left. **CALL NOW!!!!!!**