

The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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HOW CAN I SAY THANKS?

Years ago Andre Crouch wrote a song called "My Tribute." The verse goes like this:
*"How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me—
Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude—
All that I am and ever hope to be I owe it all to Thee."*

There are several ways you can express your thanksgiving to God this coming Sunday, November 19:

- (1) Be present in worship and bring your family and friends with you;
- (2) Make your personal commitment to the ministry of First Church in 2007 by coming forward and placing your commitment card on the communion table at the close of the service;
- (3) Give your "Love Loaf" to the children and let them break them open and dedicate them during their sharing time;
- (4) Bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert to share at the potluck luncheon in the gym after the service.

How blessed we are to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord! How blessed we are to be part of His forever family!

If you believe it, show it this Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19!

DON'T FORGET YOUR LOVE LOAVES

The loaves will be returned and dedicated this Sunday, November 19 (Thanksgiving Sunday). 50% of the Love Loaves will go to help the street children of Georgia; 25% to the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund and 25% to Love and Company for local needs.

FINAL YAM COUNT
250!! Thank you for your generosity!

SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

("Reframing Your Worldview")
Sunday, November 19: "What's the Solution?"
Sunday, November 26: "How Should We Live in This World?"

MEET REV. GEORGE ESTES SUNDAY

Rev. George Estes, the Director of Evangelism and Church Development for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will be with us this Sunday. You will enjoy getting to know Rev. Estes and he will be visiting with you during Sunday School and worship.

He will share with all of us at the potluck luncheon some basic details about the consultation and how it will help us plan for our future at First Church. Don't miss it!

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Sunday, December 3 begins the season of Advent at First Church. We are planning some very special services as we get ready for the birthday celebration of the Messiah.

Congressman John Duncan, a great friend of First Church, will be our guest speaker at 10:45 a.m. John is a committed Christian and we look forward to hearing the message God will give him.

Everyone is asked to bring a new toy for needy children in Knoxville through the "Toys for Tots" program under direction of the United States Marine Corp. Sergeant Cesar Munoz of the USMC will be present with us that day to collect our donations. We are also inviting the community to bring toys and worship with us on the 3rd. On the evening of the 3rd, 5:00 p.m., the church family will gather for "The Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary. What a great way to begin the season of Christmas!

~Pastor Kevin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
November 19:	Jewell Kerr	James O'Neal
November 26:	Tammy Eblen	Amanda Roberts
*Please call the church office before your Sunday, if you cannot serve or need to make a change. Thank You!		

Dear 1st Church, Thank you so much for the cards & gifts! Little "Peanut" will enjoy them! We are settled into our new home & are waiting for news on our budgets so we can start raising support. Thank you all for your prayers! Love in Christ, Eric, Katie, & Peanut
New address is: Eric & Katie Gruen, c/o Richard Gruen, Rt. 3, Box 103, Fairfield , IL 62837

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Happy Birthday

November

22-Hunter Allen Witmer
24-LeAnn Walls

NOTE: If you want your birthday acknowledged, please contact the office. Our records are not complete.

Activities for Nov. 19–26

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs. & Friday		Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Stewardship Report for November 12

Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	69
Offering.....	\$1,725.00
Don Franks Music Memorial...	\$275.00

Year-to-Date (as of November 12)

Offerings received to date:	\$112,566.41
Expenses paid to date:	\$214,458.85

Upcoming CPWM Events

Nov. 18—Reberras will meet for breakfast at Perkins on Kingston Pike. Join us!

Nov. 19 & 26-Bake/Pecan/Craft Sale. The annual bake sale, pecan sale, and craft sale will be held in the library on November 19 and 26. Pecans, halves and pieces, are available for \$ 8.00 per one pound. (Thanksgiving is November 23).

We hope that all ladies will bring baked items and small crafts for sale. This is CPWM’s biggest fund raiser during the year and we appreciate your support!

Lakeshore Mental Health Institute needs Christmas gifts for its residents. The list is on the CPWM bulletin board. Please get your donations to Ann Bachman by **December 7** to ensure on time delivery. No items may be wrapped. (There by the grace of God....)

The Mitten Tree will soon be placed in the library. The Dollar General Stores and Big Lots have much needed socks, mittens, gloves, and hats at terrific prices.

Newsletter Articles

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to ThomasWitmer@comcast.net or call the church office 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

Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines (surgery Nov. 13), Edna Fleenor, Pollye Pharaoh, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert’s mother), Margaret Lindsay, Ewell J. Reagin, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Mary Jane Blaylock, Lucy Hesler, Katherine Tipton, Heidie Holton, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood’s mother), JoAnn Ford, Alice Montgomery, Howard Eblen, Y. J. Allan, William Barron (Lee’s Father), (Rose Gauthler, Vickie Webb, and Sue friends of Dorothy Porter), Sydney Cason and her parents Jody and Jennie (friends of the Witmer’s), Mrs. James F. (Irene) Dunford (friend of Mary Jane Blaylock).

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

ATTENTION READERS

If you have any Christian fiction books that you would be willing to donate to our church library, would you please bring them to the church office or to the library? (They should be published around 2000 or later.) Thanks!
Your library staff.

Cub Scout Pack 20—Fund Raiser

Our Cub Scout Pack 20 is having a fund raiser here in the gym on Nov. 21 at 6:00p.m. They will be having a chili supper and a dessert auction. Call Pack Master David Broyles at 450-2953 for information.

Dear Rev. Wood, Dianne and Tom, Nov. 5
I want to thank you and First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use your lovely facilities, both the sanctuary and the parlor room, for David’s Eagle Scout ceremony and reception. Thank you for helping with the details including leaving your sound system on and getting a TV for us to use in the reception, etc. The parlor room for the reception worked extremely well and provided us a very warm, intimate setting to relax and enjoy friends and family after the ceremony.
I also thank you in general for the facilities you have faithfully provided for Troop 20 to meet in weekly! My son’s life will carry fruits of your hospitality for the scout troop throughout his life.
Thanks so much and may God bless you and your church family. Sincerely,
Rebecca Prenshaw