

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 7, 2009

*How did it all begin?
Where was the Garden of Eden located?*
Answers to many of your questions discussed during the



Young Earth Seminar

a unique multi-media presentation supporting
Biblical creation and the "young earth" viewpoint
This Sunday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
with special guests Frank Galbraith and Fred Mynatt
www.kingdom-builders.com

This may be the only chance your children and grandchildren get to hear how the Bible and science can agree on how the world began. We encourage all teachers, parents, and students of Thursday Connection and the public school system to attend!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

This Sunday, January 11 the sermon will be "What's Your Story?" Your assignment will be to write down your own story of encounters and/or life experiences you have had with Christ in 100-200 words. I hope you will send them to me by regular mail or e-mail and let me have the privilege of reading them and compiling them for a devotional book during Lent called "Our Stories of Faith—First Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

I hope all of you will take this opportunity to reflect and share your unique personal story of what God has done for you! Even if you are unable to come for worship please take time to write down your story and send it to me! It will affirm God's presence in your life and it will encourage fellow believers in their journey of faith! This is your opportunity to share your witness! *"And you will be My witnesses..." (Acts 1:8b)*

COME AND SEE UPWARD BASKETBALL MINISTRY IN ACTION!

This Saturday, January 10 the second season of Upward Basketball will begin at First Church. 77 boys and girls, kindergarten through grade six, will play their first games of the eight-week season.

There are two ways you can personally support Upward Basketball. First, pray for God to change hearts and lives and second, attend some games and support the leadership of this dynamic sports ministry. Your presence encourages us!

SIGN-UP FOR PIONEER CLUBS!

The second session of Pioneer Clubs begins Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Pioneer Clubs provides weekly club programs for boys and girls in pre-school through middle school that help them make Christ Lord in every aspect of life.

Sign ups for Pioneer Clubs will be held in the narthex the next two Sundays. Registration is \$15.00 per child to help cover the cost of meals and materials. A sign-up sheet for any parents/grandparents or other caring adults who will help provide one meal will be available.

HYMNAL DEDICATION

The dedication of 300 new hymnals by members and friends of First Church will be held during the worship service on Sunday, January 18. The beautiful white hymnals have been given to the glory of God and in memory/honor of those who love the Lord and His Church. Special thanks to Sam and Karen Ware and Tom Witmer for preparing the hymnals and the dedication service.

FIRST CHURCH TO HOST DENOMINATION DAY!

We will be honored to host the 199th Denomination Day birthday celebration for East Tennessee Cumberland Presbyterians Sunday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.


The new presbyterial choir will sing and we will see and hear slide shows and eye-witness accounts of the historic General Assembly in Japan last summer.

A catered meal will follow the worship service in the gym. Our own Dianne Pipkin will be in charge and she will need a large number of volunteers to help.

Everyone is invited to the special celebration! The cost of the meal will be \$6.00 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are required including the number in your party. Please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office.

~Pastor Kevin

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Begin
the
Year
with **God**

Happy Birthday

January

14-Leigh Ann Summers
16-Betty Hammill
17-Alice Montgomery

Activities for January 11-17, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club—Chop House
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 4, 2009

Sunday School.....	40
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$6,949.55
Capital Improvements Fund	\$260.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$0.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,583.50

Year-to-Date (as of January 4, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$6,949.55
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$700.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$2,583.50
<u>Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....</u>	<u>\$101,665.55</u>

Directory Update

Wilson, Billie & Maher, Joe

2414 Dayton Street, 37921

If you have any changes or updates to the Directory please let us know, call the office.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

This Sunday, January 11 a service of ordination and installation for new elders Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis, and Kim Halbert will be held at the conclusion of the worship service. Please pray for them as they begin their three-year terms on the Session.

The first regular Session meeting of 2009 will be Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room.

Thanks to...

...Steve Goodrich, Steve Summers, Bob Fox and all who have split wood for Fred Johnson. Staying warm is good and he is very appreciative to all who have helped him.



Newsletter Deadline

You got news. I want to hear it. I want to print it.

Let everyone know about church and small group events, such as Circle and committee meetings, parties, luncheons, Sunday School class get togethers, etc. Help me keep the calendar current. 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.

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker),
St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Sheena Richardson Beal, Park West (daughter of Jean and
Regina Richardson)
Flora Mae Keene, St. Mary's
Bill Keene, Holstein Health

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer's); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory's sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman's); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club's Mom); The Cooper Children (Justin, Jeremy, Kasey and Jeffery); Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball (friend of Congdons and Wares); Howell Sherrod (Becky Rader's brother—heart by-pass surgery); the family of Mark West (son of CP minister Fred West); Cecil Presnell, (coworker of Dianne Fielder).

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information), firewood.

Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition. Please call the office for information on the above items. If you have good give away items or need an item call the church office and we will add to our list.

The 199th Denominational Day Celebration

The Denominational day Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 3:30 at the First Church of Knoxville. This year's agenda will be the historical meeting of General Assembly held in Japan last June. There will be a slide presentation and the Commissioners have been asked to make brief reports of their experiences. There will be a question and answer session to follow.

After the service there will be a meal offered by the host church. If you plan to stay for the meal, please call Tom Witmer at (865) 588-8581 or e-mail at firstpcp@earthlink.net, with the number of your party. The meal will be \$6.00. Please have your reservations turned in no later than Saturday January 24, 2009.

Offering envelopes available for pickup in Narthex. We will mail to those who need them mailed to them, just call office.