

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### 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.

### YAM COUNT RISES!

We have been asked to help Knox Area Rescue Ministries provide 1,500 meals and 1,200 Thanksgiving baskets for the poor and needy in the Knoxville area. Specifically, they want us to provide 100 cans of yams! We began collecting two Sundays ago and now we have 57cans! This Sunday, November 5 will be the last day to collect canned yams. Look for the box on the bench in the narthex. "Jazzercise" will help us reach our goal and we will deliver them to K.A.R.M. the week of November 6. Thank you for your help!

### 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?"

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Nancy and I will be in Edmond, Oklahoma Sunday, November 5 to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stognegate Cumberland Presbyterian Church where we were the organizing pastoral family in 1991. Dr. J. David Hester will be leading worship and preaching at First Church on that Sunday. Remember him in prayer as he prepares to share the Good News!

### 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 K-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 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!

### 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, all of you will be asked to complete a confidential survey at the close of worship next Sunday, November 5. The ushers will distribute and collect the surveys after you have had time to respond. It will take between 5-7 minutes to complete the survey.

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!

### 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 (letters and response cards are being mailed to you) and we will enjoy a church-wide family potluck luncheon in the gym. Bring your family and friends to celebrate with us!

### WELCOME DIANE FIELDER!

By action of the church session Diane Fielder has been employed as our new church secretary. She began this week. I urge all of you to pray for and encourage her in her work. She has the personality, gifts and talents for this important ministry.

The church family also expresses gratitude to Tom Witmer for all he has done in the interim to keep us going. Great job, Tom!

~Pastor Kevin

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Date	Sunday School	Worship
November 5:	James O'Neal	Rachel Searcy
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.		
Thank You!		

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Happy Birthday

November

5 Timothy Hester

5 Brent Witmer

5 Larry Fielder

5 Chris Clark

5 Dave Wann

6 Debbie Kickler

7 Steve Summers

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

Activities for Nov. 5 –11

Sun.,

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

4:00 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal

Tues.,

11:00 a.m.

West Circle

7:00 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee

Wed.,

6:30 p.m.

Choir

7:30 p.m.

Stewardship/Finance Committee

Stewardship Report for October 29

Sunday School.....37

Worship.....60

Offering.....\$1,748.40

Don Franks Memorial.....\$150.00

Love Loaf.....\$100.00

Year-to- Date (as of October 29)

Offerings received to date: \$107,290.21

Expenses paid to date: \$199,558.21

Upcoming CPWM Events

Nov. 7—West Circle Meeting in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Nov. 19 & 26-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale

Web Site

Have seen our web site lately? Check it out!

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, 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), Dottie (Hayes) Lamb, Mildred Acuff, 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).

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

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFORMATION  
MEETING

Sunday, November 5  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Children’s Hope International  
Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church  
9132 Kingston Pike  
Room B226

This is a free meeting and children are welcome to attend.  
Children’s Hope International is a licensed, not-for-profit adoption and humanitarian agency.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

American democracy affords us a wonderful privilege that so many in the world do not have. We get to choose the candidates of our choice for key offices in local, state, and national government.  
As your pastor I encourage you to get out and vote! How should you vote? Look for those candidates who share your basic Christian values about life and liberty.  
See you at the poles Tuesday, November 7!  
~ Pastor Kevin

Newsletter Articles

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