

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 7, 2012

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We were pleased to welcome these new members at the conclusion of Sunday's worship experience:

B Heath and Melody Harper and son Evan came by transfer of letters from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Jackson, TN, where Heath was serving as Elder. Melody is Associate Executive Director of Knoxville Region of the American Cancer Society; Heath is seeking additional training for his certification as a school teacher. Four-year old Evan was placed on our roll of baptized children.

They live at 1308 Clearbrook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922, phone 414-9675. Heath grew up in the CP church; Melody grew up in the Lutheran (ELCA) where her father was a pastor.

Thomas Chesney came by transfer of letter from Erin Presbyterian Church. He is retired from the US Air Force. His wife **Virginia** has been a member for some time. They live at 6905 Deane Hill Drive, 37919.

A CELEBRATION OF JOY

As we began our stewardship emphasis for the month, the sermon centered around the celebration of joy. This celebration of joy comes from our giving—not just of our money, but our time, our energy, our love, our sympathy—The celebration of joy comes from giving! Let's remember this as we move forward in our stewardship thoughts this month.

ALL SAINTS DAY

As we observed all saints day Sunday, we remembered those saints from our congregation that we have lost by death in the last twelve months: Richard Congdon, Esther Congdon, Reba Smith, and Faye O'Neal. Family and friends stood in remembrance as the chimes sounded.

ELDER NOMINEES

A congregational meeting is being called for Sunday, December 9 following worship. This is for the purpose of electing three new Elders. Nominated for a three year term are Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert and Jewell Kerr. Any member of the church may nominate from the floor at this meeting, providing your nominee has been consulted and consented to serve.

BAKE SALE

The bake sale planned by the women of the church (and craft sale) will be held on Sunday morning, November 18. This will be prior to Sunday School, between Sunday School and worship, and following worship. The event will be in the Church library. All are invited to participate, both in preparing goodies and purchasing.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet on Wednesday November 14 at the Chop house in Fountain City at 11:00 a.m. All of our seniors are invited to attend with us and participate in this time of fellowship.

THURSDAY CONNECTION AUCTION

The Thursday Connection (homeschoolers) who meet in our church each Thursday will be having a silent auction in the gym on this Friday night, November 9. You are invited to stop by and participate.

Among Our People

Mrs. Daisy Ware (Sam's mother) has been in (and out) of hospital last week ... **Tom Witmer** had successful surgery last Friday and hopes to go home by mid-week ... **Sherry Ambercrombie**, sister of **Tammy Eblen**, begins chemo treatment this Wednesday ... Their mother has surgery scheduled this Friday...**Pastor Hester** is attending a conference on "Aging: A Family Affair" on Thursday ... Thanks to **Maxine Curtis** for her "Stewardship Moment" on Sunday ... Are you filling your Love Loaf? We'll call for them November 18.

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Happy Birthday

November

12-Tom Chesney



Activities for November 12-18, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 4, 2012

Sunday School.....34
Worship.....67
Offering\$4,491.13

NEEDED

We are in need of two 4 drawer file cabinets for the church. Please let the office know if you have any. Thanks

Our Ultimate Bucket List-Part 3 of 3

Hebrews 4:13 tells us that nothing is hidden from God. At judgment, we must make a full accounting of our behavior in this lifetime; even if such actions are made in an effort to be successful by Earthly standards. We don't have to be famous, beautiful, wealthy, brilliant or strong to be successful in this life! In fact, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, makes it clear that having such traits can inhibit us from meekly following God and acting in his strength and riches! It is in our reliance on God during times of weakness that allows God's strength to shine through us!

We are told to be conforming to God in Micah 6:8, Deuteronomy 8:6, 2 Chronicles 6:14 and Romans 8:29. So then the question is: what are we to do to conform? How are we supposed to act to be like God and walk with Him?

The answer is simple. We find it in 1 John 4:16, which simply states that God is love. And to make it even simpler for us, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 tells us a very clear long list of what love is. We hear the list over and over at weddings all the time! Are any of us born with all these character traits? Absolutely not! But just because we were not born with an abundance of patience, kindness, or the other traits on the list, does not get us off the hook from God's call to conform to His way. This is the list of things we need to achieve in this lifetime. It's not about climbing on mountain tops or learning to surf, but about becoming the blessed being that God wants us to be! If we are lucky, maybe it will allow someone else to see a piece of God in us and be blessed by it. Take a look at 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13 and see what's still on your bucket list.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Tom Witmer, in Park West hospital



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Sue Jenkins (Judy Gammon's cousin); Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges'); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Earl Beeler, (Greg Beeler's uncle); Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer).
Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many visits to our father; being on the prayer list and the thoughtful offer of food in our time of sorrow.

The Derreberry Family.

BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Will be held on Sunday, November 18th from 9 until after church in the library. We will need baked items and any craft items. Ladies, please take note and make plans to participate in this fund raiser. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Women and children, you are invited to join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 p.m.! Our special guest is Heather Grubb from The Learning Channel's America's Next Best Baker. She will be sharing her testimony with us and decorating cupcakes with the kids. Please call Donna Walker at 566-7381 before November 22nd to RSVP, so Heather will know how many cupcakes to bake! Feel free to invite friends.