

# The Cumberland

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**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY!**

The youth of First Church, grades 4 and up, will lead worship this Sunday, February 24, 10:45 a.m. You will be amazed at the witness and the gifts of our youth! We might try a few new things too, so get ready for a different kind of service to honor the Lord.

Following worship the youth are invited to stay for a pizza lunch and meet for a few minutes with youth leaders John and Lindsay Duncan.

**Special Note:** All youth involved in the service are encouraged to meet with John and Lindsay in the sanctuary by 10:00 a.m. for instruction and rehearsal.

**“OPERATION ANDREW”**

“Operation Andrew” has begun at First Church!

“OP” was developed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to give every disciple a chance to encourage a family member or close friend to come to Christ. It is simple and non-threatening. Anyone can do it.

In the next three months we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events.

This Sunday, at the conclusion of worship you will have a chance to make your personal commitment to “Operation Andrew.” Please sign the bottom portion of the brochure, tear it off and bring it to the Communion table when the hymn of invitation is sung. God will surely use our prayers and invitations to draw people close to Christ and the cross!

**‘OPERATION ANDREW’ UPCOMING EVANGELISTIC EVENTS**

*Sunday, March 2, 5:00 p.m. “Upward Basketball Awards Night” with Hallerin Hilton Hill.*

*Palm Sunday, March 16, 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Choral Cantata and Cross-Nailing Service.*

*Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m. Celebration of Eternal Life and Invitation to Become a Disciple of Jesus Christ.*

*“Springfest” Community Outreach, Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the gym.*

*Franklin Graham Festival, Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, Thompson-Bowling Arena..*

*\*Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. (the church will charter a 44-passenger bus for kids up to middle school, their parents and families).*

*\*Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. (the church will charter a 52-passenger bus for youth and adults, their family and friends).*

**HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?**

Pastor Rick Warren reminds us “there are no spiritual orphans. Every believer needs a church home.”

Are you without a church home? You need a church family you know! People who will love you and stand by you and help keep you active and growing in your faith.

If you have been attending First Church but have never taken the step of church membership you can talk with the pastor about it anytime. You can be received by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and receive Christian baptism or by transfer of membership from another church or by re-affirmation of faith ( if you have no previous church membership).

Please pray about your decision during this season of Lent!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY VESTER!**

Vester Summitt, the oldest member of First Church, will be 101 this Saturday, February 23. If you would like to send a card, the address is 5505 Crestwood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918. Congratulations and God bless you, Vester!

**GRANDMA JANE!**

Congratulations to Jane Carroll and family on the birth of her granddaughter, Caroline James Hurst recently! James and Minde Hurst are proud parents. See Jane. She has photos!

**AN ‘AGAPE FEAST’ IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED!**

As your pastor I want to ask you to take the time out of your busy life and join us for a great evening of fellowship during Lent called the “Agape Feasts.” Because of initial conflicts we have modified the schedule. Check it out below:

*Sunday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 16, 5:00 p.m.*

So often we miss the opportunity to receive what God has in store for us. But listen to the promise: “*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be provided you!*” (Matthew 6:33)

The elders will be calling you. If for some reason you have a conflict or don’t receive a call please call the church office (588-8581) and we will sign you up for the “Agape Feast” of your choice! You only have to attend one and bring one dish to share with 15-20 people.

Don’t rob you or your family of the chance for a spiritual blessing!

**‘ELDER ON CALL’ FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH**

*Sunday, February 24 Tom Witmer*

*Sunday, March 9 Steve Goodrich*

*Sunday, March 23 James O’Neal*

*Sunday, March 2 Lee Barron*

*Sunday, March 16 Steve McCurry*

*Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin*

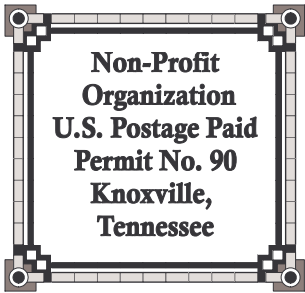
**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join us for our February luncheon at the Chop House, 9700 Kingston Pike, Wednesday, February 27, 11:00 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or call 588-8581.

**COMMITTEE ORIENTATION**

If you have volunteered to serve on a committee for this year you will be sent a committee handbook in the mail outlining the structure and responsibilities of all committees including yours. A designated person will then contact you and work out a date for the first meeting. Please be patient with us as we work to organize church ministries for 2008. Thank you!

~Pastor Kevin



# Happy Birthday



**February**  
23-Vester Summitt  
26-Tiffany May  
28-Sam Ware



## Activities for February 23-March 1, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(Librarian on duty)  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. The Crossing  
5:00 p.m. Agape Feast  
Wed., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for February 17, 2008

Sunday School.....37  
Worship.....77  
Offering.....\$2,643.00  
Capital Improvements Fund .....\$160.00\*  
Memorial/Building Fund.....15.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$3,176.89

### Year-to-Date (as of February 17, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$26,976.24  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$35,977.33

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$73,924.00\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with the our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

### Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

Work is rapidly progressing. The gym roof and the roof over the entrance at the Narthex is finished. The portico, the covered walkway and the area over the kitchen and nursery are covered. Three 4x8 pieces of the under laying plywood had to be replaced due to water damage.

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, Charlie Franks or Jim Curtis).

### Directories have been published!

Pick up a copy of our Directory in the Narthex. It is as current as the information that was received. If there are any corrections, deletions or additions, please let Esther Congdon or the office know. A Great Big **THANKS** goes to Esther and Dick Congdon for all the work they have done on the directory and to Bill Hammill for designing the cover for the directory.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



## 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  
JoAnne Ford, St. Mary's Hospital

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor 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; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermlen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Marion Biggs; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder's cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Jane Matthews; Diana Hess; Claudia Pharaoh; Donna Walker.

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

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

This is our theme for this year's FISH campaign which begins this week. FISH is a city wide agency which provides a 3 day emergency supply of food upon request. Our church stocks the West Knox FISH pantry in April and it is one of the largest pantries in the city.

### How can you get involved?

1. Your prayers are needed for the entire campaign.
  2. Funds to pay for the groceries. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or sent in the mail. Make checks payable to the church and designated for FISH.
  3. Large sized paper grocery bags. Leave in the office or give to Betty Hammill.
  4. Help with bagging on Saturday mornings at 9:30 at the Pantry Site. Our first bagging session is March 29th followed by sessions on each of the following Saturdays. Please signup on the list at the FISH bulletin board located in the Narthex if you will help.
  5. Volunteer to secure and stock at least 100 loaves of bread each week during April to fill the three freezers at the Pantry Site.
  6. Transportation- to accompany Betty Hammill to Second Harvest Food Bank each week to buy foods. And transport food from a supplier to the Pantry the last week of March. Betty is looking for a replacement to take over as Fish Chairman in 2009. Let her know if you are interested.
- Thank you for your great faithfulness you have always shown FISH. I look forward to working again with you to help reduce hunger in our community.