

# February 2012 Church Calendar

Elders for the month of November are Carroll Gotcher and Bill Grogan

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- 2 Donnie Cox  
Lee Ann Gray  
Ethel James
- 4 Denise Newberry
- 5 Ruth Sapp  
Abby Vaughn
- 7 Ann Clark  
Earl Nichols
- 8 Aubrey Smith
- 9 Lois Squires
- 10 Bill Greer  
Tina Thurman
- 13 Jo Gentry
- 15 Chelsea Cranford  
Kim Wright
- 16 Ann Shaeffer
- 17 Brenda Hayslette
- 18 Dana Davidson  
Morgan Farris
- 19 Lee Webb
- 20 Brooke Farris  
Karen Idem  
Marie Pearson
- 21 Pete Weber
- 25 Janice Gentry
- 26 Mel Presley
- 27 Alannah Gregory
- 28 Nancy Byers  
Victoria Idem

# Volunteer of the Month - February 2012 - Bill Greer



Meet Bill Greer – friend, teacher, veteran, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and all round good guy! He is a person whom most of us know by sight, but, because he is a rather quiet person who generally works behind the scenes, many of us may not know the real Bill Greer.

Bill hails from Elizabethton, Tennessee, a small town near Johnson City. After graduating from high school, Bill served four years in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in Scotland for two years before being sent to Elmendorf Air Force base in Anchorage, Alaska. As a Communications Technician, his job in the Navy was to send and receive messages in Morse code. It was during his days in Alaska that he met and married his wife Janna, who happened to be the sister of one of his fellow servicemen.

When Bill finished his tour of duty, he and Janna moved to southeastern Tennessee to be near his family. Bill spent six years working for the telephone company before realizing that he really wanted to be a teacher. He decided that Tennessee Tech was the place he needed to be, so he, Janna, and

their young daughters moved to Cookeville, and Bill earned his degree in Elementary Education. He then went to work as a 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Sycamore Elementary School, a job which he kept for twenty years. He spent the next fifteen years teaching math at Avery Trace Middle School until his retirement from the school system in 2009.

Shortly after moving to Cookeville in 1976, Bill and Janna went in search of a church home. Fortunately for us, they found one here at First Cumberland Presbyterian. During the past thirty years, Bill has found many avenues of service to the church. He was the sound technician for our 8:45 worship services for nearly five years. He has been a member of both the Building/Grounds and Missions committees, and has served on the PSA (college ministry) Board. In years past, Bill taught the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class and filled in as the teacher for the college class. He and Janna are members of the Friendship Sunday School class, and Bill is an active member of the Cookeville Kiwanis Club.

After Bill retired from teaching, he spent time pursuing some of his favorite hobbies - trout fishing and restoring antique cars. He was enjoying life as a retiree when a completely unexpected tragedy struck on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. It was on that day that Bill suffered a massive stroke which threatened to claim his life. The doctors warned the family that if Bill survived, it was unlikely that he would ever walk again. Despite such dire predictions, he has made nearly a full recovery. Bill says that he is **certain** his recovery is a result of all the prayers that were said on his behalf.

Bill Greer is truly a miracle in our midst! As one might expect from a strong Christian such as Bill, he has not allowed the inconvenient effects of his stroke to rob him of the joy of living. He is back to doing things that he loves, and has found yet another way to volunteer his time to the church. Bill now tutors some of our middle school students each Wednesday evening following the church dinner. We thank you, Bill, for all the many things you have done and continue to do for our church, and for your powerful witness to all of us. Your courage is inspirational!

Joy Rachor