

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" January 16, 2008

A GREAT DAY IS COMING!

Every day in the Lord is a great day but let me invite you to join us for an extra-special day with Ernest and Michelle Gillis Sunday, January 27, 10:45 a.m.

Recently I asked them to send an e-mail about current needs on the mission field in Korea and this is what they wrote:

“Pray for us. Never underestimate the prayers that you offer on our behalf. We hope that will be united in remembering us before the Father. As you pray, please remember the missionary efforts to other parts of Asia (and soon to come, Africa), which have our church in Seoul as their point of origin. We will tell you about these when we see you.

Help us find a place to call home. Our building fund becomes a more urgent need as our congregation continues to announce its presence to the Korean people, to the people back home, to the missionaries whom we support, and to the new congregations in Korea that are being ushered into the (Cumberland Presbyterian) denomination. We know that God is doing big things through our little congregation but we wonder how long God will put up with us if we become complacent in our surroundings. Korea is a growing and thriving nation and it needs a church that can lead in an always dynamic, though never extravagant way.

Come see us. It is revitalizing to us and to our visitors when brothers and sisters (from America) come and share with us... The expense of air travel makes it impossible for everyone to participate in this kind of ministry. However, as the world gets smaller, many have made the journey and are going back to tell the story. People who travel on these short-term (mission trips) are forever changed and become important witnesses of God’s work on the field abroad. Encourage formal and informal visits to Korea (and possibly take in one or two of our Asian missions) and bring with you a song, a skit, a PowerPoint presentation, a worship meditation or the like. We are good listeners and can make it your vacation of a lifetime. May the Lord make of you many witnesses of our ministry.

I am very excited to come to tell you more about us. God be with you till we meet.”

--Rev. Ernest Gillis, The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Korea

Our special “Gift to the King” offering for Korean missions will be received on the 27th. Please give generously!

Also we will enjoy a potluck luncheon with the Gillises in the gym after the service.

Please bring your favorite meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share!

DENOMINATION DAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 3

Cumberland Presbyterians of East Tennessee Presbytery will gather for our annual “Denomination Day” celebration Sunday, February 3, 3:30 p.m. at Cedar Hill CP Church in Greeneville. Rev. Iwao Satoh from Japan will deliver the message and a fellowship meal will follow.

Nancy and I will attend the service and you are welcome to go with us. Please let us know by this Sunday if you would like to attend and we will phone in the dinner reservations. The cost of the meal will be \$6.00 each.

By the way we will be 198 years-old. Our denomination was founded February 4, 1810 in Dickson, Tennessee (40 miles south of Nashville).

WILL THIS BE THE YEAR?

We’ve just turned the page on a new year! Will this be the year you finally get into the word of God?

We have a great opportunity for you continuing this Sunday, January 20, 9:30 a.m. The Chapel Class will be diving into the New Testament and you are invited to join us. We will be doing 40 selected readings over the next eight weeks and when we’re done we be able to see the “big picture” of what the New Testament is all about.

Our primary resource will be The Bible but we will also use a great companion book entitled “The Essential Bible Guide.” We can provide copies for anyone at a nominal cost of \$8.00 each.

If you really do want to know more about God’s guidebook for living in 2008, we’ll see you this Sunday in the chapel.

A GREAT MINISTRY IS UNDERWAY!

Upward Basketball began last Saturday with a packed house for all games. What a blessing to welcome parents, grandparents, family and friends to watch boys and girls enjoy themselves in the Lord’s house! Basketball is truly a tool which can be used to reach children and families for Christ! Keep praying for this outreach ministry. Please remember all those who serve and share the faith each Saturday. Come out and experience Upward Basketball any Saturday over the next seven weeks, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

We are still looking for helpers for Children’s Church for the months of February through December. The Christian Education Committee asks you to sign up for one month. A curriculum is provided for K-3 while a toddler nursery (ages 1-4) will be staffed by a paid nursery worker. If you can help, please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

‘ELDER ON CALL’ FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

January 20	James O’Neal	February 10	Valerie Wann
January 27	Dianne Pipkin	February 17	Lois Witmer
February 3	Steve Summers	February 24	Tom Witmer

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2008

Offering envelopes for 2008 are available in the narthex. Please pick up your box in the coming weeks.

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



January

- 20-Ryan Hoy
- 21-Gloria Epperson
- 22-Jim Bemiller
- 22-Inga Himelright-Pharaoh
- 23-Kaycee Self
- 24-Bill Keene
- 25-Ann Gallaher



Activities for January 19–26, 2008

Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Rebeccas—Perkins
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 13, 2008

Sunday School.....	59
Worship.....	92
Offering.....	\$1,991.92
Capital Improvements Fund	\$325.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$20.00
Expenses paid last week	\$7,995.53

Year-to-Date (as of January 13, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$8,165.92
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$10,088.57

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$52,827.00
Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with the our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

New Address

Stella Holt
7220 Deville Way
Powell, TN 37849

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Thank God we put more sump pumps on the roof. We did not have to find a modern day Noah for the rains we had last week. The committee has recommended to Session that we award the roofing contract to Henley Roofing so that work may begin as soon as possible. The base amount of the bid is \$150,034. If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O’Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

New Volunteer Program

We are attempting to revive an old volunteer program, Office Volunteers. We are asking persons who are able to come and work in the office for a couple of hours a day. Duties would include: answering the phone, making copies, entering data into our computer system, helping Pastor, helping in office and building, collecting attendance registers from Church, maintain office area, being another happy face for our building guests to see, etc. If interested, contact Jewell Kerr or Tom Witmer.



Prayer Concerns



In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; JoAnn Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bander-molen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Thomas King; Gladys Stone; Sam Bivens; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Marion Biggs; Lea Acuff; Cliff Limer-ick; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); the family of Olivia Grace Thrasher who died January 14 (great niece of Faye O’Neal); Hannah Davis.

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

A Need

Does anyone have or know of anyone who has a wood burn-ing stove for 20”—22” logs that is no longer needed and needs a new home???? Well, if you are that person or know some-one who is then call 548-4083. They would really like to take it off your hands!!!

Welcome Cooper Thomas Pritchard

A New Baby!!!!

Cooper Thomas Pritchard was born at 2:00AM, Wednesday January 9, 2008, in Virginia. He is the son of Amy and Jesse Pritchard and grand-son of Larry and Dianne Fielder. Con-gratulations to all!!!! Picture of Co-op-er is on our web site under the Pic-ture Gallery link. Larry and Dianne are in Virginia doing all the things first time grandparents do.



All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be

sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstpcp@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

