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FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank the entire church for the gift of Perpetual Membership in Women's Ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I am very honored to be associated with a group of Praying, Caring, Loving, Kind, Generous, and Hard Working women for Christ. I'm convinced that if women ever united and leave the church, the church would die and close its doors.

In the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McDonnald stated that it was the will of our frontier mothers that wanted two things from their spouses; to build churches and schools for the children. They wanted to be frontiers-women, and they wanted to bring civilization along with them. So again, I say Thank you for honoring me as your Pastor.

Communion is one of the most important things we do in worship. We break the bread of life and drink from the cup of salvation. It is a standing rule for our particular congregation to also serve children along with their parents. However, the church leaders believe it is the responsibility of the parents to instruct their child(ren) as to why we take communion. We believe that baptized children are a part of the covenant of grace.

I also believe as a pastor that children are aware of the presence of Christ, more so than adults and I do not have a problem with your child taking communion as long as their parents give permission. If you do not want your child to partake of communion tell the adults at Children's Church not to serve them, or keep them with you at your side during communion. We do not want to offend, but I feel it is your responsibility.

New Sunday school rooms project is going well and have roughly \$25,000.00 given to the project at this writing. It is wonderful to see everyone share in this endeavor and I want to thank you. For those of you who are planning to give in the near future, I thank you in advance for your gifts and stewardship. Please remember that on November 24th we will have a special time to give on our Fall Harvest Day. This offering is a second mile gift given beyond our regular morning offering and each family will have the opportunity of come and place their gifts on the offering table. So please be prayerful about this special time and day. ---- Tony

“Our Expanding Ministry” - Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Emphasis Sunday will be November 3. Tom Smith, Chairperson of the Finance Committee will present the proposed 2003 Budget. We will again use the Pony Express Stewardship Program. The elders of the session are serving as the Pony Express Route Coordinators. Saddle Bags containing letters to families, estimate of giving cards and the 2003 proposed budget will be started in route on Sunday. The coordinator will have a list of families of the congregation attached to the Saddle Bag. You should receive the Saddle Bag for your area sometime during the next two weeks. We are also mailing letters to our out-of-town members and a few others for convenience. Please prayerfully consider what you may give to your church during the coming year.

Congregational Meeting - November 17

A congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, November 17 to elect four new elders to serve three-year terms on the session. The meeting will follow the regular worship service. The Nomination Committee for the session will nominate Millie Finley, Lynda Lankford, Robye Lindsey and Jimmy Stambaugh to serve as elders for the next three years.

Nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting provided the person being nominated has been asked in advance and has agreed to serve, has been a member in good standing for one year or longer, and is not employed by the church.

Elders retiring from the Session this year will be Linda Hearn, Bill Kirk, Carol Nanney and Tom Smith. We appreciate their service.

Bake Sale/ Yard Sale

The Women's Ministry will be holding a Fall Casserole Sale. The Casseroles will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 16, 2002. They will be selling tickets in advance for Turkey and Dressing Casserole or Lasagna for \$15.00 each. Both of these casseroles freeze very well. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the CPWM. All proceeds will be given to the Sunday School Room Project.

The Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the Yard Sale and Bake Sale. Because of everyone's involvement, the sales were a great success and a total of \$1,647.40 was given to the Sunday School Room project.

Love Loaf Program

Food Crisis in Southern Africa

Your family can make a difference in the children's lives in Southern Africa through the emergency Love Loaf campaign. The bills and coins you collect can help save a child's life and give hope by providing food, clothes, and medical care. The Love Loaves are on the table in the hallway if you have not gotten one yet. November 24, 2002 will be Love Loaf Harvest Sunday when you return your full love loaf.

The Love Loaf Program is sponsored by World Vision and the Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Half the money collected goes to World Vision; one-fourth goes to our Denominational Hunger Fund and one-fourth will remain in our community to help those in need of food here.

Life Line Screening

Monday, December 16, 2002

Gathering Area

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

75% of strokes may be prevented. Take 10 minutes that could save your life. The screening will include ultrasound testing for stroke, abdominal aneurism, and blockages in leg arteries, and osteoporosis screening. You must pre-register at 1-800-407-4557.

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 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.

If you need a ride to WOW, phone the church office before 2 pm on Wednesday and the church van will come by to give you a ride to church.

Thank you to elders Dave Peters, Cindy Arnold and their team members for providing the meal October 16 and to elders Frank Claytor and Linda Hearn and their team members for the meal on October 23.

On November 6, Team 3 with elders Joe Hames and Tom Smith and team members M. Finley; James; Perritts; Prossers; L. Smith; Warrens; Carrolls; G. Corbin; G. Coleman; Holcombs; J. Martin; Renfros; L. Ridley; Taylors will have the meal.

On November 13, Team 4 with elders Bill Kreuter and Bob Rultedge and team members D. Eubank; Garretts; M. Geyer; G & Z McKennie; Meeks; R. & J. Pate; Trues; C. Flynn; Kemps; Lankfords; S. Spires; C. Summers; Ben Surbers; Larry Watkins will have the meal.

November 20 will be Family Night in November. Jean and Marlene will prepare the meal. Donations for the Family Night meal will be taken at the door. It is confusing since meals are prepared every Wednesday evening by a team of elders and members of the church except on Family Night which was already in place before WOW began. Jean and Marlene prepare the Family Night meal at their expense, therefore we have the donation basket to cover those expenses.

Christmas Committee

The Worship Committee has asked Glynda Corbin and Donna Ward to serve as Co-chairpersons for the Christmas Committee this year and they have agreed. Others on the committee are: Walter Waddle, Marlene Kreuter, Erica Taylor, Joey & Leann Edwards, Carol Perritt, Brigette Eubank, Charro Keenan, Dewayne Ervin, Doug and Vicki Long, Craig and Tracy Lunn, and Cathey Stambaugh. They will be decorating, planning, and coordinating events for the Advent season. And they will need help from everyone.

Bible Study - November 3

We are seeing “the light at the end of the tunnel” so to speak. Only a few more books and we will have completed our study/reading of the entire Bible in about 2+years!

On Sunday, November 3, we will have read thru Zephaniah in the O. T. and will discuss the last few books we’ve read. . . and then only 3 more books to go!

We are discovering that it’s not so easy reading the O. T. continually without the intervention of “hope” thru readings in the New Testament. The O. T. prophets are constantly warning the people with concerns of their “bad” (to put it mildly) behavior. God is angry with their actions and wants the people to repent and turn back to Him. . . What is quite disturbing is that our world today has not changed all that much . . . we have not learned from our ancestor’s mistakes.

Habakkuk is interesting—he sees this “dying world” and he wants answers—so he goes directly to God and asks why is there evil in the world, why do the wicked seem to be winning. . . The prophets’s questions and God’s answers are in this O. T. book. Come join in the discussion. The Good News is that there is Hope. Hope is knowing God and resting in His Love!

Bible Study begins at 5:00 pm. on Sunday, Nov. 3 in the Conference Room at the church.

Thank You

Thank you to the Walker Family, Cindy Arnold, Joe Hames, Dave Peters and everyone on the Fellowship Committee who helped make the annual Picnic, Bonfire, and Hay Ride a huge success.

School of Discovery

The School of Discovery students have been looking forward excitedly to Halloween and their party on October 31st.

School pictures will be made on November 5 and a “Cotton Picking” field trip is planned for November 7 to the Surber farm.

We need your help for a craft activity we are planning. Could you please save the plastic ring which connects a six-pack of drinks for us. We need lots of them, preferably by December 1. Thanks for your help.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Billy Coleman

by Bob and Cheriadeth Rutledge

Iva Lankford

by J. C. and Lil True

Joe and Linda Hearn

Bob and Cheriadeth Rutledge

John and JoAnn Motheral

Paul and Susie Motheral & family

Elizabeth Burroughs

by J. C. and Lil True

Joe and Linda Hearn

John and JoAnn Motheral

Paul and Susie Motheral & family

New Sunday School Classrooms

In Memory of:

Iva Lankford

by Byron & Sandra Pate

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of:

Elizabeth Burroughs

by Curtis and Alice Summers

Bill Heath

by Curtis and Alice Summers

Food Pantry Items

The Missions Committee wants each Sunday School Class to help those less fortunate in our community by bringing canned meats, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, dry milk, etc.

November-Torchbearers Class

December-Youth Dept.

January-Children’s Dept.

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. There will be an additional \$15 for late registrations postmarked one week before the retreat you attend.

November

Women's Ministry Circle Meetings

Circle I will meet at the church on **Monday, November 4 at 1:30 pm** and will go visiting in the Retirement Centers for their Christian Service project. Bring your baked items for the project.

Circle II will meet at the home of Jean Garrett (711 Stonewall St.) for a potluck supper on **Tuesday, November 5 at 6 pm**. They are preparing letters to the parents of Bethel College students for Final Exams.

Circle III will meet at the home of Lynda Lankford on **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**. Linda Hearn is the program leader. (Circle III is changing their meeting time to the **second Tuesday** of the month, which will give women in the church another night to choose from, since two circles had previously been meeting on the same night.)

Glory Be Circle will meet on Sunday, **November 3 at 6 pm** at the home of Tami Stambaugh. Traci Lunn will have the program.

Acolytes

Victoria Motheral
Emma Arnold

Nursery Helpers

Nov. 3 - Janet Baumgardner
Missy Blount
Nov. 10 - Amanda Boaz
Amy Howell
Nov. 17 - Sarah Bradberry
Audra Henderson
Nov. 24 - Carol Hill
Suzanne Howell

Ushers

Tracy Webb, Chairman
Ben Surber, Co-Chairman
Charles Kemp
Clifford Matlock
Ron Deming
Audra Henderson

Sound System Helpers

November 3- Craig Lunn
November 10 & 17 - Tommy Surber
November 24- Chris Blount

Greeters

Nov. 3 (A) Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
(B) Jack & Judy Hall
(C) Bill & Jan Kirk
Nov. 10 (A) John & Katrina Holancin
(B) Tom & Debby Aljancic
(C) Cindy Arnold/Jessica Fortner
Nov. 17 (A) Louise & Donna Ward
(B) Ruth Morris
(C) Millie Finley
Nov. 24 (A) Linda Hearn/Linda Meek
(B) Tommy Johnson
(C) Laddie Lollar

DISHES

We have lots of dishes left in the Kitchen from WOW suppers, meals provided for families who've been sick or lost loved ones, etc. Please check in the kitchen before you leave on Wednesday night or Sunday morning to see if you have dishes here.

November Birthdays

- 1 - Jay Wafford
- 2 - Ronny Hudson
- 7 - Sierra Keenan
- 8 - Lynn Watkins
- 11 - Kristi Holancin
Joe Ben Irby
Russell Basford
- 12 - J. T. Lindsey
- 13 - Adria Austin Crook
- 14 - Susan Holcomb
- 18 - Stephen Perritt
- 19 - J C True
James Hamilton
- 20 - Kevin Hill
- 21 - Ron Hinton
Bob Prosser
Jack Surber
- 22 - Lenore Surber
John William Ervin
- 23 - Louise Ward
Abbey Motheral
- 24 - Carrie Stambaugh
Kenny Medlock
- 26 - Brittany Washburn
- 27 - Larry Ridley
- 28 - Tom Smith
- 29 - Martha Sue Peters
- 30 - Andrew Foster

November Anniversaries

- 20 - Ben & Lenore Surber
- 30 - Byron & Sandra Pate

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember in your Prayers

Judy Keith and family at the death of her mother, Elizabeth Burroughs; David Lankford and family at the death of his mother, Iva Lankford; Brat and Dot Howell, and William Bryant at McKenzie Health Care Center; Sarah Daily; Kevin Hill and family at his father's death; Vicki Long and family at the death of her grandfather; Marie Holmes (Mary Janner's mother) in hospital; Mary K. Pollard (Suzanne Howell's sister); Jimmie James; Leigh Henderson (Mary Jane Martin's daughter); Holly Barker; Willard Brush; Olean Coleman; Brat and Dot Howell; Durrell Moffett (Heather Graham's grandmother); Gwen Multon; Jennifer Wafford; Ann Drewry; Anita Coleman; Howard Gurley (Tammy Stambaugh's father); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Tommy Putman; Mamie Strickland; Bryan Craddock; Joe Ledbetter (Edna Gene Forester's nephew); Mary Gail & Linda Ward; Jim Reynolds, Joe Frank Brush; Earl White (Bubba Waddle's brother-in-law); Ben Gaines; Lala Bedinfield (Millie Finley's sister); Joy Lainhart; William Cole; James Hudson; Robert Lankford (friend of Christopher Hinton); 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.

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Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8am-3pm

Sunday School - 9:45 am; Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

Sunday Evening - Children's Choir and Youth Fellowship

Prayer and Bible Study Groups - Sundays and Wednesdays

School of Discovery-Tuesday/Thursday 8:00am-11:00 am

WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages; Praise Choir

"A Family of Faith with Open Minds and Loving Hearts"