

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 10, 2008

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 21

A congregational meeting to elect three new elders will be held at the conclusion of the worship service Sunday, December 21. At that time the Session will place in nomination Richard Congdon, Maxine Curtis, and Kim Halbert for three year-terms starting in January, 2009.

During the congregational meeting the floor will be open for other nominations provided the person has already been contacted and agreed to serve.

All members of the church are encouraged to vote during the congregational election and to pray for the new elders as they prepare to serve the Lord and His Church.

A service of ordination and installation will be held Sunday, January 11, 2009.

ADVENT EVENTS

First Church invites you and your family to go with us on the journey to Bethlehem during this Advent season!:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:45 A.M.

Special Music by the Marcie Clark Memorial Handbell Choir and other musical guests.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:00 P.M.

Children's Christmas Program and Churchwide Christmas party in the Gym. Please bring finger foods and desserts to share with the entire church family!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10: 45 A.M.

Christmas cantata by the choir, "Mary Did You Know?"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE THIS SEASON!

SECRET ANGEL TREE—we have adopted some needy children in our church and community who need some Christmas gifts this season. If you would like to give as God has given to you, then stop by the church office this Sunday, December 14 and pick an angel off the tree. Gifts should be purchased and returned to the church by Sunday, December 21.

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING—this year's annual "Gift to the King" offering will go to the King of Kings New Church Development in Tulua, Colombia, South America. This developing congregation has grown to 75 with 40 of them being new believers! They hope to build a sanctuary, three offices and restrooms at a cost of only \$35,000.00! Let's help them reach out to fellow Colombians in the name of Jesus Christ! We will receive and dedicate our offering on Sunday, December 21. Please look for the special "Gift to the King" envelopes in the bulletin on the 21st.

POINSETTIAS TO HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-INS—this year we have a number of homebound and shut-in members and friends who will receive a Christmas poinsettia and care package from the church. You can make a personal delivery to them in honor of the Christ child. Sign up on the main bulletin board outside the church office. The delivery deadline will be Sunday, December 21.

UPDATE ON UPWARD!!!

We have 75-80 kids, kindergarten through grade six, who are going to play Upward Basketball beginning January 10, 2009! Get in on the excitement by volunteering to help with this wonderful ministry! Pray for the director, children, coaches, referees, devotional speakers, scorekeepers, concession stand helpers and everyone else who gives their time to reach kids for Christ this season! If you know of any child who wants to be part of Upward Basketball or you want to help, please call Steve Summers (548-9698) or Kevin Wood (228-0710).

WE WANT YOU IN OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!!!

If you aren't part of a Sunday School class you still have time to join us this Sunday, December 14, 9:30 a.m. Our new class location has changed. We are now meeting in the Conference Room next to the pastor's office!

The class is using the "40 Days of Community" daily devotional books to take a closer look at 40 "one-anothers" in the New Testament. Our intention during the next eight weeks is to grow closer in our love for God and for each other. We will be engaged in the five purposes for which God created us: worship, fellowship, growth, service, and outreach (evangelism). Get off the couch, get out of the pew, and get ready to put your faith into action!!!

THANK YOU!

First Church expresses our deepest appreciation to Barbara McCammon, Judy Gammon, Leigh Ann Summers, Sam Ware, and others who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully for the Advent-Christmas season!

COMING SOON!

YOUNG EARTH SEMINAR, SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:00 P.M. at First Church with special guests Frank Galbraith and Fred Mynatt. Have you ever wondered when did the Biblical creation occur and how old is the earth? Have you ever wondered where the Garden of Eden was located? Come and hear some compelling answers to these and many other questions during this community-wide event sponsored by Kingdom Builders Ministries.

PIONEER CLUBS (session two) for 4 year-olds through grade seven beginning January 18, 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Many new and exciting adventures are being planned!

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present.

Pastor Kevin



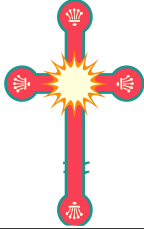
Bring your Christmas cards for your church family and place in the Youth Post Office Box located in the office. The youth / children will deliver for you. You will save postage and you can give to the Youth Fund for the postage you save.



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Happy Birthday



December

8-Andrew Clark
12-Allison Davis
12-Taylor Ford



Activities for December 14-20, 2008

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Children's Play
	5:30 p.m.	Church Christmas
Tues.,	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for December 7, 2008

Sunday School.....	29
Worship.....	83
Offering.....	\$4,096.05
Capital Improvements Fund	\$60.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$00.00
Expenses paid last week	\$1,763.04

Year-to-Date (as of December 7, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$141,920.10
Facility usage fees received to date.....	\$22,537.00
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$230,464.76
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$100,005.55

Mitten Tree, ETC

Decorate the Mitten tree in the Library each Sunday with mittens, gloves, scarves, ETC. The etc. is any left over scraps from sewing projects: buttons, cloth, lace, thread, beads, yarn etc., may be placed under the tree for the doll makers of Appalachia .



The Bereans Sunday School class is sponsoring the Water Angels Ministry regarding gathering toiletries for the homeless. We'd like to fill 75-100 bags. You can bring shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, washcloths to the church office over the next two weeks. We will be filling 1 gallon ziploc bags to be dropped off before the December 14th Christmas service.

CPWM is once again collecting items for Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Most folks don't realize they still have patients onsite (170 last month). Suggested items are: toiletries, small games, some clothing items (no glass or colognes with an alcohol base). Items must be delivered December 12, so please put the items in the box in the library during the next two weeks.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Taylor Adkins (friend of MariKate Walker), St.
Jude's Children's Hospital
Nora Derreberry, Park West, (Maxine Curtis's Mother)
Mildred Acuff, Hospital in Atlanta



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; William Barron; Joyce Creasman; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Lois Witmer; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea Acuff; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood's brother); Lisa Deal; JoAnn Ford; Maxine McGuire; Pat Booher; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones (the Acuff's great-granddaughter); Steve Goodrich; Marlene Ritchey; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmer's); Marjorie Thompson (Shelia Emory's sister-in-law); Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Gordon Blaylock; Bridget, daughter of John Lindley (friend of the Bachman's); Rex Holt (Beaver Creek CP church, friend of Kevin); Lisa Teknus (Pioneer Club's Mom); The Cooper Children (Justin, Jeremy, Kasey and Jeffery); Tyler, Becca and Sky-lar Meece; Bud & Betty Hickman; James O'Neal.

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

Needed & Give Away Items

Needed Items: a clothes washing machine, a used car, an engine for a Toyota (call for information).

Give Away Items: a gas dryer in good working condition, and a pair of lamps.

Please call the office for information on the above items.

The Rebeccas Circle

would like to invite the women of the church to a Christmas Brunch and ornament exchange on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Brunch will be at the Cedar Bluff Holiday Inn, husbands are welcome. Please RSVP to Donna Walker, thetwwalkers@att.net, or Faye O'Neal, 693-0656, by December 17th if you plan to come.

Dear Friends,

12/3/08

I want to thank everyone for all the help you have so loving given to me throughout the year. I am so blest to have such a Christ like church family. I miss seeing you all and ask for your continued prayers for Taylor, Olivia and myself.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Ford

FCP Angel Tree

We have our own Angel Tree. It is located in the office. On the tree there are names of needy children who could use a little Christmas cheer through a Christmas gift(s). If you would like to participate in this effort please come and look at the tree. Make a child smile this Christmas. Please purchase and return the gifts by Sunday, December 21. Thank you!

Thanks to the firewood splitters who came to the aid of Fred Johnson and split firewood for him. Firewood is his sole source of heat. Thanks-Steve Goodrich, Jeff Golliher, Bob and Zack Fox (Scout Troop 20).