

# The Cumberland

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A Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

April 11, 2007

### GOD BLESS YOU FOR SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!!!

I want to thank God for all of you who gave so much during this Lenten-Easter season!

Sam and Karen Ware and the choir did a magnificent job in presenting *"Written in Red,"* one of the most powerful cantatas ever performed anywhere.

The Living Lord's Supper monologues from James O'Neal, Billy Davis, Brent Witmer, Larry Fielder, Bill Ivey, J. David Hester, Bill Halbert, Steve Goodrich, Tom Witmer, Nathaniel Hester, Mike Bachman, and Dave Wann challenged everyone who came to the table of our Lord.

Dr. Hester's sunrise message, "The Easter Rush," was a magnificent call to proclaim the Resurrection in the secular world where people live and die without ever knowing the Lord of Life!

Our Easter Sunday services concluded with the message that Jesus is God's one and only wonderful way to heaven and eternal life. Thanks to the Clark Memorial Handbell Choir for the call to worship and to Rev. Bill Ivey who led us in the celebration of Holy Communion. From beginning to end we lifted up Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

To Steve Summers who ran the sound system for multiple services throughout the week; to all who helped with Resurrection Day Sunday School classes, hospitality to visitors, and preparation of the sunrise breakfast early Sunday: God bless you for proclaiming the Good News loud and clear!

### "FUNFEST!" THIS SATURDAY

How is it possible to have so much fun while sharing God's love with families, children, and youth all over our community?

Come and find out this Saturday, April 14, rain or shine, when "FUNFEST!" is held at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6900 Nubbin Ridge Road. You can stay an hour or all day but get ready to welcome a lot of folks between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Don't forget to wear your "I Love My Church" t-shirts! All members and friends of the church are hereby appointed greeters and ambassadors for "FUNFEST!"

There will be six large inflatables, fifteen carnival games, door prizes, face-painting, wandering drama groups, cake-walks, all kinds of good food, balloons, cotton candy, snowcones, popcorn, sodas, and some other surprises.

Registration will take place as people come up to the drive-through so please park around back. "FUNFEST!" will be held on the front lawn or in the gym in case of rain or cold.

There are several things we would like to get done in preparation for "FUNFEST!" If you can help, please do so:

- (1) Mow or clean up the church grounds by Friday of this week;
- (2) Help make directional and informational signs for inside and outside.
- (3) Setup of tables and chairs in the gym Friday evening (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- (4) Early setup crew for Saturday morning (7:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.)

Please call the church office this week if you have any questions or suggestions (588-8581). See you Saturday!

### AN INVITATION TO GROW IN FAITH!

God has five purposes for your life: worship, fellowship, growth, service, and mission. Right now First Church is offering you a way to discover and use your God-given spiritual gifts for serving. If your faith has been dormant and you need to improve your service, take the special series "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" beginning this Sunday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. You don't have to sign up, just show up. Dr. J. David Hester will help you find your gift/s and help you decide how and where you can use them right here at First Church!

### NEW STUDY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Everyone not presently attending a Sunday School class is invited to take part in a new 13-week study, "The Thirteen Apostles." Each Sunday will be devoted to one of Christ's followers ending with the elected substitute Matthias. The study, being taught by Rev. Bill Ivey, begins this Sunday, April 15, 9:30 a.m. in room 30. If you would like to participate and purchase a text, please let Bill know.

### UPWARD BASKETBALL TRAINING

First Church is looking for four people who will be pioneers in organizing our first Upward Basketball league in 2008. Churches who participate are required to attend a training session which will be held in Knoxville at Grace Baptist Church April 20 and 21 (Friday night and Saturday).

If you feel God calling you to be part of this new ministry with the potential to reach hundreds of youth and children, please let me know right away. We are sending in the \$400.00 fee immediately, believing those who are called will come forward!

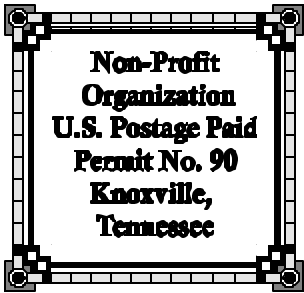
### PEGGY'S REPORT: MISSION TO PANAMA!

Sunday, April 22, 10:45 a.m. Peggy O'Neal will tell the story of her medical mission trip to Panama. Peggy had an eye-opening, life-changing experience and you won't want to miss the details. Following the morning service we will enjoy our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share! Don't forget to put this special mission Sunday on your calendar now!

### LET'S STAY FOCUSED!

- (1) Daily prayer for church growth.
- (2) Daily positive witness for the church.
- (3) Pray for and invite our "potential congregation."
- (4) Personal commitment to stewardship and ministry support.
- (5) Personal involvement in "FUNFEST" April 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- (6) Change old habits to make new people feel like "family."
- (7) "Pray Until Something Happens!"

Pastor Kevin



Join Us For Worship This  
Sunday!  
And bring a friend!

# Happy Birthday

## April 2007

18~Brian McVey  
22~Creed Garrett  
22~Y. J. Allan  
22~Brandon Sprague

## Activities for April 14-21, 2007

Sat., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. FUNFEST  
Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service,  
Sermon, "We are Gifted! By Dr. J. David Hester  
6:00 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Study  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Session

## Stewardship Report for April 8, 2007

Sunday School.....43  
Worship.....130  
Offering.....\$1,997.00

### Year-to-Date (as of April 8, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$42,918.31  
Expenses paid to date: \$69,277.12

## Infant Baptism

Laci LeeAnn Witmer, daughter of Brent and Leah Witmer, received infant baptism during the Easter service. Grandparents Lois and Tom Witmer are elders of our congregation. Also at the service were brother Hunter and grandparents Curtis and Carla Sweeney along with a number of Laci's relatives.

## FISH UPDATE

Our bagging team very quickly filled 121 bags in less than an hour last week. The team consisted of Steve and Wendy Goodrich, Jane Carroll, Faye, James, Peggy, Sydney, Emma and Eli O'Neal (with nephews Miles and Ethan), Donna, Marikate, and Jessica Walker, Mark Boggs (who took the cardboard to recycle), Tammy Eblen, Lindsay Duncan, and Betty Hammill, and Kristi, Katherine, and Caitland of Thursday Connection. Thank you super workers. Our next bagging session will be this Saturday April 14th, and will begin at 9 a.m. so we can finish quickly and attend Funfest at the church. This week I bought some more dried milk from Second Harvest Food Bank and vegetable soup from Food City. Thank you for your Continuing super support in helping feed the hungry in our community.

Betty Hammill



Newsletter  
Deadline

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 2:00 p.m. on Mondays to Dianne Fielder at firstcpc@earthlink.net or call the church



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California  
Ronnie Gann (Peggy O'Neal's brother) in Iraq

### In Convalescence

Pollye Pharaoh at Brakebill

### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia, Dick Congdon, Brack Emory, Mary Jane Blaylock, Denominational Center Task Force, Donna Wann (mother of David Wann), Ileana Grace Hayes, Bill Hammill, Reba Smith, Bill & Flora Mae Keene, Marlene Ritchey, Mildred Stone, Tom Raines, Edna Fleenor, Maxine McGuire, Vera Stewart, Mrs. Don Franks, Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother), Margaret Lindsay, Mary Cregger, Jennie Lee Middlemas, Lucy Hesler, Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother), JoAnn Ford, Howard Eblen, William Barron (Lee's Father), family of Claude Wilkins, Rose Gauthler, Mary Matthew, Kay Tipton, Carol King, Dorothy Damron and Lee Oberlieesen (friends of Dorothy Porter), Doug Bailey, friend of the Witmers, Dewaine Moncier, Jr., Mary Lynn Tolar, Peggy Bradshaw, and 5-yr. old Julia (4 requests by Dianne Fielder), James Ragsdale, uncle of Danny Eblen.

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

## CPWM SUPPORTS FUNFEST

As our spring activity, CPWM will participate in the April 14 Funfest. In addition to helping with other events of the day, we will hold a Cake Walk. All ladies are asked to bring a cake, either home baked or purchased. If possible, cakes should be brought to the church Friday, April 13. (Anyone who cannot provide a cake can contribute money and we will purchase one at the bakery.) We are hoping this will be a fundraiser as well as fun for the kids! We also need your help in working, as we need at least two workers per shift. For more information, please call Ann Bachman at 694-0097 or Dianne Fielder at 588-8581.

## I Love My Church Tee Shirts ARE Here

The shirts arrived in time for distribution Sunday to all who had ordered and prepaid for their shirts. We have a few extras for sale at \$10.00. If you would like to purchase one, please call Dianne at the church office 588-8581. Remember to wear them to FUNFEST!

## Change of Address

Please note that Jesse and Amy Fielder Pritchard have moved to 1600 Cambridge Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22903

## Our People in the News

If you missed the feature "go whole HAM" in the Knoxville Sentinel food section last week, you can see the article on the bulletin board outside the church office. Who knew Charles Franks is a great chef? He also gave credit to sister Karen Ware, our choir director, and listed her recipe for coleslaw. Charles tells about his family's influence on his interest in cooking and wife Louise's traditional British cuisine. Now we'll be expecting Charles to share his expertise with us.