

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

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### **"REVIVAL, RENEWAL, AND RE-AWAKENING!"**

Please join us during the rest of November as we continue to ask God for "Revival, Renewal, and Re-Awakening" in our lives and in our congregation! 2010 will be a decisive year for us in every way!

God is calling First Church to come closer to Him during this season of prayer and repentance. Every great revival in the history of the Bible and the Church has begun when God's people pray and fast and turn toward Him.

May I suggest that we continue to unite in prayer together each day from 12:00-12:15 p.m. until November 30. Then, as the Spirit leads, join us each Monday (November 9, 16, 23, 30) in a 12-hour fast of your choice (6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) with special precautions if you have chronic illnesses or must take medications! Fasting is a spiritual discipline practiced by Christians for centuries. It is a way of focusing totally on God alone, seeking His strength, guidance, and help, and showing that we are earnest in our desire to embrace His will and His way!

We are looking forward to what God will do among us during this season as the fresh breezes of the Holy Spirit blow into our lives and into the life of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church!

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 22!**

Central Baptist Church of Bearden will host a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service Sunday, November 22, 5:00 p.m. The service will be led by clergy and laity representing seven different churches of Bearden Sequoyah United Ministries including First Church! I encourage you to join us as we "worship the God of every good and perfect gift and celebrate our oneness in Christ!" An offering will be taken for "Tent of Hope" which provides a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless of Knoxville through Knox Area Rescue Ministry!

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

During November a short series of membership classes will be offered for youth and children on the following schedule:

**YOUTH:** (Grades 5 and above) November 15, 9:30 a.m. in the Confer. Room;

**CHILDREN** (Grade 4 and below) November 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m. in the Confer. Room.

Anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, church membership, or the classes is invited to contact the pastor (588-8581;228-0710).

### **OUR LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERINGS!**

It is utterly amazing how simple pocket change can make such a world of difference through our "Loaves and Fishes" offering! If you haven't picked yours up, please do so by this Sunday, November 15!

All you have to do is place one of the "Loaves and Fishes" boxes in a prominent place in your home and donate daily to these worthy causes! 50% will go to the Nehemiah Foundation in Colombia (eight different ministries to the needy!), 25% to the CP World Hunger Fund and 25% to our Local Benevolence Fund. Dedication Sunday will be November 29!

### **COMPLETE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010**

A detailed copy of the proposed budget for 2010 will be available in the narthex any of the remaining Sundays in November (15, 22, or 29). Find out first hand all of the wonderful ministries First Church can do with your faithful support! The Bible says the tithe belongs to the Lord! What a privilege it is to be directly involved in giving!

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: A SPECIAL DAY!**

Stewardship Commitment Sunday during worship, 10:45 a.m.

Pioneer Club Sunday with special music and awards for the children.

Craft, Pecan, and Bake Sale sponsored by Cumberland Presbyterian

Women's Ministries (CPWM) in the church library.

\*Please note: the potluck luncheon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> has been canceled.

### **VITAL STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS!**

**\$4,835.00...**

**...the amount of weekly offerings needed in 2010 to meet the proposed church budget!**

**\$300.00...**

**...the amount needed weekly to pay the loan on the new roof and building improvements!**

**If we are successful each week in 2010, we will be able to maintain  
all trust and endowment funds at current levels and will not have  
to withdraw any funds to subsidize the proposed budget!**

**Please give as God has given to you!**

### **WHAT'S YOUR GIFT?**

What's the one hand-crafted, custom-made talent or spiritual gift God has given you to glorify Him and help build up the church? We want to give you the chance to use it in 2010! Just name it on your stewardship commitment card on Commitment Sunday, November 22. No gift from God should go undiscovered and unused!

**~Pastor Kevin**

### **BENEVOLENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Our church has participated in several different projects over the years that we are planning to do again this year. We want to get started earlier this year, so you may choose how you personally want to participate. If you give cash, you need to budget, and if you plan to give items, shopping early will give you the opportunity to look for bargains. FRIENDS OF LAKESHORE due Dec 6. MITTEN TREE will be delivered in January. FCPC ANGEL TREE will include needs from our church community and KARM. The requests will start appearing as early as 11/29 and continue to 12/25 to meet the needs of children who do not qualify for other programs as their situation changed in December. When attending church on Sundays, check the bulletin boards and library for details. If you cannot attend church, you may participate by sending money to Dianne Fielder who will do the shopping for you for the project you choose. Remember Advent is a great time to extend your celebration of Christmas beyond just one day of observance!

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Happy Birthday

November

20-Hunter Witmer  
21-Patrick Curtis  
21-Julia Pierce



Activities for November 15–21, 2009

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs
	4:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Practice
	4:00 p.m.	The Truth Project
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 8, 2009

Sunday School.....	50
Worship.....	93
Offering.....	\$2,561.14
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$30.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$00.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$5,802.39

Year-to-Date (as of November 8, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$119,589.96
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$21,474.50
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$227,666.62



The CPWM, our women's group, will be hosting our annual Craft and Bake Sale to raise funds for our mission projects. Please plan on supporting the group by bringing in goodies and/or buying some homemade baked goods for your Thanksgiving celebration or to share with your Sunday School

class!  
The sale will be in the library beginning at 9:00am on Sunday, November 22nd. We will have pecans available again this year (halves and pieces) thanks to Danny Eblen.  
If you have any questions, or want to reserve your pecans in advance, please email Donna Walker at thetwalkers@att.net.

This is to let you know that several cars were broken into at Central Baptist Church of Bearden. It was a very busy time and they unabashedly broke in. They seemed to be looking for purses that had been left in cars. Suspects may be driving a beige car. **BEAWARE!**

Congratulations to **Hailey Davis**, who won first all around at the Chattanooga Classic Gymnastic Meet with a score of 37.950. Her next meet is in Huntsville on November 21. Good Luck, Hailey!



Prayer Concerns  
In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer  
Lea Acuff, Brakebill

Russell Witmer, HealthSouth Facility, PA (Tom’s father)

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Rex Holt; Bud & Betty Hickman; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Janie Beeler (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood); Judy Lawson, (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal’s; Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Fielder’s next door neighbor); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother; Rev. Don Alexander (cancer); Lindsay Bridges; Aulene Barton (Maxine McGuire’s cousin); Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Greg Beeler; Bernie Migas; the family of Loretta Chadwell (Bill Halbert’s Aunt); Jack Gaston; Darian Hayes, newborn son of Lisa Hayes.

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

Needed...

- ...a recliner.
- ...a small refrigerator.
- ...a small microwave.
- ...a coffee maker.

If you have one or know of anyone who has these to give away, please call the church office.

If you are in need of something or have something you would like to give away, please let the office know and we will advertise the need to have and to give away in the Cumberlander.

**Choir Practice** on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.  
Come and join the fun and sing with us!

For over **40 years** our congregation has participated in the collection of Christmas gifts for patients at Lakeshore. Yes there are still residents there. Please check the list of needed items posted on the CPWM bulletin board: toiletries, games, clothing. There are limitations, so buy only the specified things. Please place them in the box in the library by Sunday December 6. For more information, please contact **Dianne Fielder**.