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From the Pastor

It has been said, that it is a sin to be "Prideful." I must confess to you that I am guilty of the sin of showing "Pride." I am very proud of this congregation and your commitment to serving God and providing a beautiful place to worship and learn of God and his son Jesus Christ. You have the desire to give to the Lord your very best and I feel that we see this desire of placing the best offering before the Lord with this church.

Two weeks ago I challenged the congregation to look to the future and see the need for constructing new classrooms for Christian education. We have already filled the classes that we have in the children's department and in three of our adult classes. The session said, "We are going to build new classrooms in house and purchase the material and start the project." We need \$41,000.00 to do the work.

As of September 22, 2002, we have received \$12,602, from big checks, medium checks, small checks, and coins from the children. Everyone, regardless of their income or abilities is sharing in the ministries of the whole church. I believe that we will have our \$41,000 by Thanksgiving. On November 24th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving we will have a Fall Harvest Offering and hopefully we can announce that we have met our goal. I am very proud of this church and its determination to bless the Lord and lead people to Christ and his kingdom.

So, now I must ask God to forgive me for my pride, and be thankful for the present and the future, for it is truly in His hands. Let us all rejoice in the Lord and His goodness.

Tony



Bake Sale/ Yard Sale

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will be sponsoring a Bake Sale and Yard Sale, at our present church location, on **Saturday, October 19**, between 8 am and 2 pm. Everyone is encouraged to clean out their attics and closets for the fall season. Bring anything that is in relatively good condition for resale. The church will be open between 4 pm and 8 pm on Friday night and after 7 am on Saturday morning to accept baked goods and yard sale items. If these hours are inconvenient, please contact Marlene (352-2983) or Katrina (352-9259) to make other arrangements. Please bring any extra hangers and grocery bags you may have hanging around. The proceeds from the sales will be given to the Sunday School Room project, so let's make this the best yard sale McKenzie has ever seen.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Magazine

October 13 has been designated as "Church Paper Sunday" by the General Assembly. The magazine contains articles about Cumberland Presbyterians from all over the denomination. A one-year subscription is \$24.00 (11 issues) of the magazine, \$40 for two years. To subscribe, fill out the form below. Mail to: The Cumberland Presbyterian, P. O. Box 155, Lincoln, IL 62656.

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Nomination Committee

The recently appointed Nominating Committee is: Linda Hearn, Chairperson, Bill Kreuter and Tom Smith from the Session and Tommy Surber and Bubba Waddle from the congregation. They will be looking for members of the congregation to serve as elders for a 3-year term. Anyone who has been a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of McKenzie for one year and is not employed by the church can be nominated to serve as elder. After the Nomination Committee reports to the session and the prospective elders have been contacted, the church will have a Congregation Meeting to elect four new elders to serve for a 3-year term. These four elders will replace the four elders who will rotate off the Session on December 31, 2002.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Supper before WOW begins at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays. Classes for everyone will begin at 6 pm. At this time children (ages 4-10) will meet in the gathering area. They will be busy from 6 to 7:30 pm.

At 6 pm, the adults will stay in the Family Life Center for Bible study led by Dr. Tony Janner, while the youth go to their separate rooms upstairs off the walking track. At 7 pm Diann Olson is in charge of informal worship time. The Praise Choir has been excellent. As usual our nurseries are open for any young child under the age of 4.

Thank you to elders Tom Smith and Joe Hames and their shepherd groups who provided the meal on September 18.

On October 2, supper will be prepared by Team 6 with elders Carol Nanney and Bill Kirk and team members: T. Howells; F. Jensen; Lunns; R. Morris; Olsons; Reids; Webbs; D. Blount; Edwards; Hamiltons; Janners; Keenans; J. Stambaugh; Washburns

October 9 will be Family Night and Jean Garrett and Marlene Kreuter will prepare the meal for a donation.

On October 16, Team 5 with elders Dave Peters and Cindy Arnold and their shepherd groups will provide the meal. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Women's Ministry News

The newly reorganized Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry met at the church Monday, September 16th for a Fall kick-off meeting. Ladies from Circle I serving as hostesses decorated the tables for autumn using the brightly hued blossoms of Mexican sunflowers grown by Donna Ward.

This year's theme is "Ask...Seek...Knock". Glynda Corbin conducted the installation of officers. She narrated on version of the story behind the famous Albrecht Durer's famous painting of the praying hands, which is our symbol for the year. Presenting each office and circle chairperson with a framed copy of her sketch of the hands, Glynda installed Donna Ward as president, Charro Keenan as Vice-President, Linda Kelly Secretary, and Robye Lindsey, Treasurer. This year's circle chairs are Bubba Waddle, Cheriadeth Rutledge, Linda Hearn and Dawn Ervin.

Donna began her term of office by asking Edna Gene Forester to accompany us as we sang the theme hymn, "Fill My Cup" and theme song "Seek Ye First".

A new committee has been formed, The Fund-raiser committee, chaired by Marlene Kreuter. Katrina Holancin will assist along with others from each of the circles. Marlene stated we will try to have a fundraiser each month. Bake Sale/Yard Sale in October; a casserole sale in November, cakes and other goodies in December.

Donna reviewed the recommendations of the Executive Committee. They were approved with one change, that the proceeds from the fundraisers go toward building the upstairs Sunday School rooms.

Sunday, October 20 will be Women's Ministry Sunday. Marlene has invited Tana Sue Lawson to be our guest speaker. The WOW praise choir will have special music, and women will be given opportunities to participate in the service.

Looking ahead—March 8, our church will host the regional meeting for Women's Ministry. The New Hope region held their first meeting on September 14 at Martin CPC.

Martha Sue Peters reported that \$812. 51 has been raised from the clothing and things we have given to the Resale shops during the past year.

A nursery will be provided during our quarterly meetings and the babysitter paid from the CPW.

Glynda Corbin gave a report on the June Convention in Paducah, Kentucky. Appreciation was expressed to Marlene Kreuter, outgoing president, Lil True, June Perritt and Robye Lindsey for their work on the yearbook.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Sibyl Rutledge

by Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh

Paul Carroll

by Dave & Martha Peters

Donald Stambaugh

by Dave & Martha Peters

Leo Miller

by Dave & Martha Peters

Sarah Johnson

by Tom & Rhonda Smith

J. C. & Lil True

Joe & Linda Hearn

Fellowship SS Class

Julia Headden

by Lil True

Edna Heath

by C. H. "Red" and Alice Summers

Camp Clark Williamson

Fall Retreats

Junior High Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson is November 1-3 with Mark Brown as director. Senior High Retreat is November 15-17 with Paul Criss as director. The theme for both retreats is "True Colors" based on I Samuel 16:7. Retreats cost \$50 plus money for canteen. Retreats begin at 6 pm on Friday and end at 1:30 pm on Sunday. Registration forms are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. You must pre-register.

Attention Parents

of Children (age 3-Kindergarten)

Please bring snacks for Children's Church--animal cookies, cheese crackers, pretzels, any inexpensive snacks. The children are getting hungry by time for Children's Church. Many of them are used to an early lunch. THANKS for you help.

October Family Night

October Family Night is Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 pm. The menu is bar-b-que, baked beans, slaw and dessert. The donation basket will be beside the door. There will be a slip in the bulletin on Sunday, October 6 for you to sign if you plan to attend, so that Jean and Marlene will know how much food to prepare. Or you may call the church office by Monday, October 7. WOW will begin at 6 pm as usual.

Young Adult Conference

The Cumberland Presbyterian Young Adult Conference is scheduled for January 2-5, 2003 at Camp Gilmont near Gilmer, Texas. The theme is "Come as You Are . . . To Light the Fire" based on Exodus 3. Rev. Chris Joiner, pastor of Elliottsville CPC, Alabaster, AL, and Rev. John Leggett, Brookhaven CPC, Nashville, TN will be theme presenters and worship leaders. Ray Bargas, St. Luke CPC, Fort Worth, TX will be music director. Cost: Singles \$140 (if paid by Oct. 31) or \$160 if paid after Oct. 31. Couples: \$260 (if paid by Oct. 31) or \$280 if paid after Oct. 31. Registration forms, covenants, and other information can be downloaded from www.cumberland.org/bce/ and click on Young Adult Conference 2003.

United Neighbors - Food Pantry Volunteers

United Neighbors needs your help to keep the doors open to assist with benevolent needs in our community. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Byron Pate 352-0547 if you can give of your time.

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to enlist everyone's help in collecting food for United Neighbors. A basket will be provided for each Sunday School Class during the designated month, to be filled with non perishable food items or toiletries. Thanks for your help.

October-Class Friendly
November-Young Adult
December-Youth Dept..
January-Children's Dept

United Neighbors needs canned meats and fruits, dry milk, peanut butter, etc.

Church's Softball Co-Ed Team

The First Cumberland Presbyterian Co-ed Softball team included: Missy Blount, Jeremy Burris, Bess Driggers, Dewayne Ervin, Hunter Garrett, Heather Graham, Kevin Hill, Kelly Kelley, Craig Lunn, Leslie McNeil, Tim and Carol Nanney, Lauren Perritt, Trent Rutledge, Haley Tucker and Kerry Warman.

They won some and lost some but everyone had fun and enjoyed the recreation this season.

Thank You Notes

To the McKenzie church members,
Thank you for everything you've done for us. We appreciate your calls, cards, prayers, visits and food. Your loving kindness is so apparent in all you do for others.

Jon & Myra Carlock

Thanks so much for all of your kindness show during my recent illness. We appreciate the wonderful food that was brought. Our church family means a great deal to us. Please keep us in your prayers.

Jimmie and R. A. James

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and phone calls we received while Dawn was sick.

A special thanks to the youth group who did a great job cleaning our house and babysitting our children. What an awesome church family we belong to.

Love, Dawn and Dewayne Ervin

First Baptist Church Women's Conference

McKenzie First Baptist Church will have their 2nd annual Women's Conference on Saturday, October 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. The guest speaker is Sylvia Harney. Registration begins at 9:15 am. Fee is \$15 which includes lunch. You must register by October 2. For more information, call 352-5391.

Sunday, September 29

Sunday, September 29 is a fifth Sunday in the month. The WOW praise choir will do special contemporary music for the service. Jeremy Burris, a Bethel student, will be our worship leader. Carla Flynn and Vicki Long will sing "Can He, Could He, Would He, Did He" Everyone join us for an uplifting worship service.

Thanks for Your Help!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the WORKDAY at the old church property. The weather cooperated and lots of work was accomplished—cleaning out the manse basement, trimming shrubs, and general clean-up. A special thanks to Dave Peters and Ron Hinton for organizing the WORKDAY, Katrina Holancin for the food, Jay and Alex Wafford for all their hard work.

Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Remember in your Prayers

William Bryant (Oak Manor); Linda Smith; DeeAnn Culbreath; Leigh Henderson (Mary Jane Martin's daughter); Willard Brush; Olean Coleman; Brat and Dot Howell; Iva Lankford; Anita Baker; James Wynn; Gwen Multon; Jennifer Wafford; Anita Coleman; Elizabeth Burroughs; Howard Gurley (Tammy Stambaugh's father); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); the family of Virginia Butler (Tom Keenan's grandmother); Laken Comer; Tommy Putman; Mamie Strickland; Joe Ledbetter (Edna Gene Forester's nephew); Mary Gail & Linda Ward; Jim Reynolds, Joe Frank Brush; Earl White (Bubba Waddle's brother-in-law); Kelly Fortner; Ben Gaines; the family of Edna Heath; Lala Bedinfield (Millie Finley's sister); Betty Mitchell; Joy Lainhart; Jim & Tamika Tolley; William Cole; James Hudson; Robert Lankford (friend of Christopher Hinton); R. A. and Jimmie James; Ollie Hill (Kevin's father); A. J. & Pauline Shankle, (friend of Travillian family); Bobby Roberts; Peter Dempsey; Carl Campbell; Jessie Knott; in the military—Mike Pate, Kevin Kirk, John Mitchell, (Becky Allen's brother), Carrie Pate, Fred Spires, Howard Spires and all our troops, our church; the Session, missionaries and denominational institutions.

October Birthdays

- 2 - Joe Hearn
- 6 - Kristi Corbin
- 8 - Kathy Hull
- 10 - James Hudson
- 11 - C. H (Red) Summers
Sarah Womack
- 13 - Brian Baker
- 15 - Millie Finley
Reba Foster
Linda Lewis
- 16 - Braden Nanney
Annette Womack
- 18 - Bill Bryant
- 20 - Bill Kirk
- 21 - Bill Green
- 22 - Katrina Holancin
James Hickerson
- 23 - Daniel Thomas
- 25 - Drew Edwards
- 26 - Don Reeves
Zakkary Geyer
- 27 - Glynda Corbin
- 29- Virginia Gillenwater
- 30 - Wanda Hudson
Mary Margaret Williams

October Anniversaries

- 2 - Randy & Derrinda Thomas
- 6 - Woodrow & Blondell Young
- 22 - Paul & Diann Olson
- 23 - Brian & Erica Taylor
- 27 - Lynn & Molly Watkins

Sound System Helpers

- October 6- Terry Howell
- October 13 & 20 - Tim Nanney
- October 29 - Craig Lunn

Acolytes for October

- Matt Warren
- Skylor Stambaugh
- Supervisor - Tammy Stambaugh

Circle I will meet on Monday, **October 7 at 1:30 pm** in the Conference Room at the church.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, **October 1** at the home of Millie Finley for a potluck dinner. The program leader is Martha Peters. Meeting time is 6 pm.

Circle III will meet at the home of Betty Scott on **Tuesday, October 8**. Ruth Morris is the program leader. The meeting begins at **7:00 pm**.

Glory Be's Circle will meet at the home of Missy Blount on Sunday, **October 6 at 6 pm** for a potluck meal. Marcia Webb will have the program.

Nursery Helpers

- 6 - Anita Baker & Cathey Stambaugh
- 13 - Debby Aljancic & Sandi Deming
- 20 - Jessica Fortner & Judy Hall
- 27 - Holland Hames & Donna Ward

Ushers

- John Baumgardner, Chairman
- Jean Garrett, Co-Chairman
- Tom Keenan
- Jack Hall
- Gordon Coleman
- Joel Washburn

Greeters

- Oct. 6 (A) Clifford & Marge Matlock
- (B) Paul and Susie Motheral
- (C) Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh
- Oct. 13 (A) John & Janet Baumgardner
- (B) Joe & Roxie Walker & Virginia Walker
- (C) Curtis Summers
- Oct. 20 (A) Charles & Linda Kemp
- (B) J C and Lil True
- (C) Joe & Anne Hames
- Oct. 27 (A) Joe & Jean McKinnie
- (B) Dave & Martha Peters
- (C) Becky Allen & Lindsey Damesworth