

# The Cumberland

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You're Invited to Join Us on A

# Mission to Korea

*With Ernest and Michelle Gillis*

**This Sunday, January 27  
10:45 A.M.**

**\* "Gift to the King"  
Offering Received**  
(envelopes provided)

**\*Potluck Luncheon in the Gym**  
(please bring meats, salads,  
vegetables, or desserts  
to share with everyone)

### DENOMINATION DAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 3

Cumberland Presbyterians of East Tennessee Presbytery will gather for our annual "Denomination Day" celebration Sunday, February 3, 3:30 p.m. at Cedar Hill CP Church in Greeneville. Rev. Iwao Satoh from Japan will deliver the message and a fellowship meal will follow. If you would like to attend please let me know. You may call in your dinner reservation to the host church (423-639-0268).

By the way we will be 198 years-old. Our denomination was founded February 4, 1810 in Dickson, Tennessee ( 40 miles south of Nashville).

### "YOU ARE INVITED TO AN 'AGAPE' FEAST!"

Easter comes early in 2008 (March 23) so the elders and I invite you to an "Agape Feast" during the season of Lent. The early church held daily love feasts! Look at Acts 2:46 if you want to get an idea of what they were like.

Our "Agape Feasts" will include all members and regular attenders but they are also an excellent opportunity for you to bring friends and family who do not have a church family.

Our "Agape Feasts" will include time for fellowship, prayer, a Lenten devotional from the Bible, and Holy Communion. The schedule includes four Sunday evenings during Lent:

- Sunday, February 17, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Lee Barron and Valerie Wann)*
- Sunday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders James O'Neal and Dianne Pipkin)*
- Sunday, March 9, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Tom and Lois Witmer and Steve Summers)*
- Sunday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. (hosted by Elders Steve McCurry and Steve Goodrich)*

For the next two Sundays we will pass around a sign-up sheet for you to indicate which Sunday you are not available to join us. After that, we will be in touch with you to let you know the date and time and all other details for the "Agape Feasts."

May God richly bless our time of fellowship in the Lord!

### WE CONTINUE UPWARD!

We enjoyed another blessed week with Upward Basketball last Saturday. Thank God for all of you who have given your time to see children and their families welcomed into the Lord's house! Please be in prayer for the Awards Night Sunday, March 2 when an invitation to follow Christ will be given. May those the Spirit is calling be moved to respond!

### "THE CROSSING" MEETINGS FOR SPRING

John and Lindsay Duncan, our youth directors, are still looking for youth, grades 6-12, who want to be part of a fantastic youth group on Sunday evenings. Below is a list of the scheduled meetings for spring. Hey kids! Let John and Lindsay know of your desire to be part of a special group like "The Crossing!" It's one great way to build a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ!

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| <i>Sunday, January 27, 5-6 PM</i> | <i>Sunday, February 24, 5-6 PM</i> | <i>Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, LOCK-IN, time TBD</i> |
| <i>Sunday, March 30, 5-6 PM</i>   | <i>Sunday, April 13, 5-6 PM</i>    | <i>Sunday, April 27, 5-6 PM</i>                        |

### HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are still looking for helpers for Children's Church for the months of February through December. The Christian Education Committee asks you to sign up for one month. A curriculum is provided for K-3 while a toddler nursery (ages 1-4) will be staffed by a paid nursery worker. If you can help, please contact Nancy Wood (357-1946).

### 'ELDER ON CALL' FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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| January 27  | Dianne Pipkin | February 17 | Lois Witmer |
| February 3  | Steve Summers | February 24 | Tom Witmer  |
| February 10 | Valerie Wann  |             |             |

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



January

28-Kevin Wood  
30-Kim Halbert



February

2-Daniel Stafford

Activities for January 26–February 2, 2008

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for January 20, 2008

Sunday School.....52  
Worship.....89  
Offering.....\$2,682.75  
Capital Improvements Fund .....\$200.00  
Memorial/Building Fund.....\$15.00  
Expenses paid last week .....\$4,253.12

Year-to-Date (as of January 20, 2008)

Offerings received to date:.....\$10,848.67  
Expenses paid to date:.....\$14,341.69

Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....\$53,042.00  
Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with the our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

The Session approved the committee’s recommendation to award the roofing contract to Henley Roofing so that work may begin as soon as possible. The base amount of the bid is \$150,034. Mr. Al Barnes is drawing up the contract for both parties to sign. The gas fired boiler shut down on Sunday night. Archer AC came Monday afternoon to work on getting it running so we have heat. As of Tuesday PM, we still do not have heat. If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O’Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

New Volunteer Program

We are attempting to revive an old volunteer program, Office Volunteers. We are asking persons who are able to come and work in the office for a couple of hours a day. Duties would include: answering the phone, making copies, entering data into our computer system, helping Pastor, helping in office and building, collecting attendance registers from Church, maintain office area, being another happy face for our building guests to see, etc. If interested, contact Jewell Kerr at 690-8903 or Tom Witmer.

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.



Prayer Concerns



In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California  
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron’s cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Ft. Campbell Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; JoAnn Ford; Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermlen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Thomas King; Gladys Stone; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Marion Biggs; Margaret Knopp; Mary Hines; Judy and Toby Rogers; Lea Acuff; Cliff Limerick; Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s Aunt); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); A. R. Wood (Kevin Wood’s brother); the family of Olivia Grace Thrasher who died January 14 (great niece of Faye O’Neal); Hannah Davis.

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

A Need

Does anyone have or know of anyone who has a wood burning stove for 20”–22” logs that is no longer needed and needs a new home???? Well, if you are that person or know someone who is then call 548-4083. They would really like to take it off your hands!!!



The BOOMERS are back and ready to get together! This group is for 30, 40, 50, and 60 somethings (the older we get, the more we raise the age limit!) to get together for dinner and socializing. Our first dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17th at P.F. Changs at 6:00. We would love to have a great turnout and make this a regular part of our church family relationship. Please call Steve and Wendy Goodrich (691-4069) by Wednesday, Feb. 14th if you will be able to join us. All are invited and we hope to see everyone there!

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GIVING STATEMENTS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES

Giving statements for 2007 and offering envelopes for 2008 are now available in the narthex. Please pick yours up in the coming weeks.