

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

In honor of all that God has done for us we invite you to join us for a great Thanksgiving Sunday celebration November 19.

On that day we will receive our Love Loaf offering, our commitments to the church budget for 2007 and we will enjoy a church-wide family potluck luncheon in the gym.

Please bring plenty of good food and your family and friends to celebrate with us!

**DON'T FORGET YOUR LOVE LOAVES**

Keep on putting your money into those Love Loaves so that you can share the saving love of Jesus Christ with abandoned and abused children who live on the streets of the Republic of Georgia (southern border of Russia).

The loaves are to be returned and dedicated on Sunday, November 19 (Thanksgiving Sunday). 50% of the Love Loaves will go to help the street children of Georgia; 25% to the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund and 25% to Love and Company for local needs.

**YAMS THROUGH THE ROOF!**

Knox Area Rescue Ministries will provide 1,500 meals and 1,200 Thanksgiving baskets for the poor and needy in the Knoxville area this year. They had asked us to provide 100 cans of yams and thanks to all of you and the "Jazzercise" folks we now have 237 cans of yams! They will be delivered to K.A.R.M. by Friday. God bless all of you for your response.

**SERMON SERIES CONTINUES**

("Reframing Your Worldview")

Sunday, November 12: "How Did the World Get So Messed Up?"

Sunday, November 19: "What's the Solution?"

Sunday, November 26: "How Should We Live in This World?"

**LOOKING INTO THE UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY**

You are invited to join the pastor and several others in our congregation who will be exploring the possibility of doing an Upward Basketball league for children, grades 1-6. Upward Basketball is an outstanding sports ministry which focuses on using basketball as a tool to reach children and their families for Jesus Christ. The goal of Upward Basketball is to "make every child a winner."

Tim Kelly, Regional Coordinator for UB will be with us next Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to give us details on how to start an Upward league. Anyone who is interested in visioning and planning to bring over 100 boys and girls to our gym for eight weeks this winter is invited to join us!

This can be a wonderful church growth opportunity for us if only six people respond! May God lead you to say "yes!"

**REV. GEORGE ESTES HERE NOVEMBER 17-19**

Rev. George Estes, the Director of Evangelism and Church Development for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will be with us the weekend of November 17-19.

The purpose of his visit with us is to assist our congregation in viewing our ministries and the community around us with "church growth eyes." We are going to undergo a "check-up" which looks specifically at key "vital signs" of congregational life and ministry.

In preparation for his consultation, you completed a confidential survey at the close of worship last Sunday, November 5.

The elders, pastor, staff, and other members of the church will be contacted for short, personal interviews which will take place on Saturday, November 18.

The consultation will wrap up on Sunday, November 19 when Rev. Estes will join us for worship and our Thanksgiving potluck luncheon in the gym following the service. Thank you in advance for your prayers and participation!

**THE WONDERFUL SEASON OF ADVENT**

Sunday, December 3 begins the season of Advent at First Church. We are planning some very special services as we get ready for the birthday celebration of the Messiah.

Congressman John Duncan, a great friend of First Church, will be our guest speaker at 10:45 a.m. John is a committed Christian and we look forward to hearing the message God will give him.

On the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 p.m., the church family will gather for "The Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary.

These are just two of the special Advent services coming soon. You are encouraged to invite everyone you can. We also will do a concentrated outreach emphasis so that the un-churched and newcomers in our community will know they are welcome!

**~Pastor Kevin**

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
November 12:	Amanda Roberts	Daniel/Stephanie Saults
November 19:	Jewell Kerr	James O'Neal
November 26:	Tammy Eblen	Amanda Roberts

\*Please call the church office before your Sunday, if you cannot serve or need to make a change.

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

# Happy Birthday

## November

NOTE: If you want your birthday acknowledged, please contact the office. Our records are not complete.

### Activities for Nov. 12 –18

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Session

### Stewardship Report for November 5

Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	76
Offering.....	\$4,551.20
Don Franks Music Memorial...	\$275.00

### Year-to- Date (as of November 5)

Offerings received to date:	\$111,841.41
Expenses paid to date:	\$206,623.84

### Upcoming CPWM Events

**Nov. 11, 1-5 PM** Ann Bachman will host a "craft day" at her home. Please call Ann at 694-0097 to let her know your interest and if you have a craft you would like to make or teach.

**Nov. 19 & 26**-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale  
The annual bake sale, pecan sale, and craft sale will be held in the library on November 19 and 26 (Thanksgiving is November 23).  
We hope that all ladies will bring baked items and small crafts for sale. This is CPWM's biggest fund raiser during the year and we appreciate your support!

Lakeshore Mental Health Institute needs Christmas gifts for its residents. The list is on the CPWM bulletin board. Please get your donations to Ann Bachman by **December 7** to ensure on time delivery. No items may be wrapped. (There by the grace of God....)

The mitten tree will soon be placed in the library. The Dollar General Stores and Big Lots have much needed socks, mittens, gloves, and hats at terrific prices.

### Cub Scout Pack 20—Fund Raiser

Our Cub Scout Pack 20 is having a fund raiser here in the gym on Nov. 21 at 6:00p.m. They will be having a chili supper and a dessert auction. Call Pack Master David Broyles at 450-2953 for information.

### Prayer Concerns In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California  
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines (surgery Nov. 13), Edna Fleenor, Pollye Pharaoh, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Ewell J. Reagin, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Mary Jane Blaylock, Edna Fugate, Lucy Hesler, Katherine Tipton, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Alice Montgomery, Howard Eblen, Y. J. Allan, William Barron (Lee's Father), (Vickie Webb, Shelia Franklin, Henry Andrell (broken hip), Sheila McGill, Nellie Smith, and Sue) (friends of Dorothy Porter), Sydney Cason and her parents Jody and Jennie (friends of the Witmer's), the Family of Mr. Don Franks, Mrs. James F. (Irene) Dunford (friend of Mary Jane Blaylock), the family of Dottie Hayes Lamb.

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

### Seeking Choir Director

Marietta CP Church seeks a choir director (part time hours) to lead music during morning worship, choir rehearsals, and special event music. A full job description is available on request from Ken Lowe at [klowe2k@yahoo.com](mailto:klowe2k@yahoo.com) or by phone from Rev. Randall Mayfield at the Marietta church office (693-0080).

### To our Church Family at First Cumberland

We thank each of you for the overwhelming outpouring of love, support, prayers, food and presence during the recent illness and death of Don G. Franks. All that was done just confirmed for us that the decision Mr. Franks made to associate with First Church was to become a wonderful blessing for him and us as well. With our sincere appreciation. The Franks, Ware and LaRue Families.

### May we thank you First Church?

Karen and I are both humbled and deeply appreciative for the expression of acknowledgement from you in the form of the gift card during Pastor—Staff Appreciation Month. We count it a privilege to serve God and His Kingdom with you here at First Cumberland. With Thanks and Love,  
Sam & Karen Ware

### Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to [ThomasWitmer@comcast.net](mailto:ThomasWitmer@comcast.net) or call the church office 588-8581.