

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

January 3, 2007

### KEEP PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH!

First Church always needs your prayers and as a new year begins we ask you to help us seek God's direction.

Sometime in January we are anticipating a report from Rev. George Estes recommending possible courses of action. The elders will also be meeting with the East Tennessee Presbyterial Board of Missions to ask for their guidance.

Once we receive their counsel the elders and I will retreat and prayerfully consider all the options. Then we will meet with you to share the information and add your ideas and suggestions.

The most important thing each of us can do in all of this is to pray that God will show us a clearer vision, then give us faith to believe and power to act. Remember, we are His church and He wants us to fulfill His plan!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ELDERS!

Congratulations to Valerie Wann, Tom Witmer, and Lois Witmer who were elected as new elders last Sunday during the congregational meeting. They will begin serving their three-year terms right after the Ordination and Installation Service this coming Sunday, January 7.

The congregation also expressed appreciation to Bill Halbert and Steve Goodrich who have completed their terms and rotated off the Session.

Please keep the new elders in your prayers and offer them your encouragement and support for the office to which God called and you elected them.

### BASKETBALL BASICS

This Saturday, January 6 begins our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Basketball Basics ministry at First Church and we need you to coach, welcome, register, and host children and their families. The CPWM is also sponsoring a hospitality room for parents in the Keene Room. If you will help in any way please contact Steve Summers (922-3999) or Ann Bachman (694-0097) immediately.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Christian Education Committee is looking for individuals and/or families who will lead Children's Church one month at a time beginning in February, 2007. We thank those who have helped so far (Nancy Wood, Bill and Kim Halbert, and Dave and Valerie Wann). If you will volunteer, please call Wendy Goodrich (691-4069).

### MAKE A CALL THIS WEEK

If you know of any former member of First Church or any former visitors and friends who may still be looking for a church home in 2007, take time this week to give them a call and ask them to worship with us this Sunday, January 7. The service will be on the theme "Healing, Hope, and Reconciliation." Everybody needs it and God is offering it!

### SPECIAL PLANS FOR JANUARY 14

We've enlarged our plans for worship Sunday, January 14, 10:45 a.m.! Ginny Weatherstone of Volunteer Ministry Center will be featured speaker plus we will have our monthly potluck dinner after the service in the gymnasium.

But wait! You'll need to bring extra meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts because we are also inviting "Jazzercise" to be our honored guests that day to give us a chance to say "thank you" for their partnership in our recent mission projects. They will be joining us with our current project of collecting over-the-counter, non-alcoholic cold medications for homeless people. These medications will be used by nurses at the VMC Medical Clinic to dispense as needed.

Let's go shopping and bring lots of food, cold medications, and unchurched friends with us for this special day!

Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

January

9~Mrs. Stella Holt  
14~Leigh Ann Summers

Activities for Jan 6-13, 2007

Sat.,	10:30 a.m.	20th Annual Basketball Basics
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.,	10:30 a.m.	20th Annual Basketball Basics

Stewardship Report for December 31, 2006

Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	64
Offering.....	\$3,576.00

Year-to-Date (as of December 31, 2006)

Offerings received to date:	\$131,011.37
Expenses paid to date:	\$241,234.26

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes being used this year are different from those of the past in that they do not have a specific date. Instead they have only the month. With the computer software we currently use, the envelope number is independent of any on the preprinted envelopes. Therefore we will not issue specific boxes to specific contributors. If you wish to use the envelopes, please pick up a box in the narthex. If you usually mail in your offering and wish to use envelopes, we will arrange to have some delivered to you. If you have any questions, please call Dianne Fielder in the church office 588-5851.

INFANT BAPTISM

Dylan O. Cliett, grandson of Ann and Mike Bachman received infant baptism during the Christmas Eve Communion Service. His parents are Amy and Jacob Cliett of Florida.

Newsletter Articles

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

Newsletter Deadline

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

Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Mary Jane Blaylock, Pollye Pharaoh, Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), May Webb, Shelia Franklin, Diane Barker, Rose Gauthler, Vickie Webb, Mary Matthew, Jim Deardorf, John Donovan, Jenny McGill, and Lee Oberlieesen, (friends of Dorothy Porter), 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.

WEST CIRCLE

will meet at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday January 9, 2007 (week later than our usual meeting date) in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mae Esther Gruen arrived at 5:45 p.m. December 27, 2006, tipping the scales at eight pounds, five ounces, and measuring twenty one inches. Proud parents are Katie and Eric Gruen of Fairfield, Illinois.

COMING THIS SATURDAY: The 20th Annual Basketball Basics begins Saturday January 6, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.