

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

January 13, 2010



"HOW TO BE BLESSED BY THE WORD!"

(James 1:19-27)

The Bible is a book of blessing! In 2009 there were 500 million Bibles published in the world in 18,000 different languages. Yet millions of people still missed the blessings of the Bible. Within its pages every human being can find comfort, strength, hope, wisdom, joy, power, and purpose for 2010!

James says there are three steps you have to take if you want to be blessed by the word of God:

(1) You must RECEIVE IT!

That means "welcoming" the word, listening to the word, getting rid of anger and any other emotions that create barriers to reception of the word, confessing any sins that block your hearing of the word, and being humble and teachable. Give God permission to do what He wants to do in your life--- "implant" the word which is "able to save your soul!"

(2) You must REFLECT ON IT!

Saddleback pastor Rick Warren gives us a study tool which can be used to hold up the "mirror" of the scriptures so that we can reflect deeply on what we see. Use the following acronym anytime you want to read and focus on the meaning of a passage:

Sin---Is there a sin to confess?

Promise---Is there a promise to claim?

Attitude---Is there an attitude to change?

Command---Is there a command to obey?

Example---Is there an example to follow?

Pray---Is there a prayer to pray?

Error---Is there an error to avoid?

Truth---Is there a truth to believe?

Something---Is there something to thank God for?

Also meditate over and over on the meaning of the word and finally memorize---nothing will be more powerful to you when you face life's surprises, trials, heights and depths than remembering God's promises and timeless truths from Scripture.

(3) You must RESPOND TO IT!

James says the real test of Christian maturity is not Bible knowledge but the development of Christian character which comes as we practice and apply the word to daily living! We must become "doers" rather than merely "hearers!"

The ultimate blessing of the word comes when we start living it! Jesus gives us the final say-so in John 13:17:

"Now that you know these things, you will be truly blessed if you do them!" (John 13:17)

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING

2010 will be the year when the Cumberland Presbyterian Church takes a giant step toward expanding our mission work in Mexico. Thank you so much for your generous "Gift to the King" offering in December, 2009 (\$345.00!). The proceeds will be used to purchase property for a new church, hire a church planter and start outreach and new church development ministries right away. Pray that God will bless the harvest!

UPWARD BASKETBALL RE-STARTS THIS SATURDAY!

Due to the snow delay Upward Basketball begins its third season this Saturday, January 16, 11:00 a.m. at First Church. Boys and girls, kindergarten through grade six, will play their first games of the seven-week season.

Upward Basketball is committed to making sure "every child plays, every child learns, and every child is a winner."

Please pray for this important ministry and attend as many games as you can. Your encouragement makes a difference!

"THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE FORGIVEN"

Feed Your Faith of Knoxville will host a day-long men's conference, *"The Good, the Bad, and the Forgiven,"* this Saturday, January 16, 1:00-10:30 p.m. at Sevier Heights Baptist Church. Featured speakers include Michael Franzese, Dr. Voddie Baucham, Hallerin Hilton Hill, and Burt Rosen. See www.FeedYourFaith for tickets and more information! All proceeds from the conference will benefit Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

SESSION MEETINGS

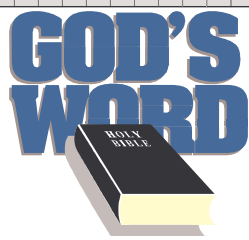
The first regular Session meeting of 2010 will be Tuesday, January 19, 6:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. The annual planning retreat will be held the following Sunday, January 24 immediately following morning worship. All elders are encouraged to be present!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is looking for new members in 2010 and everyone 55 and older is automatically included. The group will be going out for lunch each month to a selected restaurant. Wednesday, January 20, 11:00 a.m. you can join us at Lulu's Tea Room, 3703 West Beaver Creek Drive. For reservations, sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581. Restaurant suggestions are welcome by calling Dick and Esther Congdon (689-9692).

~ Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!
And bring a friend!

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Happy Birthday

January

17-Alice Montgomery

18-Diane Clark

20-Ryan Hoy

22-Jim Bemiller

22-Inga Himelright-Pharaoh

23-Kaycee Self

Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker),
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer
Lea Acuff, Brakebill

Evelyn Crowell, Shannondale Assisted Living
JoAnn Ford, St. Mary’s Hospital, #86

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park; Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson, (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal’s); Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Felder’s next door neighbor); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Austin Johnson; Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet (friends of Cliff Parrott); family of Danny McDonald (brother-in-law of Stephen Park); family of Rev. Don Alexander; Sarah Pipkin; Julie Rech; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Jeame Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy); Evelyn Crowell (back home).

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

Activities for January 17–January 23, 2010

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	6:00 a.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat.,	11:00 a.m.	Upward Basketball

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 10, 2010

Sunday School.....	33
Worship.....	67
Offering.....	.\$1,426.25
Capital Improvements Fund	\$10.00
Expenses paid last week	\$8,450.30

Celebrating 200 Years!!!



The Presbytery of East Tennessee invites you to a special 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 31, 3:30 p.m. at Talbott C. P. Church, Talbott, TN.

Dinner will be served at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Reservations are required by Monday, January 18. Please call Peggy Long (423-586-5355) or send an e-mail to mfsharp@musfiber.com.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2010 are available in the narthex. Please call the church office if you need them mailed (588-8581).

Hailey’s first meet of 2010 and last local meet for the 2009 season will be held in at the downtown Knoxville Convention Center. The meet is called Flip Fest. Hailey is scheduled to compete Jan 18th, Monday at 11:20 am. So if you would like to see her compete in person, let Tom, Lois or Allison know and we will save you seats. We are hoping the she will continue her streak this season of winning the All-Around gymnast at every meet she has competed in.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

A service of ordination and installation for our newly elected elders (Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder) will be held Sunday, January 17 at the close of morning worship. Remember them in your prayers as they prepare to begin their three-year terms of office!

Pioneer Clubs!

All Pioneer Club kids and their friends are invited to a rescheduled Ice Skating Party Saturday, January 16, 2:00 p.m. at the Ice Chalet. Make a list of your friends and bring them all to this winter blast! For more information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

The twelve-week, winter-spring session of Pioneer Clubs will begin Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m. Adult volunteers will be needed as club leaders and for preparing weekly club meals. Will you help us! For more information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

Directory Update

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