

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 28, 2007

### **WRITTEN IN RED!**

The choir is preparing to share the Gospel through a beautiful cantata entitled *"Written in Red"* this Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:45 a.m.

Now is the time for you to bring the friends you've been praying for to encounter the One who died for all our sins.

At the conclusion of the cantata you will be invited to bring your nail to the cross as a symbolic way of accepting Jesus' sacrifice in your own life.

Looking forward to seeing you and all your family and friends this Palm Sunday!

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

This Palm Sunday, April 1 we will join denominations and churches around the world in a special offering for the world's needy called "One Great Hour of Sharing." Special envelopes will be provided in the bulletin if you would like to participate. Your gift can make a world of difference!

### **LENTEN/EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **"The Living Lord's Supper" Communion Service**

*See it through the eyes of the original disciples, Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.*

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

*Saturday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. on the church grounds.*

*Please bring lots of candy and plastic eggs and place them in the box in the narthex this Palm Sunday, April 1.*

#### **Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast**

*Sunday, April 8, 7:45 a.m. in the courtyard with Dr. J. David Hester preaching.*

*Breakfast in the gym following the service.*

#### **Easter Sunday "Celebration of Eternal Life!"**

*Sunday, April 8, 10:45 a.m. with the pastor preaching and*

*Rev. Bill Ivey, Celebrant for Holy Communion*

### **"FUNFEST!" APRIL 14**

We want to reach all the children and youth we can Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We still need every member and friend of the church to be present to welcome kids, parents, and grandparents from everywhere in Knoxville with inflatables and carnival games and plenty of good food. A special mystery guest will also make a presentation of the Good News that day, but it's a secret for now!

Fifty "I Love My Church" t-shirts are on the way and all the proceeds will go to help build our new denominational center in Memphis. Thank you for your generous response! Thursday Connection, Jazzercise, scouts, and other groups will be helping us with "FUNFEST." It will be a great day of friendship and outreach. Plan to spend part or all of your day here representing First Church!

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS APRIL 15**

Dr. J. David Hester will lead a class on "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" six Sunday evenings in April and May beginning Sunday, April 15. You can sign up any Sunday by using the insert provided in the bulletin.

### **NEW STUDY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Everyone not presently attending a Sunday School class is invited to take part in a new 13-week study, "The Thirteen Apostles." Each Sunday will be devoted to one of Christ's followers ending with the elected substitute Matthias. The study, being taught by Rev. Bill Ivey, begins Sunday, April 15, 9:30 a.m. in room 30. If you would like to participate and purchase a text, please let Bill know.

### **UPWARD BASKETBALL TRAINING**

First Church is looking for four people who will be pioneers in organizing our first Upward Basketball league in 2008. Churches who participate are required to attend a training session which will be held in Knoxville at Grace Baptist Church April 20 and 21 (Friday night and Saturday).

If you feel God calling you to be part of this new ministry with the potential to reach hundreds of youth and children, please let me know right away. We are sending in the \$300.00 fee immediately, believing those who are called will come forward!

### **LET'S STAY FOCUSED!**

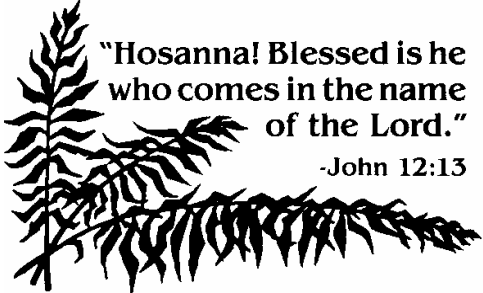
- (1) Are you praying daily that God will grow the church?
- (2) Are you giving a positive witness of the church to everyone you meet?
- (3) Are you making a list of our "potential congregation," and praying for each one of them so you can invite them to be one of the 150 people we are expecting on Palm Sunday and Easter (April 1 and 8)?
- (4) Have you made a personal commitment to stewardship and support of the ministries of the church?
- (5) Are you planning to support "FUNFEST" Saturday, April 14 by wearing your new t-shirt and welcoming new children, youth and families to the church?
- (6) Are you willing to continue the changes if it means we can grow closer in worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings?
- (7) Are you praying the P.U.S.H. prayer ("Pray Until Something Happens!") and will you join us for some special prayer meetings and small group ministries this spring and summer?

The challenge is clearly before us!!!

Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

April 2007

- 1~Laura Boden
- 1~Valerie Wann
- 2~James O'Neal
- 2~Barbara Hester
- 3~Mike Bachman
- 4~Lan Seylar
- 5~Eli O'Neal

## Activities for April 1-7, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday: Living Lord's Supper and Communion Service
Sat.,	10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

## Stewardship Report for March 25, 2007

Sunday School.....	39
Worship.....	78
Offering.....	\$2,450.50

### Year-to-Date (as of March 25, 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$35,978.31
Expenses paid to date:	\$56,500.68

## FISH UPDATE

We have reached our goal of \$4000.00, and if we need additional funds, I'll let you know. This is the week to transport all the groceries to the Pantry. My sincere thanks is sent to all who helped accomplish this huge job. Our first bagging day is Saturday March 31st, at 9:30 at the Pantry. Your support to help feed the hungry in our community is very much appreciated. Thanks, Betty

### You're Invited to a Reception

Honoring Vernon and Tina Sansom

Saturday April 7, 2:00-4:00p.m.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



### Newsletter Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



## 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

Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Dick Congdon, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), 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), Margie House (mother of Barb Lancaster), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), Rose Gauthler, Mary Matthew, Kay Tipton, Carol King, and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr. and Mary Lynn Tolar and infant Thomas Moffat (3 requests by Dianne Fielder).

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

### Praise for Prayer Response

"We just got word yesterday that Thomas' pulmonary stenosis had gone from moderate to mild and they don't have to do surgery for mild cases. Thank you all for your prayers. They indeed have been answered; however, don't stop praying for him and perhaps he will experience complete healing." (Grandmother) Jerrie Moffat

### SPECIAL EVENT

**The Committee on Theology and Social Concerns is sponsoring a seminar on "IMMIGRATION: Bringing Cultures Together." It will be held Saturday, March 31, 9-1 at the Talbott CP Church. You are invited to stay for an authentic Mexican lunch prepared by the Mercy Hispanic group of Lenoir City.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Kristi Summers was selected to be a majorette for the University of Tennessee beginning Fall 2007.**

**MariKate Walker's team won first place in the Eighth Grade Energy Bowl competition recently held at the American Museum of Science & Energy in Oak Ridge. Look on the bulletin board outside the office for the newspaper article and picture of the Cedar Springs Homeschool team.**

**The Charlottesville High School indoor track team won the Virginia state title. Amy Fielder Pritchard is their assistant coach.**

**WEST CIRCLE** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2007. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.