

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

December 21, 2011



### CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION!

Come with your family and friends to the table of our Lord this Saturday evening, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Receive the “bread of life” and the “cup of salvation” and welcome anew the Christ child as Savior and Lord.

Elders who will be serving are encouraged to come by 4:45 p.m. to complete preparations.

### CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Please remember there will be no Sunday School this coming Sunday, December 25. Worship will begin at the special time of 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

### MITTEN TREE DONATIONS

Mitten Tree donations will be received through Sunday, January 1 so you still have time to bring hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, Bibles, Juice Boxes, and after-school snacks for the ministry of Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM). Contact person: Dianne Fielder (982-6918).

### A CHRISTMAS BLESSING!

Nancy and I want to express our love and gratitude to First Church for all your encouragement and support of our ministry among you for the past 6 ½ years. You have been a joy to us and we pray God’s peace and grace will continue to flow through your hearts and lives in the years ahead.

May all the joy of the Savior’s birth be yours this Christmas!

### THANK YOU!...

...to Allison Davis, Dianne Pipkin and Julie Rech who hosted a wonderful Christmas party for the children and youth of First Church last Saturday!

...to all those who went caroling and delivered poinsettias and handmade cards from children and youth last Sunday (20 total), blessing the Christmases of Mildred Acuff, Reba Smith, Nancy Anthony, Dick Booher, Jessie Black, Helen and Edith Carden, Maxine McGuire and Howard Eblen. Our only regret is we could not make more stops on our three-hour circuit!

...to everyone who purchased Angel Tree gifts for three families this Christmas. All gifts were delivered by Wednesday, December 21!

...to those who gave to any of our special mission projects this year including the “Gift to the King” offering for new church development outside the United States!

...to Sam and Karen Ware, Eugene McCammon, James and Laura Paschke and Julie Rech who directed our choir, youth and children in an inspirational Christmas musical and worship experience last Sunday!

### INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

A service of installation for new elders Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin and Steve Summers will be held Sunday, January 8 at the conclusion of the 10:45 a.m. worship service. All three have previously been ordained. Please pray for and encourage them as they begin three-year terms!

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1!

Join us at First Church for Sunday School and Worship the very first day of 2012 at the regular times of 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

*“But seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well!” (Matthew 6:33)*



### SPECIAL GUESTS JANUARY 8, 2012!

First Church will host father and son football greats Fuad Reveiz and Nick Reveiz during our worship services Sunday, January 8, 2012! They will join us to share their Christian testimonies at 10:45 a.m. (Fuad Reveiz) and for “Night of Praise and Worship” at 6:00 p.m. (Nick Reveiz). The theme for the day will be “Handling Life’s Tough Decisions!”

What a great opportunity to invite youth, young adults, and people of all ages to hear two men who have faced significant challenges by placing their trust in the Lord!

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime worship experience!

~Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday



December  
28-Deven Hill  
29-Julianna Park



## Activities for December 25-31, 2011

Sun., 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report for December 18, 2011

Sunday School.....	49
Worship.....	96
Offering (AM).....	\$2,180.00
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$15.00

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...**BRACK EMORY** IS RETIRING DECEMBER 31ST, AFTER MORE THAN 42 YEARS WITH "KINGSDOWN, INC. BRACK BEGAN WORKING AT "KINGSDOWN" WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER. AFTER SCHOOL, HE DID SOME GENERAL CLEANING IN THE SEWING ROOM. HE OFTEN RODE WITH HIS FATHER, WHO DROVE A TRUCK FOR "KINGSDOWN". SOME YEARS LATER, BRACK TOOK A TRUCK DRIVING JOB AS WELL. HE HAULED MATTRESSES ALL OVER, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, ETC. THEN, HE WAS OFFERED A SALESMAN'S POSITION, AND HE TOOK IT. HE HAS BEEN NAMED "SALESMAN OF THE YEAR" SEVERAL TIMES, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE "NUMBER ONE SALESMAN" AT KINGSDOWN. NOW HE IS TRAINING HIS SON-IN-LAW, SCOTT ROBERTS, TO "FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS".

...**Kristi Summers** for graduating from the University of Tennessee last week. Kristi will continue her education by going to Pharmacy school in Memphis. Way to go Kristi.

...**Hailey Davis** and the Level 5 girls gymnastics team from Tataru's Gymnastics for winning first place at the Tennessee State Gymnastics Championships held at Austin Peay University December 11. Hailey finished first in the vault and the floor, second on the beam and fourth on bars. She finished second All-Round.

**What an AMAZING weekend! Children and youth Christmas party, eating pizza in van looking at Christmas lights, wonderful Christmas program at church, went caroling to visit shut-ins, then to end it with The Living Christmas tree! WOW! A lot of Christ in that weekend! How blessed I am! :) Allison Davis**

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club invites everyone to their first gathering of 2012 at Carabba's Italian Grill, 324 N. Peters Road (692-2223), Wednesday, January 11, 11:00 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome!

### SESSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

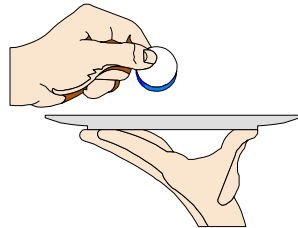
CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff (in Brakebill); A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl 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, cancer); 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 Livesay, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor's neighbor); Steve GWilliams; Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert's son, cancer); Ann Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler, terminal cancer); Colonel Bob Long, USAF (retired), cancer and Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friends of Cliff Parrott); Phil Bridges, recovering from heart attack and stent; Andrew Montgomery (cousin of Alice Montgomery) who has cancer; Dick Booher.

*Please keep the Church Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [firstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:firstcpc@earthlink.net).*



## Year End Giving

There is only **ONE** more Sunday in this month to catch up on you pledges or to give money or items to be able to receive credit for you income taxes. Remember, just because you are not at church, our expenses continue. If you want to support the ministries of this Church, you must provide the financial support, also. To grow in Christ you really do need to attend Sunday School and Church.



## YOUTH POST OFFICE

Bring your Christmas cards to Church and let the Youth and Children deliver them. Contributions are appreciated and will go the Youth Fund. Thanks You!

## LAY CORNER ~ Everyday Opportunities

God calls us to a life of purpose. He places each person in our lives for a reason ~ whether to show grace to them or receive it ourselves.

None of us has the same experience, strengths or weaknesses.

If we slow down long enough and take the time, we can learn from the unique people God has gifted us with knowing.

Don't let the blessing pass! Pursue growth daily!

Phil. 2:12-18 & 1 Cor. 3