

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

January 27, 2010

# 20!

### NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR!

Will First Cumberland Presbyterian Church be able to reach twenty new members in 2010? That's the goal the Session set in our annual retreat last Sunday! It's only a number but it represents our commitment to reach new people for Christ and His Church this year. Will you join us in praying for, inviting, welcoming, discipling, loving, and including the new people God will send our way? It may be more than twenty! Let's see what God will do when we honor the Great Commandment and the Great Commission! Let's see what happens when we do evangelism as Jesus taught us!

### "MODEL FOR MISSION!"

(Mark 2:13-17)

In Mark's gospel we find an exquisite little drama with three principal actors: Matthew, who responds wholeheartedly to Jesus' invitation ("follow me"); the Pharisees, who criticize Jesus for accepting a dinner party invitation, and Jesus who defends his actions by likening Himself to a doctor:

*"Healthy people don't need a doctor," He says. "Sick people do! I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough!" (Mark 2:17)*

Where do we fit in this drama?

There are two lessons in evangelism we need to learn from Matthew: (1) You can't invite your friends to meet Jesus until you've met Him yourself! You have to know Him before you can make Him known. (2) Once you've met Jesus it is the most natural thing in the world to want to introduce Him to your friends!

The Pharisees' mistake was separating themselves from sinners! They thought the best way to live a holy and righteous life was to avoid all contact with the unrighteous. That's why they were so shocked to see the company Jesus kept.

But Jesus taught us that true holiness is not a matter of the company we keep but a matter of the heart. "It's the pure in heart," He said, "who will see God!"

Jesus spent his time with sinners not because He liked sickness nor because He approved of being sick, but because He was dedicated to healing! The Great Physician of souls came into the world to save sinners!

Jesus Christ is our model for evangelism, outreach and missions. He calls us to pursue people for the Kingdom where they are and as they are, not isolate ourselves from their lives, and problems, and behaviors!

God Himself is a rescuer and Christianity is a rescue religion! God is passionate about finding and healing and saving people.

So what about us? Where do we fit in the picture? Will First Cumberland Presbyterian Church grow in 2010? Will we reach the secular world around us for Christ?

We will if we will do evangelism Jesus' way! He welcomed sinners and ate with them, got to know them, loved them, healed them, and saved them!

Let's join Him in His mission!



Pioneer Clubs continues this Sunday, January 31, 4:00 p.m. and we are still looking for some new faces! All children of the church are encouraged to bring their friends along for a wonderful time in the Lord each week through April 11!

We are grateful to all of you who are signing up for evening meals! We have just a few openings left (March 7, 21, 28, April 4). Please sign up for one meal on the Pioneer Club bulletin board outside the church library or call director Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Church! You can volunteer for one or two Sundays or a month. This is a vital children's ministry of our church. Resources are provided. If you can help please contact director Amanda Roberts (925-4333).

### UPWARD BASKETBALL CONTINUES THIS SATURDAY!

What's new in Upward Basketball this year? A "full court" game for older children is a new twist! So far we've had great games with all the teams!

A very dedicated team of veterans are in charge of this ministry which uses basketball as an outreach tool. Come out and see the games and support their efforts to introduce children to Jesus Christ!

The season continues on Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through February 27.

### SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Get ready to invite all your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates to our special "Scout Sunday" celebration February 14, 10:45 a.m. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts and their leaders, families, and friends will join us in worship. Since it is also "Valentine's Day" we will take the opportunity to celebrate God's love together that day. Look for more details in next week's Cumberlander!

~ Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

February

| Activities for January 31–February 6, 2010    |            |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Sun.,                                         | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                |
|                                               | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service              |
| Tues.,                                        | 11:00 a.m. | West Circle—Keene Room       |
|                                               | 6:30 p.m.  | Building & Grounds Committee |
| 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 24, 2010 |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School.....                      | 48          |
| Worship.....                            | 87          |
| Offering.....                           | .\$2,285.10 |
| Capital Improvements Fund .....         | \$115.00    |
| Expenses paid last week .....           | \$3,579.72  |

## 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.

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

Hard worker available to do housekeeping on a regular basis. Call 633-6011.  
THANKS FOR THE MITTENS

On the first sunny day after the thaw from the deep freeze, the mittens, gloves, scarves and sewing supplies for the doll makers have been delivered to CAM!! (Coalition of Appalachian Ministries)  
They will now be delivered this week to children who need them in Upper east Tennessee. Special appreciation was conveyed to First Church and all Cumberland Presbyterians who help in so many ways.  
Faye O’Neal

### Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker),  
St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer  
Lea Acuff, Brakebill  
Mildred Acuff, Brakebill  
Al Hall, Park West Hospital  
William Ryan, (premature baby of a friend of the Rech’s)  
Children’s Hospital  
Vester Summitt, St. Mary’s Hospital

### 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; Friscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; 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; 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); Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Austin Johnson; Onnie Bailes and Carl Overstreet (friends of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy); Evelyn Crowell; the family of Paul Cooper Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s uncle).

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

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

**Directory Update**  
O’Neal, James and Peggy  
2605 Kenilworth Drive  
Albany, GA 31707

Dear Church Family,  
Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, John became an official candidate for Knox County Trustee. We would like to ask you to pray for him and me in the next few months as we embark on this season of our lives. We want to be an example of God's love in all we do, say, and are--and that can get kind of tricky in any campaign. We are thankful you will keep us accountable and for the encouragement just your smile offers.  
We love you,  
John and Lindsay Duncan

**WEST CIRCLE**  
will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Please bring a sandwich for lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.