

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

October 26, 2011



### **"NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP" NOVEMBER 6, 6:00 P.M.**

God has blessed us with the opportunity to offer an additional worship service with a contemporary flavor beginning Sunday, November 6, 6:00 p.m. in the chapel!

The Praise Team will include Sam Ware, James and Laura Paschke, Brent Witmer and Julie Rech. The pastor will speak. Childcare will be provided in the nursery. Please dress casually. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the narthex.

"Night of Praise and Worship" will be held the first Sunday evening of each month for the next three months (November 6, December 4, and January 1, 2012, 6:00 p.m.).

Bring your family and friends and glorify God together with us!!!



### **"I BELIEVE IN TOMORROW, 2012!"**

**THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:45 A.M.**

Make your personal commitment to the Lord's work through First Cumberland Presbyterian Church!!!

During morning worship please bring your commitment card forward and place it on the Communion Table as an act of worship!

*"Remember, I am with you always!" (Matthew 28:20)*

### **BLESSED DAY AT BAZELTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH!**

All of us who went were blessed by the hospitality and grace of our hosts and hostesses at Bazeltown Baptist Church in Harriman last Sunday! We enjoyed an incredible meal and then a Spirit-filled worship service with our sister church. It truly was a "Kingdom Moment" and we thank God for the opportunity!

### **LOAVES AND FISHES!**

Our annual Loaves and Fishes Offering (formerly "Love Loaf") this fall will help fund Hot Lunch Programs in Colombia, South America (50%), the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%), and local benevolence causes for needy people in the Knoxville community (25%). Loaves and Fishes collection boxes will be available any of the next four Sundays in the narthex. Everyone is encouraged to keep them in a conspicuous place at home and fill them with pocket change.

The Loaves and Fishes offering will be dedicated on Sunday, November 27. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



*First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Invites All Kids Everywhere to Our First Annual*

## **Trunk or Treat**

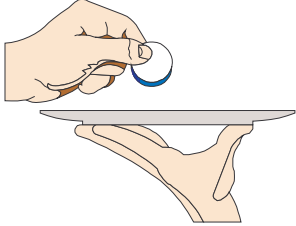
***Sunday, October 30 5:00 P.M.***

*Don't Miss*

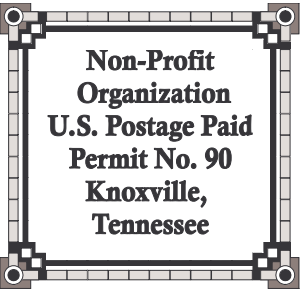
### **"Tales from the Tomb!"**

*(where dead people come back to life!)*

**For More Info or to Offer Your Car Trunk Full of Candy ~ Call 588-8581 or 470-9004**  
~Pastor Kevin



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



Happy Birthday



- October
- 30-Dawn Curtis
- 30-Lisa Deal
- November
- 4-Sheila Emory
- 5-Larry Fielder
- 5-Brent Witmer



Activities for October 30-November 5, 2011

- Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service- Gospel Trio
- 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
- Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Dance Class

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 23, 2011

Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	69
Offering.....	\$1,752.69
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$5.00

CPWM CIRCLE NEWS

West Circle will begin meeting after a long time off. The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 8 at 11:00 am in the Keene Room. Come and join us for Bible study. Please bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided. This meeting is open to all the ladies of the church, even though you haven't met with us before. Join us if you can. Any questions call Betty Hammill.

COOKIE MIX FOR SALE

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix \$5 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Brooklyn Nicole Shelley is the new daughter of Josh and Tara (Eblen) Shelley, born Wednesday, October 19, 7:38 p.m. at Park West Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations and God bless parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, which includes Danny and Tammy Eblen and Howard Eblen respectively!

RENAISSANCE SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRIO!

This coming Sunday, October 30, 10:45 a.m. our special musical guests will be the Renaissance Southern Gospel Trio from Bethel University. Please join us and bring lots of family and friends to hear them. They are outstanding!!!

We still need two host homes for the trio (two girls, one guy). If you can help, please call the church office (588-8581).



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); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Marlena Live-say, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Rue Dougherty; Steve GWilliams; Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

Lay Ministry Corner

Unconventional Acts

With prayerful wisdom, take every opportunity you are given to show grace to others! These actions are a much stronger witness than any words you can use, And fly in the face of the world view of religion!

The Dark Times

We have times in our lives when we suddenly find ourselves helplessly lost on our spiritual way. Some of these times are as a result of our own actions and bring us much shame, But sometimes we are in this place due to no fault of our own. I will call these moments the Dark Times. It is during these times that God will whisper in our ear and let us know He is there, But only we stay in the right attitude! If you are there due to your own action, you must surrender it to God and repent. If you are there due to someone or something else, you must lean back and trust that there is purpose in it and ask God to please reveal it! If you do this, God will be there with you in the dark and can give you peace that transcends, But your peace will be gone without complete surrender! I cannot stress enough that these Dark Times are important! We must not allow ourselves to suffer these Dark Times without using them to grow our relationship with God. As odd as it might sound, these are actually opportunities to spiritually grow and strengthen our fortitude, so that when the next Dark Time hits, and it will, then we will be ready for it! We will be spiritual waifs spinning in the wind without trust in God! Without Dark Times, it is nearly impossible to have a meaningful relationship with God! If you are in a Dark Time right now, praise God and know that He loves you! If your current situation is bringing you grief or shame, know isthat God is building your testimony that other people's lives might be changed because you now can testify to the faithfulness of God, if you will just trust Him and allow Him to bring you back to the light!

