

## The Church Is Called to Evangelism

*You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another.*

The Message (Peterson)

The 2007 General Assembly adopted Evangelism as a 5-year priority for the church. The 2009 Miniversities are a joint ministry of the Boards of Mission and Christian Education and the new Ministry Council to help congregations claim the call to be "witnesses in Judea and Samaria and the ends of the earth."

But what is evangelism? Is it an outdated term that hasn't caught up with the 21st Century? In what ways can church leaders be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in mobilizing the church for this unique ministry of sharing the Good News? What is the role of teachers and Christian education leaders in being evangelists?

The miniversities will address these questions and more.

For just \$25 each you can send teachers, pastors, elders, outreach ministry team members, and others. Leaders can select the specific track that relates to their particular roles.

The Miniversity is designed for 3 1/2 hours and includes a break with coffee and other refreshments. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

### Here's what you'll get:

- 3 1/2 hours of focused training in evangelism ministry;
- Opportunity to participate with persons of other congregations in sharing insights and ideas;
- Qualified Leadership from a Trained Consultant who knows the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## Coming to a church near YOU in 2009!

	<b>Alabama</b>	
Birmingham	Rocky Ridge	Mar. 7
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	Feb. 28
	<b>Arkansas</b>	
Russellville	Russellville	Feb. 21
Hot Springs	Lake Hamilton	Mar. 7
	<b>Florida</b>	
Valrico	Hope	Feb. 28
	<b>Indiana</b>	
Chandler	Chandler	Mar. 7
	<b>Kentucky</b>	
Bowling Green	Bowling Green	Feb. 21
Paducah	Woodlawn	Mar. 14
	<b>Mississippi</b>	
Columbus	First CPC	Feb. 21
	<b>Missouri</b>	
Springfield	First CPC	Feb. 28
	<b>New Mexico</b>	
Albuquerque	Heights	Mar. 7
	<b>Oklahoma</b>	
Oklahoma City	Eastlake	Feb. 28
	<b>Tennessee</b>	
Brentwood	Brenthaven	Feb. 28
Chattanooga	First CPC	Feb. 21
McKenzie	First CPC	Feb. 21
Memphis	Faith	Mar. 14
Powell	Beaver Creek	Mar. 14
Winchester	Winchester	Mar. 14
	<b>Texas</b>	
Marshall	Marshall	Mar. 7
Odessa	St. Andrew	Feb. 21
Austin	First CPC	Mar. 14
Burleson	St. Matthew	Mar. 7

## Registration Form

(Please print or type.)

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(See list in middle section.)

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(We will need the name of each person who will attend.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please list additional registrations on a separate sheet and attach.)*

No. persons for Track I: \_\_\_\_\_

No. persons for Track II: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your completed registration form plus the entire registration fee (\$25 per person) to:

**Miniversity**  
**8207 Traditional Place, Memphis, TN 38016**

(Make checks payable to *Cumberland Presbyterian Church*, noting payment for *miniversity registrations*. Remember **you must register two weeks before the date of the event you wish to attend.**

Late registrations cannot be accepted.)



This event is made possible through *your* contributions to OUR UNITED OUTREACH!

## Meeting People with The Message . . .

### Track I

#### Directed by Board of Missions

For elders, pastors, and planners of outreach ministry to:

- Explore the meaning of evangelism;
- Discover the role of the church in a ministry of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord;
- Identify and practice ways in which the church can fulfill its call to do evangelism in its cultural context; and,
- Affirm God's gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us for the calling to be evangelists.

### Track II

#### Directed by Board of Christian Education

For teachers, directors of Christian education, youth ministers and other Christian education leaders to:

- Explore the meaning of evangelism;
- Discover the role of the teacher in living and sharing the good news;
- Identify a variety of ways in which teachers/leaders can fulfill their call to do evangelism in Christian education settings; and,
- Affirm God's gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us for the calling to be evangelists.

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*Evangelism* comes from *evangel* which means good message. It should not be defined in terms of the results, rather, it should be defined in terms of the activity of setting forth the good news itself.

Evangelization is a process of bringing the gospel to people where they are, not where you would like them to be... When the gospel reaches a people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place...

—Vincent Donovan

Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.

—D. T. Niles

"Clearly evangelism is a process that happens, and therefore can best be described as a verb..., the communication of Christ to those who do not consider themselves Christians." —J. Andrew Kirk, *What Is Mission?*

### Registration Deadlines

**February 7:** Russellville, Bowling Green, Columbus, Chattanooga, McKenzie, Odessa

**February 14:** Scottsboro, Valrico, Springfiled, Oklahoma City, Brentwood

**February 21:** Birmingham, Hot Springs, Chandler, Albuquerque, Marshall, Burleson

**February 28:** Paducah, Memphis, Powell, Winchester, Austin

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## Evangelism Miniversity

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