

# The Cumberland

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### HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?

What difference has the love of the risen Lord made in your life? For the apostle Paul the answer was: it completely changed him, in more ways than one! As he writes in his second letter to the Corinthian church, *“the love of ( the risen) Christ compels me...!”* (2 Corinthians 5:14).

Pastor Stuart Briscoe writes that the love of Christ compelled Paul to change in at least three significant ways:

(1) The love of Christ compelled him to become “convinced”—convinced to the point that Paul announced *“I no longer live but Christ lives in me.”* The old way of living is dead. The new life with a new set of priorities has begun!

(2) The love of Christ compelled him to see human beings in an entirely new light.

No longer did he see them with earthly, human eyes. The old Saul of Tarsus saw Jesus as an accursed blasphemer who deserved crucifixion. But the man who was changed forever by an encounter with the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus now boldly declared: *“from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view.”*

(3) The love of Christ compelled him to declare himself and other disciples “ambassadors” to the whole world with a message of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation straight from the heart of God! *“We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us!”*

How much has the resurrection changed your life? Can you say with Paul *“I no longer live but Christ lives in me?”*

### REMEMBERING THE ORIGINAL FIRST CHURCH FACILITY

Last week Dr. J. David Hester, Jack Gaston, Rev. Bill Ivey, and myself attended a very special presentation at the newly completed Volunteer Ministry Center in downtown Knoxville. We were there on Wednesday, April 15 to commemorate the original site of First Church when it was located on the same site as the new Center.

A plaque was presented by the Presbytery of East Tennessee to the Center which read: “First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Knoxville was on this site 1885-1975.”

A \$1,200 gift from the Presbytery was also given to the Volunteer Ministry Center to carry on their outstanding work with the homeless of Knoxville. Ginny Weatherstone, director of VMC, received the plaque and the donation and gave all of us a great tour of the new facility. It was wonderful day to remember and celebrate the Christian ministry that continues in this holy place!

### GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 3

Kevin Pipkin will graduate from the University of Tennessee May 6 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry.

Do you know of other graduates in our church family? First Church would like the privilege of recognizing all graduates during the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday, May 3. We plan to honor graduates at all levels including kindergarten, middle school, high school, college—in other words anyone who has graduated from anything! Please call the church office to help us confirm who they are (588-8581).

### THE ‘CRAZY GOLFERS’ AT HOLSTON HILLS!

Through the kindness of Jeff Golliher the “Crazy Golfers” of First Church will have a chance to play one of the best golf courses in America Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. The playing list will be limited to the first six players to sign up, so if you are interested please call 228-0710 immediately. The cost will be \$40.00 per player. Hopefully this will be an annual event for the “Crazy Golfers.”

### COMING THIS SUMMER!

- Sunday, May 10, 10:45 a.m.  
“Mother’s Day” recognition of all girls, ladies, and mothers.
- Sunday-Wednesday, June 14-17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. nightly  
“Crocodile Dock” Vacation Bible School at First Church.
- Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.  
“Summer Bible Olympics” for grades 1-4.
- Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.  
“Kids in Christ” for grades 5 and above.

### ADULT SMALL GROUP THIS FALL

*“Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?”*

“The Truth Project” is an in-depth presentation of Biblical truth. It is an examination of the Christian worldview in stark contrast to all other religious, cultural, and philosophical views. If you really want to know the difference, then sign-up for this adult small group experience this fall. Pray about your participation and let me know. Call 588-8581 or 228-0710 to enroll.

Requirements: A commitment of twelve weeks, two hours per week; limited to the first twelve participants; willingness after completion to consider leading another group in the experience. Participants should be believing Christians who accept the authority of the Scriptures as being the true word of God!

~Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

April

29-Jin Gaston  
29-Barbara McCammon

May

2-Ann Bachman  
2-Amanda Roberts

Activities for April 26-May 2, 2009

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., 7:30 p.m. Smoky Mountain Harmony-Concert

Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for April 19, 2009

Sunday School.....34

Worship.....65

Offering.....\$1,184.00

Capital Improvements Fund .....\$10.00

Memorial/Building Fund.....\$3.00

Expenses paid last week .....\$3,334.04

Year-to-Date (as of April 19, 2009)

Offerings received to date:.....\$45,009.46

Facility usage fees received to date.....\$9,087.50

Expenses paid to date:.....\$80,668.91

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$104,319.55

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS  
KNOXVILLE CHAPTER

INVITATION

MASSING OF THE COLORS

Saturday, 10:30 a.m., April 25, 2009

The Knoxville Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars is sponsoring the Sixteenth Annual Massing of the Colors Ceremony and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Second Presbyterian Church, 2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Mike Bachman, Lt Col, USAFR (Ret.), Chairman, Massing of the Colors

(See our website for more details)

WHAT: Smoky Mountain Harmony Show Chorus will present a program of song in the traditional, uniquely American, Barbershop style, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The program will include several quartets as well as the full chorus. After the program, the audience and the chorus will enjoy birthday cake in honor of the event. WHEN: April 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Free admission/Donations accepted WHERE: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Congratulations...

...to Stephanie Bridges and her Halls High School softball team for winning the Cumberland Falls Invitational Tournament this past weekend in Corbin KY. The team went undefeated and Stephanie was named to the All Tournament Team.

SOFTBALL RECORDS BACK-TO-BACK SHUTOUTS, SWEEPS SAC TWIN-BILL WITH BREVARD

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 GREENEVILLE, Tenn. --- Holli Cadenhead and Lindsay Bridges threw back-to-back shutouts and Savannah Ewing drove in a team-high three runs as the Tusculum College softball team (12-20, 3-5 SAC) swept a South Atlantic Conference doubleheader against Brevard College (14-12, 1-5 SAC) on Tuesday afternoon at Red Edmonds Field. Tusculum won game one 8-0 in six innings and completed the sweep with a 2-0 victory in the nightcap.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker),  
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital  
Caleb Michael Bundon, UT Hospital NICU  
Bill Keene, Norris Nursing Home  
Maxine McGuire, Brakebill  
Elena Zimmerman, NHC Farragut

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Doug Bailey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley; Rex Holt; Lisa Teknus; The Cooper Children; Tyler, Becca and Skylar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; Brenda Ball; Cecil Presnell; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bill Taylor (Becky Rader’s brother-in-law); Dorothy Smith (friend of the Gastons); Sheena Richardson Beal; Jody Holl (sister of a co-worker of Leah Witmer); Bob Moore (father of co-worker of Allison Davis); Camille Graves (daughter of a friend of Wendy Goodrich; Sarah Gamble (niece of Alice Montgomery); Rob Domer (friend of Tammy Eblen); Sam Ware.

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

Be The Salt of the Earth for FISH

Our fourth and final bagging session filled 104 bags. This efficient team consisted of Wendy Goodrich, Joe Maher, (who, again took the cardboard to recycle-thanks Joe), Steve McCurry, James, Sydney, Emma, and Eli O’Neal, Tom and Jesse Walker, Sandy Rzezutko, J. David Hester, Lindsay Duncan and Betty Hammill. Thanks to our congregation, Jazzercise, Thursday Connection and all who contributed food items. An estimated 450-550 pounds of food was given which was a big help. Even though we have completed bagging, we are responsible for the Pantry through April including providing bread. So far we have spent \$3602.21 and received \$3930.82 in contributions. Our expenses may increase as bread is still being purchased. A final report will be provided in May. Sacred Heart will be operating the Pantry next month and we wish them well. May our church be the Salt of the Earth for Fish. Betty Hammill 690-8739

Still in need of canning jars, bring them to the church office. Giving away a computer system and computer desk; love seat; and a stroller. Selling—Fred Johnson’s famous chow-chow (mild, sweet, hot) \$8/qt & \$4/pint. Call church office.