

# The Cumberland

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**WHAT A GREAT SERVICE!**

You were among the blessed if you were here last Sunday for Youth Sunday. Our youth, led by John and Lindsay Duncan, inspired us in so many ways. We thank God for their witness and their willingness to step out and step up for the Lord and His Church. Those who participated included Kathryn and Will Nenninger, John and Taylor Golliher, Jessica and Mary Kate Walker, Kristi and Keri Summers, Samantha Lovett, Alicia Farmer, Emily Pierce, Lindsay and Stephanie Bridges, and Michael and Kelly Lamier (if I left someone out, I apologize in advance).

**GET WELL!**

May we continue to remember those who have been hospitalized recently: Jo Ann Ford (St. Mary’s) and Maxine McGuire (Fort Sanders); those recovering from surgery; and a long list of people who’ve been dealing with bugs and upper respiratory infections, including lots of school children. God watch over you and return you to health!

**“OPERATION ANDREW”**

“Operation Andrew” has begun at First Church! “OA” was developed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to give every disciple a chance to encourage a family member or close friend to come to Christ. It is simple and non-threatening. Anyone can do it.

If you would like to make a personal commitment to invite two or more family members and friends, just follow the five steps of “OA”— (1) LOOK AROUND—start listing names of those whom you know need Jesus Christ; (2) LOOK UP—start praying for them daily that you will have opportunities to share His love with them; (3) LOOK OUT—find ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them; (4) LOOK FORWARD—begin to talk with each person on your list about attending the Festival and the other evangelistic events listed below; and (5) LOOK AFTER—stick with those who make a decision and help them become active in your church. Continue to love and pray for those who do not respond.

In the next two months we will participate in a series of special evangelistic events to give you the chance to be an Andrew and bring people to meet Jesus. There will be at least one follow-up class at First Church for those who indicate a decision at one of these events. Please pray that people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become His disciple! The events include the following:

- Sunday, March 2, 5:00 p.m.  
*“Upward Basketball Awards Night” with Hallerin Hilton Hill.*
- Palm Sunday, March 16, 10:45 a.m.  
*Palm Sunday Choral Cantata and Cross-Nailing Service.*
- Easter Sunday, March 23, 10:45 a.m.  
*Celebration of Eternal Life and Invitation to Become a Disciple*
- Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
*“Springfest Community Outreach in the gym.*
- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27  
*Franklin Graham Festival at Thompson-Bowling Arena.*

*\*Kidzfest, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. (the church will charter a 44-passenger bus for kids up to middle school age, their parents and families).*  
*\*Final Service, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. (the church will charter a 52-passenger bus for youth and adults, their families and friends).*

**HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?**

Pastor Rick Warren reminds us “there are no spiritual orphans. Every believer needs a church home.” Are you without a church home? You need a church family you know! People who will love you and stand by you and help keep you active and growing in your faith.

If you have been attending First Church but have never taken the step of church membership you can talk with the pastor about it anytime. You can be received by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and receive Christian baptism or by transfer of membership from another church or by re-affirmation of faith ( if you have no previous church membership).

Please pray about your decision during this season of Lent!

**AN ‘AGAPE FEAST’ IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED!**

As your pastor I want to ask you to take the time out of your busy life and join us for a great evening of fellowship during Lent called the “Agape Feasts.” Because of initial conflicts we decided to host only ONE “Agape Feast” on Sunday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.

This is your personal invitation to attend a night of potluck, fellowship, prayer, and Holy Communion leading into Holy Week. Your elders will call or if not, you are encouraged to call the church office and make your reservation (588-8581).

**A VISIT TO THE BETHEL COLLEGE YOUTH FESTIVAL MARCH 28-30**

Here’s a special invitation to the youth of our church, grades 6 and up! Would you like to attend a special Youth Festival at Bethel College the weekend of March 28-30 with all expenses paid? The weekend includes special concerts, fun and recreation, worship, Bible study, and a chance to stay with adult chaperones in a real college dorm. It will be a wonderful weekend in the Lord and it may be your chance to visit the only Cumberland Presbyterian college in America. Bethel is growing by leaps and bounds and offers a first-class Christian education!

Please let me know if you and your parents are interested!

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

First Church, Jazzercise and friends will host a huge community “Eggstravaganza” Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m. on the church grounds. A hot dog lunch will be served. Separate outdoor hunting areas for toddlers, kindergarteners, and grade-schoolers will be arranged. Come rain or shine!

For those who want to start bringing candy and plastic eggs to be filled, please use the designated boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your contributions!

**ELDERS ON CALL FOR MARCH**

- Sunday, March 2 Lee Barron*
- Sunday, March 16 Steve McCurry*
- Sunday, March 23 James O’Neal*
- Sunday, March 30 Dianne Pipkin*

~Pastor Kevin



# Happy Birthday



**March**  
5-Flora Mae Keene  
5-Emma O’Neal  
8-Kathy Hammill-Byers



## Activities for March 1–8, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Upward Basketball Banquet
Tues.,	10:45 a.m.	West Circle—Keene Room
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report for February 24, 2008

Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	93
Offering.....	\$1,258.25
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$285.00*
Memorial/Building Fund.....	15.00
Expenses paid last week .....	\$2,033.04

## Year-to-Date (as of February 24, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$28,234.49
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$38,010.57

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$74,224.00\*  
\*Includes giving toward pledges

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with the our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

## Sunday School News

The Sunday school class taught by Bill Ivey, room 24, will begin a new two month study March 2. The seven last words of Christ from the cross will be reviewed for their meaning and our inspiration and response. Anyone who does not presently attend a Sunday school class is invited to take part in the study. For details see Bill Ivey.

## Thank You!!

Thanks and appreciation in advance for any extra or new kitchen towels that you may have to share. Just leave them in the office or kitchen. The “Kitchen Crew”

## WEST CIRCLE

Will meet at the church on Tuesday March 4th at 10:45 a.m. in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California  
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

### In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran  
JoAnne Ford, St. Mary’s Hospital  
Maxine McGuire, Ft. Sanders Regional

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermlen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Marion Biggs; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Ruth Gates; Lea Acuff; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); Hannah Davis; Lisa Deal; Jane Matthews; Diana Hess; Claudia Pharaoh; Donna Walker.

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

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS FOR FISH

On my trip to the Second Harvest Food Bank last week I was able to get 38 cases of food which have been stored in John and Lindsay Duncan’s garage. The Food Bank did not have any peanut butter. So I am asking you to bring jars of peanut butter to church the next five Sundays. Collection boxes are marked and located at the entrances. Please contribute the 18 ounce size plastic jar (not glass).

Steve McCurry is accompanying me to Second Harvest this week to get any available items.

Last week’s Cumberlander listed ways you can get involved in our FISH Campaign. Don’t forget them. Thank you for your unflagging support and faithfulness in helping provide food for those in our community who are hungry.

Betty Hammill

## Box Tops

No not the singing group (for those of us who remember the Box Tops. The rest of you look them up on the inter-net.) Thursday Connection collects box tops. Collecting **Box Tops 4 Education** is an on-going project for them all year. So please clip your box tops and bring them to church. Thursday Connection will have a collection box for your box tops in the Narthex. Thank you for your help in helping Thursday Connection raise funds for their home school co-op.