

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" February 13, 2008

THANK YOU SCOUTS!

Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 20 and their families who joined us in worship last Sunday. We were honored by your presence and we give thanks for the opportunity to have hosted the scouting program for more than 50 years at First Church. We look forward to next year when we will also welcome Cub Scout Pack 20 the second Sunday of February!

“OPERATION ANDREW”

During the next few Sundays I am going to introduce you to an outreach opportunity called “Operation Andrew.” It was developed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to give every disciple of Jesus Christ 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 First church will participate in three special evangelistic events to give you the chance to bring those people you’ve been praying and planning for an opportunity to meet Him heart to heart. 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 you will get an overview of the basic plan. The Bible says the fields are white unto harvest. Will you be one of the laborers in those fields?

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!

FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVAL IS COMING

The dates are April 25-27 at Thompson-Bowling Arena. The East Tennessee Franklin Graham Festival will include services on Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Kidzfest, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.; and the closing service Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

As we prepare for the Festival, a series of Christian Life and Witness classes are taking place at churches all over the city. I invite you to join me in taking these classes as a way of renewing your faith and improving your witness for Jesus Christ. The schedule was included in last Sunday’s bulletin and is also on our bulletin boards at the church. All sessions are free at all locations!

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)

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!

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

YOUTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Get ready for a great worship experience Sunday, February 24, 10:45 a.m. when the youth of our church, grade four and up, lead the service. Look for some surprises and expect a blessing when they share their faith and their talents and gifts in worship. Let us praise the Lord!

‘ELDER ON CALL’ FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

<i>Sunday, February 17, Valerie Wann</i>	<i>Sunday, March 9 Steve Goodrich</i>	<i>Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin</i>
<i>Sunday, February 24 Tom Witmer</i>	<i>Sunday, March 16 Steve McCurry</i>	
<i>Sunday, March 2 Lee Barron</i>	<i>Sunday, March 23 James O’Neal</i>	

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.

~Pastor Kevin

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Activities for February 16-23, 2008

- Sat., 10:00 a.m. Rebeccas—Perkins
- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Librarian on duty)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- (See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for February 10, 2008

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	131
Offering.....	\$5,323.82
Capital Improvements Fund	\$142.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	20.00
Expenses paid last week	\$14,237.47

Year-to-Date (as of February 10, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$24,333.24
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$32,800.44
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$73,749.00*
*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 has already begun on the roof. The gym roof is covered as well as the portico. Several 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).

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

We are still looking for helpers for Children’s Church for the months of March through December. If you can help, please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

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

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; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermoden; 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; Donna Walker.

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

IT IS THIS SATURDAY!!!!!! Let’s hear the BOOM!

The are back and ready to get together!
This group is for 30, 40, 50, and 60 somethings (the older we get, the more we raise the age limit!) to get together for dinner and socializing. Our first dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16th at P.F. Changs at 6:00. We would love to have a great turnout and make this a regular part of our church family relation-ship. Please call Steve and Wendy Good-rich (691-4069) by Wednesday, Feb. 14th if you will be able to join us. All are invited and we hope to see everyone there!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

To: Eugene McCammon has published another song book. We can’t wait to sing from it.

To: Stephanie Bridges who’s Halls Middle School basketball team is playing for the girls Middle School basketball championship. See the bulletin board next to the office for Hall’s Shopper newspaper article on the team. There is also a picture of the girls with beautiful red roses.

Congratulations to both of you from all of us at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.