

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter "Loving God, Loving People" March 21, 2012

ENTERING THE SILENCE WITHIN!

“As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God!” (Psalm 42:1)

“Have you ever tried to spend a whole hour doing nothing but listening to the voice that dwells deep in your heart? When there is no radio to listen to, no TV to watch, no book to read, no person to talk to, no project to finish, no phone call to make, how does that make you feel? Often it does no more than make us so aware of how much there is still to do that we haven’t done yet that we decide to leave the fearful silence and go back to work!

It is not easy to enter into the silence and reach beyond the many boisterous and demanding voices of our world and to discover there the small intimate voice saying: “You are my Beloved Child, on you my favor rests.” Still, if we dare to embrace our solitude and befriend our silence, we will come to know that voice. I do not want to suggest to you that one day you will hear that voice with your bodily ears. I am not speaking about a hallucinatory voice, but about a voice that can be heard by the ear of faith, the ear of the inner heart.”

--- from *Renewed for Life* by Henri J. M. Nouwen

WONDERFUL ‘NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP!’

The front of the sanctuary was filled with worshippers and we were all blessed to be part of it! Our thanks to “Revolution,” the collective name of the Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Choir and Drama Team who came to lead us Sunday evening!

Many wonderful comments were shared about the instrumental and choral music, skits, dramas, and readings. Someone said, “we heard a lot of wonderful sermons tonight!” Indeed, we did!

Our guests joined us in the gym for an outstanding potluck dinner, which they claimed was an “awesome” change from the usual fast food grabbed while on the road!

As always, a host of faithful members and friends of First Church made it all work incredibly well including our own Praise Team (Sam Ware, Julie Rech, James and Laura Paschke, Brent Witmer Scott Roberts), Steve Summers, Tom Witmer, Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin, Amanda Roberts, and kitchen, set-up and take-down crews among others.

REMAINING INQUIRER CLASS

For children who want to learn more about the Christian faith and church membership: *Sunday, March 25, 9:30 A.M. Children’s Class in the Pastor’s Office (grade 4 and below).*

PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Two more sessions remain in our Lenten Prayer/Bible Study series on the “I AM” sayings of Jesus in the gospel of John. Join us on Thursdays, March 22 and 29, 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...!

- ...to Dr. J. David Hester, who celebrated his 81st birthday Sunday, March 18!
- ...to Bonnie Holbert, who celebrated her 101st birthday, also on Sunday, March 18!

GET WELL PRAYERS...

- ...to elder Richard Congdon, who is continuing to recover at home after recent pacemaker surgery!

COLLECTING!

Please bring plenty of candy and plastic Easter eggs for our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. We will be co-sponsoring the event along with Jazzercise. Boxes will be provided around the facility.

ETERNAL LIFE!
Receive the Gift This Easter!

March 22 and 29, 6:30 P.M.
Lenten Prayer/Bible Study Group

Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:45 A.M.
Choir-led Easter Music

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 6:30 P.M.
Worship Service and Holy Communion

Friday, April 6, 12 Noon
Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church featuring “The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus Christ from the Cross!”

Saturday, April 7, 11:30 A.M.
Community Easter Egg Hunt (T.-G.5)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 7:30 A.M.
Early Service in the Courtyard
(weather permitting, alt. location: Chapel)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 8:30 A.M.
Full Breakfast in the Gym (donations accepted)

Easter Sunday, April 8, 10:45 A.M.
“Celebration of Life” Worship Service and Holy Communion

*Nursery Available for All Services and Activities

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

March

26-~~Lisa~~ Hayes
27-~~Howard~~ Ehlen
30-~~Mildred~~ Acuff
31-~~Taylor~~ Golliher

Activities for March 25-31, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Weds., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club—Gym
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer/Bible Study
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for March 18, 2012

Sunday School.....42
Worship (am).....69
Worship (pm).....114
Offering\$1601.13
Capital Improvements Fund\$130.00

PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

You, your family and friends are invited to join the pastor for a Prayer/Bible Study group during Lent! The study will be held on five Thursday nights, 6:30 p.m. (March 22 and 29).
The topic for the study will be “The ‘I AM’ Sayings of Jesus!” Come and pray with us and discover the unique claims of the Christ!

March 25 Jeremiah 31:31-34
March 26 Psalm 40:7-11
March 27 Numbers 21:4-9
March 28 Daniel 3:14-20, 21-25
March 29 John 8:51-59
March 30 Psalm 18:2-7
March 31 Ezekiel 37:21-28

April 1 Mark 11:1-10
April 2 John 12:1-11
April 3 Isaiah 49:1-6
April 4 Matthew 26:14-25
April 5 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
April 6 Hebrews 4:14-5:
April 8 Matthew 28:1-10

STATE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Hailey Davis for winning all events in the Tennessee State Optionals Gymnastics Championships held in the Knoxville Convention Center March 16-18. She won the All-Around Gold in the Prep-Op (Excel) Platinum Level. Her over all score was 38.450. The Tataru’s Prep-Op Team finished first and received Gold medals.
Great job Hailey!!!!
Hailey wants to thank all of you who cheer her on, encourage and support her. That means a lot to her.

LAY CORNER

What we have is God's gift to us!
What we become is our gift to God!
~ Eleanor Powell

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A.R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Marlena Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert’s son, cancer); Dick Booher; Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon’s cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Tom Parrott (Cliff’s son); Richard Congdon; Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Carl Ware (Sam’s father); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Sarah Gamble, (Alice Montgomery’s niece); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Lynne Blanco, (friend of Sheri Hill); Donna, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter).
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

FISH CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your contribution of \$620. We are still collecting jars of peanut butter. There are 3 boxes at the entrances and the Narthex to place them. Steve McCurry will be ordering the groceries soon and will be setting up a time for delivery. It will probably be Thursday or Friday, the 29th or the 30th of March. We will need volunteers to help with that process. Our bagging dates are at the pantry at 9:30am on March 31, April 7 and 14th. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you can help.

REBECCAS

We will meet on Saturday, March 24 at Perkins for breakfast, 10:00 am.

WHAT THE CHURCH MEANS TO ME

1. A place of stability-always here for me.
2. A place where I have grown as a person and as a Christian.
3. A place where I've met people and formed lasting friendships.
4. A place that has given me opportunities for service.
5. A place where good food, good fun and good fellowship have abounded for me.
6. A place that has always supported me and my family in times of crisis.
Yes, I love this church. I pray for this church. I thank God for this church. I am proud to be a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, TN