

First Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
McKenzie, Tennessee
NEWSLETTER



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Chrismon Service - December 1

We will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our traditional Chrismon Service. The Chrismons are hand-made Christian symbols of white and gold. The congregation will participate by hanging the ornaments on the tree as the youth read scriptures and tell us the meaning of each Chrismon. The Children's Choir will also sing during the service on December 1. The Chrismon Service is very meaningful and a favorite time for many in this congregation. Please join us as we prepare for the Advent season.

Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree Project helps children in our community who would get little or nothing for Christmas. Beta Sigma Phi, of McKenzie sponsors the Angel Tree Project each year and the local churches help provide the gifts. The angels will be given out on Sunday, December 1. On the back of the paper angel will be a requested gift, the gender and age of the child and sizes (if gift request is clothing). The paper angels also have a number and it is very important to attach the paper angel to outside of the package, so Beta Sigma Phi can make the deliveries. The gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 15.

Lessons and Carols by the Community Chorus

The Bethel College Community Chorus will present "Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 1 at 2 pm in the Bouldin Auditorium, Fine Arts Building, Bethel College campus.

Children's & Youth Christmas Program - December 22

The children and youth of the church will present "Live From Bethlehem" on Sunday evening, December 22 at 5 pm. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a reception and party. Maybe even a special visitor will come by to check on the boys and girls. Everyone, please bring finger foods, sandwiches, cookies, chips or your favorite holiday food.

PARENTS: The children will be rehearsing at their regular times on Sunday evenings and also on Saturday, December 21 (time to be announced) and Sunday, December 22 at 4pm.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Christmas Committee invites you to place a poinsettia in the Worship and Family Life Center to remember or honor a family member or friend this year. The poinsettias will be used in the Worship and Family Life Center during the Advent season. The poinsettias will be \$9.00 each. Please return the form below and your payment to the church office before December 4. You may also choose to give to the Nehemiah Building in lieu of giving poinsettias. A list of those who are honored and remembered and by whom will be in Sunday, December 15 church bulletin.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

POINSETTIAS or a gift to the NEHEMIAH BUILDING FUND (Circle one) given in

MEMORY and/or in HONOR (circle one) _____

by _____

Wildcat Women's Basketball - December 1

The Bethel College Women's Basketball team will be playing Harris-Stowe College at Baker Field House at 2 pm. They have designated this game as "McKenzie Church Day". For free admission into the game, bring your church bulletin and present it at the front gate. For more information, contact Coach Larry Eddings at 352-4204.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Advent Devotional Booklet. We will have them ready for you to take and use during the Advent season. They will be at the entry ways of the Family Life Center. Please take one per family.

The Christmas Committee

Thank You Notes

Thank you to a wonderful church family for all your prayers, the wonderful meal by the ladies of the church, your care and concern for me and our family. Thanks also for the memorial to the building fund.

Tim Henderson, Jane Martin
and Bryan Henderson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and kind words during my recent hospital stays. We appreciate the visits and food that you shared with us. We are blessed to have such wonderful church friends. May your holidays be filled with love and joy.

Jimmie & R.A. James

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards and prayers. I am recovering quickly and trust the next steps to be positive.

Love to you all! Sarah Dailey

THANK YOU to Joe McKinnie who has installed the new partitions in the Men's Restroom at the church. We appreciate your hard work, Joe!

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 aneurysms, and blockages in leg arteries, and osteoporosis screening. There is a fee for each screening. You must pre-register at 1-800-407-4557.

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.

WOW

WOW will meet on Wednesday, December 4, at 5:30. Team 5 with elders Arnold and Peters and their team members will have the meal. This will be the last time for WOW to meet until January.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to John Craig Howell and the McKenzie High School Football Team. They will be playing in Memphis Mitchell on Friday for a chance at a state title. GOOD LUCK!!!

Congratulations to the Carrie Stambaugh and the McKenzie High School Cheerleaders. They won first place in state competition.

Highlights of the Session Meeting

*Tom Aljancic, Treasurer reported total receipts of \$30,316 for the month of October and expenses of \$13,602. With giving to the new Sunday School Classroom Fund, Sanctuary Fund, Paving Fund etc. our receipts have been great. The church for the year is very close to operating on budget with little difference between operating receipts and operating expenses through October.

*Approved Pastor's Vacation Nov.25 thru Dec. 2.

*Announced an Elder Miniversity which will take place in Jackson, TN, January 11, 2002 for all elders.

*Received Mary Ann Janner as a member of this church.

*Granted a letter of transfer to Virginia Gillenwater to Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

*Recorded the Infant Baptism of Deven Fields.

*Work to begin on youth classroom wall Nov. 14.

*Declined an offer from an individual who wanted to purchase land from us on Highland Drive.

*Heard a report from Tony Janner who had attended a New Church Development Planning Meeting in Medina, TN. They are looking at the possibility of beginning a new church in the Three-Way area, north of Jackson.

The Christmas Committee invites everyone to come help decorate the church on Monday, December 2!

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Iva Lankford

by John & Ruth Morris

Elizabeth Burroughs

by John & Ruth Morris

Bill & Edna Heath

by John & Ruth Morris

Ollie Hill

by John & Ruth Morris

Jim & Jean Ginter

by Joe & Jean McKinnie

Jessie Killebrew

Eddie & Kim Moss

Leigh Henderson

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Sarah Johnson

Como Street Friends and Neighbors

New Sunday School Classrooms

In Memory of:

Paul Carroll

by Jack & Judy Hall

Leigh Henderson

by Dave & Martha Sue Peters

Jack & Judy Hall

Ollie Hill

by Jack & Judy Hall

Dave & Martha Sue Peters

Sarah Johnson

by Jack & Judy Hall

Elizabeth Burroughs

by Dave & Martha Sue Peters

Iva Lankford

by Jack & Judy Hall

Communion Trays

In Memory of:

Rev. H. Glenn Finley and Mazie Bond Kreuter

by Bill and Marlene Kreuter

Paving Fund

In Honor of:

Clifford Matlock

by J. C. and Lil True

If you forgot to bring your Love Loaf last week, please bring it this Sunday. We have collected \$274.10 to help feed hungry people in Africa as well as here in our community.

School of Discovery

The School of Discovery Christmas Program has been set for Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

The children are selling Home Interior Candles for their fall fund raiser. They come in several sizes and smell wonderful. They also make great Christmas gifts. You can order from the children of our church in the church office.

Please see J. T. Lindsey to make donations to the Christmas Fund for pastor and staff.

Thank you,
Christmas Committee

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.

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Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fall Casserole Sale. Because of your love and support, we shared in a lot of fun and fellowship while donating \$1,298.25 towards the Sunday School Project.

Women's Ministry will meet at 6 pm on Monday, December 16 in the Family Life Center for a potluck meal and meeting. Circle II will be hostess for the meal and provide the program.

Circle I will meet at Hig's Restaurant (Hwy. 22) on Monday, December 2 at noon for lunch together.

Circle II will meet at the home of Marlene Kreuter for a potluck meal and meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm. Jean Garrett is program leader.

Circle III will meet at the home of Robye Lindsey for an add-a-dish meal on Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm.

Glory Be's Circle will meet at the home of Missy Blount on Sunday, December 1 for an add-a-dish meal and meeting. Diann Olson is program leader. The meeting begins at 6 pm.

DECEMBER HELPERS

Acolytes

Laura Warren
Evan Wilson
Supervisor - Charlotte Wilson

Ushers

Terry Howell, Chairman
Joe McKinnie, Co-Chairman
Stephen Perritt
John Holancin
Andrew Foster
Donna Ward

Nursery Helpers

Dec. 1 -Jean McKinnie(T)
Carol Perritt(B)
Dec. 8 - Marge Matlock (T)
Cindy Arnold (B)
Dec. 15 - Linda Hearn (T)
Rachel Carroll (B)
Dec. 22 - Jill Renfro (T)
Lauren Perritt (B)
Dec. 29 -Sandra Spires (T)
Lenore Surber (B)

Greeters

Dec. 1 (A) John & JoAnn Motheral
(B) Ed & Demetra Perkins
(C) Sandra Spires/Doris Blount
Dec. 8 (A) Dawn Ervin/Anita Baker
(B) Ron & Sandi Deming
(C) Mark & Tami Stambaugh
Dec. 15 (A) Frank Claytor/Larry Ridley
(B) Doug & Vicki Long
(C) Mark & Jill Warren
Dec. 22 (A) Amy Howell/Kelly Peters
(B) Larry & Paula Watkins
(C) Craig & Traci Lunn
Dec. 29 (A) Tom Smith/Bill Kreuter
(B) Linda Smith/Pat Ridley
(C) Ben & Lenore Surber

Sound System

December 1 - Chris Blount
December 8 & 15 - James Trevathan
December 22 & 29- Tom Aljancic

Birthdays

1 - Paul Carroll
2 - Joseph Keenan
3 - Blake H. Baker
6- Dan Kreuter
Jimmy Stambaugh
8 - June Perritt
9 - Jimmy Carroll
Harold Kelly
10 - Susie Motheral
11 - Carol Nanney
Carla Flynn
Howard Spires
12 - Cathey Stambaugh
Zia McKennie
13 - Marlene Kreuter
14 - Jill Renfro
19 - Paige Holcomb
Steve Matlock
21 - Rachel Carroll
23 - Evan Wilson
24 - Jessie "Gaga" Killibrew
Mary Ann Janner
25 - Mary Wyatt
28 - Teresa Washburn
29 - Meredith Surber

Anniversaries

11 - Brian & Anita Baker
13 - Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
14 - John & Janet Baumgardner
17 - Jack & Judy Hall
18 - Joe & Anne Hames
22 - George & Linda Howton
Ed & Demetra Perkins
23 - Gary & Linda Meek
24 - Rick & Charlotte Wilson
30 - Dave & Martha Sue Peters

*You're invited to join
Memphis Theological Seminary
for a Historical Tour of the
Newburger Mansion
Sunday, December 8, 2002
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

168 East Parkway South at Union

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tim Nanny who will be graduating from Bethel College on Sunday, December 8 during the Commencement Program.

Newsletter Deadline

Please contact the church office if you have any information for the newsletter or dates for the church calendar. The next newsletter deadline is December 9.

Thank you.

Mother's Day Out
Sponsored by the Youth
Friday, November 29, 2002
7 am- 3 pm
\$20 per family
at the church, 16835 Highland Dr.
(Over 4 children -\$10 extra per child)

Remember in your Prayers

Jimmie James; Sarah Dailey; Kevin Arnold; the family of Bratt Howell; William Bryant at McKenzie Health Care Center; Edwin Basford and his family at the death of his brother; Twila Walker; Mamie Strickland; Sandra Pate, Ruth Morris and other family members of Inez Irby; Jon Carlock; Sandy Bradberry; Ed Scheick (friend of Aljancic family); Evelyn Buck; Willard Brush; Olean Coleman; Gwen Multon & daughter; Ralph Crocker; Anita Coleman; Howard Gurley (Tammy Stambaugh's father); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); 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); 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, McKenzie High School Football team, coaches and fans.

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Dewayne Ervin-Youth Director; Choir Director-Walter Waddle; Zia McKennie-Organist; June Perritt, Secretary
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"