

First Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church  
McKenzie, Tennessee  
**NEWSLETTER**



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**FROM THE PASTOR**

As I write to you this final newsletter of 2002, I want to thank each and every one of you for your steadfast love and commitment to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We have accomplished much this year, and our finances are in good shape. If you have not completed your pledge to the church this year, and would like to know the balance of your giving please feel free to call June and she will share that amount with you.

After the first of the year we will send statements to everyone for their 2002, 1040-A return. Some of you may be considering a year-end gift to the church, which could be applied to the budget or the principle of the loan on the new building. That would be a wonderful way to complete a fantastic year.

God has blessed us with new members who love the Lord and are ready to work in His kingdom. We look forward to working along side of them to make First Cumberland Presbyterian's ministry richer and fulfilling. They are as follows: Ms. Audra Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. Joel Washburn and daughter, Brittany; Mr. Walter Waddle; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olson, daughters Olivia, and Lauren; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Taylor, and daughter Maddie; Mr. and Mrs. Joey Edwards and sons, Zack, Tyler and Drew; Mrs. Mary Ann Janner; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Warren, and daughters, Sarah, Laura, and son Matt; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson. God is blessing us and we are thankful for having you as partners in ministry.

As we move forward we are looking to completing the youth room this next week. In January we will begin our work on the Sunday school classrooms upstairs and hopefully have them completed by the end of April. We have \$34,000 to begin our project and need \$7,000 to complete our goal of \$41,000.

Remember all the Christmas activities. We are hopeful that you and yours will be able to participate in many if not all the events. The Christmas season is a time to share the richness of blessings with our families and with others who are less fortunate. Thanks to all who quickly chose an angel on our angel tree to help others.

This Christmas season our church has helped several families with their heating and water bills. Donations of food and other household items were given to United Neighbors. Thank you for caring!

New this year! We are going to have a worship service on Christmas day and hope you and your family will take out a little time to worship and praise the Lord our God for his perfect gift to an imperfect world. See you on Christmas day at 9:00 a.m. Tony

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**Chancel Choir Cantata**

The Chancel Choir will present "Nativity Suites", a cantata for Christmas on Sunday, December 15 at 10:45 am. The cantata was arranged by Benjamin Harlan and will be presented under the direction of Walter Waddle, Choir Director.

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**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 were given out on Sunday, December 1. The paper angels had a number on the back and it is very important to return the paper angel with the gift, so Beta Sigma Phi can make the deliveries. Do not wrap the gifts. You may place them in a gift bag or any kind of bag with the paper angel. The gifts should be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 15.**

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**Caroling - December 18**

Everyone is invited to go Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 18. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm to go around the community singing at homes and retirement centers. Then we will meet at Paul and Suzie Long's home after caroling for refreshments.

## **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.

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### **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 with Santa. 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, then on Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 am and Sunday, December 22 at 4pm will be dress rehearsals.

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### **Gift to the King**

The Gift to the King offering for 2002 will help start a new school in Buenaventura, Colombia in South America. The Colegion Americano in Columbia has demonstrated the historical value of education as an avenue to strengthen a society and to do evangelism. Many children have been led to Christ through the educational efforts of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Board of Missions will use your gifts this year to purchase land for the new school. On Sunday, December 22, we will have a bulletin insert and an envelope so you can give your Gift to the King offering.

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### **Christmas Eve Communion Service**

The Christmas Eve Communion Service will begin at 7 pm in the Worship and Family Life Center on Tuesday, December 24. There will be special music, scripture and solos. And the congregation will partake of Communion and participate in a candle light service. Ron Hinton has agreed to drive the van around to give anyone who wishes a ride to the Christmas Eve Service.

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### **Highlights of the Session Meeting**

- \*Tom Aljancic, Treasurer, reported \$23,865 total receipts for November with \$18,613 of that total for budget. Expenditures were \$16,855 for November.
- \*Received communications from the estate of Elizabeth Burroughs and a copy of her will which leaves a portion of her estate to the church.
- \*Received a gift of stocks valued at \$11,875. Session voted to sell the stocks and put \$10,000 on the principle of the Nehemiah Building Loan and the remainder be used for Sunday School Classroom fund.
- \*The Covenant Players will return on Wednesday, March 26, 2003.
- \*Received Mark and Sue Thompson as new members of the church.
- \*WOW will resume on Wednesday, January 15.
- \*Heard a report from Paul Long about the building sub-committee's plans for building the classroom upstairs above the gathering area.
- \*Tom Smith, Chairman of Stewardship and Finance Committee reported \$198,683 has been pledged by 93 families toward the 2003 budget.
- \*Elected Tom Aljancic as Treasurer and June Perritt at Clerk for 2003.
- \*Elected Terry Howell as Trustee. Mr. Franklin Howell had served in that capacity for many years.
- \*After much discussion the Session decided to continue Family Night and since there has been confusion over paying for the meal on Family Night, we will have a donation basket out every Wednesday night. However if you are a part of the team who provides the meal on that particular evening, you are not expected to contribute. Giving is voluntary. We need to remember that Jean and Marlene prepare the meals on Family Night for everyone at their expense and our donations need to cover the cost of the food.

## Advent Devotional Booklets

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Advent Devotional Booklet. There are still a few booklets if you did not get one for your family. They are on the guest register stands at the entryways of the Family Life Center.

### Thank You Notes

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the numerous acts of kindness during our recent loss. We have truly been uplifted by your consoling words, donations to the building fund, food, flowers and plants and your presence by our side as we deal with our loss. You are an extended family and we appreciate the way that you have embraced us with your condolences and your love. May God bless each of you as you continue your journey of faith.

Sincerely,

The Franklin Howell Family

Dear Friends,

You, the members of the McKenzie C. P. Church, have been the most loving friends to our family across the years. I especially appreciate the care you gave Mother in her last years. You surrounded her with the very essence of Christian love. This gift to Bethel in her memory also shows your caring.

With gratitude and love,

Judy Burroughs Keith

### 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 NOT meet during the rest of December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15.

### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Traci Lunn and Amanda Boaz on receiving their masters degrees on Sunday, December 8 during Commencement Exercises at Bethel College. Congratulations also to Jessica Fortner, Chad Isbell and Tim Nanney who received bachelor degrees on Sunday.

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

Thank you,  
Christmas Committee

## Memorials and Honorariums Nehemiah Building Fund

### In Memory of:

#### Iva Lankford

by Ben & Lenore Surber

#### Elizabeth Burroughs

by Bob, Cheriadeth & Trent Rutledge

#### Ollie Hill

by: Mr. & Mrs. John Motheral

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Motheral

#### Iola Farris

by Bob, Cheriadeth and Trent Rutledge

#### J. C. Basford

by Joe and Linda Hearn

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. True

Bob Rutledge Family

Dr. & Mrs. H. L. Russell

Jean Garrett

#### Leigh Henderson

by Mr. & Mrs. John Motheral Jean Garrett

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Motheral Mr. & Mrs. John Morris

Bob, Cheriadeth Rutledge and Trent

#### Franklin "Bratt" Howell

by: Jerry & Ann Drewry

Bailey Wrinkle

Joe & Elaine Williams

Martha Padgett

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Walker

American Legion

Post #37

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. True

Joe & Linda Hearn

Mr. & Mrs. John Motheral

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Surber

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Motheral

Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Lindsey

Mr. & Mrs. David Lankford

Dr. Laddie Lollar

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Surber

Bob Rutledge Family

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bradfield

The Bridge Club

Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Scarbrough

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bradfield

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Weatherford

#### Inez Irby

by: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hearn

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. True

Mr. & Mrs. David Lankford

Bob, Cheriadeth & Trent Rutledge

#### Moorehaw S. Nicholson

by: Mr. & Mrs. John Morris

### In Honor of:

#### Louise Ward's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

by Ruth Thedford Goodman

#### Ann Coleman, Jennifer McClelland, & Diane Conley

by Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh

### New Sunday School Classrooms Fund

### In Memory of:

#### Leigh Henderson

by Cindy Arnold

Phyllis, David and Olivia Dudley

#### Franklin "Bratt" Howell

by Cindy Arnold

Reba, Lute and Andrew Foster

Dr. & Mrs. John Holancin

#### Sarah Johnson

by Cindy Arnold (Continued on back of page)

**Elizabeth Burroughs**

by Cindy Arnold

**Iva Lankford**

by Cindy Arnold

**In Honor of:**

**Eli Suber and Deven Fields**

by Cindy Arnold

**The Bridal Tea Hostesses for Stacie Stambaugh**

Warman's Bridal Tea

by Jimmy and Cathey Stambaugh

**Hostesses: Glynda Corbin, Millie Finley, Jean Garrett, Linda Hearn, Linda Meek, Martha Peters, Robye Lindsey, Linda Smith, Lil True and Paula Watkins**

by Carol Nanney

**Sanctuary Fund**

**In Memory of:**

**Franklin "Bratt" Howell**

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| by: C. H. & Alice Summers    | Tim & Carol Nanney       |
| Kenny & Marion Graves        | Allen & Denise Pyburn    |
| Jimmy & Tenia King           | John & Susan D'Adamio    |
| Jerome & Diana Crawford      | Dr. & Mrs. H. L. Russell |
| Sharky & Jennifer McClelland | Virginia Manner          |
| The Touchdown Club           | Duane Perritt family     |
| Fellowship SS Class          | John & Dana Atkins       |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Morris       | Jean Garrett             |
| Mark & Melissa Anderson      |                          |
| McKenzie Rebel Home Run Club |                          |
| Joel & Teresa Washburn       |                          |

**Cumberland Presbyterian  
Women's Ministry**

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.

**Remember in your Prayers**

Jimmie James; Sarah Dailey; Kevin Arnold; Dot Howell, William Bryant and Twilla Walker at McKenzie Health Care Center; Mamie Strickland; Mary K Pollard; Larry Joe Abernathy; Carolyn Bates; Betty Smith; Tom Aljancic and family at the death of his uncle; Jon Carlock; 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 David Hinton, and all our troops, our church; the Session, missionaries and denominational institutions.

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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"*