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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lenten season is quickly coming; March 5th is Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent. Lent runs for forty days not counting Sundays and ends on Maundy Thursday when we celebrate Holy Communion. The other Holy days following the end of Lent are Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

During these forty days the Christian community prepares for the up coming Passion of Christ. This is the arrest, the trials, punishment and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christians it is a time for reflection, prayer, fasting, and repentance. It is a Holy time where we begin a spiritual journey during this season of our faith. The colors on our altar cloth will change from green to purple or royal blue to symbolize the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicate themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the believer imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. Some Christians fast during this season. Their fasting may be from heavy foods such as meat or it may be from materialism or drink. It is a time to give up a pleasure (special foods, soda, candy, television, video games) or something you take for granted as to have a greater appreciation for it when Lent is behind us. You may want to challenge yourself and do a fast, spend time in daily prayer, read certain sections of your Bible or dedicate yourself to a new Christian service. This Lenten season offers you an opportunity to celebrate your faith and to appreciate the sacrifice Christ made for you.

On March 5th following our study at WOW (Worship on Wednesday) the Praise Singers will lead us in a time of worship. During this service ashes will be distributed by placing them on the forehead of the believers, a symbol of repentance. I look forward to seeing you in this special service.

Starting on March 8th (Saturday) at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. all children from age 10-13 are invited to enroll in a class called, "Knowing my Faith", here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the classes will run for four consecutive weeks and end on March 29.

Tony

Dinner Theater - Saturday, March 1 - 6:30 pm

Women's Ministry will present a dinner theater on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 6:30 pm. The evening will begin with a delicious salad course followed by a main course of baked chicken, green beans, potatoes and carrots, and a variety of desserts including cheesecake, lemon dessert, and carrot cake.

Entertainment between courses of the dinner will include "*My Heart Will Go On*" by Diane Olson; "*Through the Eyes of Love*" by Vicki Long, accompanied by Carla Flynn; "*Beauty and the Beast*" by Walter Waddle and Carla Flynn; "*Think of Me*" and "*Summertime*" by Brittany Washburn; "*Ol Man River*" by Roger Johnson; "*Angel Eyes*", "*Cry Me a River*", and "*Memories*" by Erica Taylor; "*Someone Like You*" by Carla Flynn; "*On My Own*" by Vicki Long; "*Can You Feel the Love Tonight*" by Walter Waddle and a selection by Trent Rutledge.

The evening promises to be one you'll remember!

If you haven't gotten tickets, call the church office on Thursday or Friday (352-2440) to reserve your ticket, so the ladies will know how much food to prepare. Tickets are \$12.50 each or two for \$20.00.

Family Night - March 12

The March Family Night will be Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 pm. The menu will be: ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and dessert. Donations will be taken for the meal. WOW classes for everyone will begin at 6 pm. We will have a form in the bulletin on March 9 for you to sign if you are planning to attend. Or you may call the church office by Monday, March 10.

WOW

WOW begins at 5:30 pm on Wednesday nights. There are classes for all ages of children and youth; toddler and baby nurseries for the younger children; Bible studies for the adults. There is something for everyone!

Thanks to Elders Robye Lindsey and Paul Long and their team members for the dinner on February 19.

Due to the weather cancellation of WOW February 26, there are some changes to the Teams who are preparing meals. Listed below is a new schedule:

March 5 - Team 6 with Elders Arnold and Walker and team members Bakers, Hinton, R. Johnson, Medlocks; Perkins; Thomas; Castleman; Ervins; J. Fortner; C. Flynn; Hills, Jarretts; Kemps; J. Pinson; T. Smith

March 12 - Family Night

March 19 - Team 1 with Elders Finley and Stambaugh and team members D. Blount; Hearn; Keenan; Matt Kelleys; Kirks; Warmans; Washburns; Youngs; Wilsons; Howells; F. Jensen; Lunns; R. Morris; Olsons; Reids; Lynn Watkins; Webbs.

March 26 - Team 2 with Elders Lankford & Peters and team members: L. Aljancic; Tom Aljancics; Eddie Basfords; L. Krushe; A. Henderson; Holancins; T. Johnson; J. Killebrew; J. McKinnies; Mosses; Mark Stambaugh; B. Allen; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Ron Demings; E. Forester; N. Headden; Matlocks; Tommy Surbers; Waddles; V. Walker

Thank you Notes!!!

Thank you with sincere appreciation for your kindness. We appreciate your prayers and thoughts and the delicious food that helped to get me on the mend.

Thank you, Eileen Adams

We appreciate all your prayers, visits and cards when my brother, Thomas passed away. Thank you so much for remembering us.

Clifford Matlock and family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your calls, visits, and inquiries about my health during my recent hospitalization and recovery.

I appreciate your love and concern.

Bob Rutledge

The Seekers

The Seekers are planning to attend the Dickson Renaissance Center performance of *Sound of Music* Friday, March 21. The performance is at 7 pm. We will leave some time in the afternoon in order to have supper first. Please make your plans to go with us.

BCYF

Bethel College Youth Fellowship is scheduled to begin March 14 at 7 pm, and end Sunday afternoon after morning worship and Sunday dinner. The guest speaker is Rev. Jimmy Byrd. Guest artists include *Everyday Sunday* and *Skillett*. Cost is \$50. For more information check with Dewayne Ervin or go to www.bethel-college.edu and look under Christian Life.

Adopt-a-Grandparent Program

The Fellowship and Member Care committee is planning an Adopt-a-Grandparent program. If you or your children or your family would like to adopt a grandparent, please e-mail cindyarnold@chater.net or call 731-352-2241 or see Cindy at church. You may choose your grandparent, or the committee will be happy to assign one to you. You will do something to remember your adopted grandparent once each month, on his/her Birthday, and on holidays. Of course you may do more, if you like. Our committee will keep a list of those who adopt and their adopted grandparents, and will have a party for all of you once each year. This is your chance to do something very special for that person who has been your spiritual mentor, or for anyone whom you wish to honor.

Basketball Team

The church has a team playing in a church-league basketball program in McKenzie and Huntingdon areas. High school age and older can play. Games will be played at First Baptist in McKenzie and First Baptist in Huntingdon.

The team has had a lot of fun. They have just two games left to play before the tournament

Monday, March 3 - 8:30 pm at First

Baptist Church in Huntingdon *

Monday, March 10 - 8:30 pm at First

Baptist Church in McKenzie

*This is a change from the original schedule

Breakfast at Debbie's Corner Café

On Sunday, March 9, the McKenzie Girls Softball Team will be serving breakfast at Debbie's Corner Café (131 Main St.) beginning at 7 am and continuing until 11 am. Make your plans to come by and have a wonderful breakfast. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the McKenzie High School Girls Softball Program.

Memorials and Honorariums

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of:

Franklin "Bratt" Howell

by Louise H. Johnson

Sunday School Classrooms Fund

In Memory of:

Mary Edmonston

by Sandra Pate

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Olean Coleman

by Ben and Lenore Surber

John and Ruth Morris

Larry Joe Abernathy

by J. C. and Lil True

Thomas Matlock

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Earl White

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Paving Fund

Thomas Matlock

by Mr. & Mrs. J. C. True

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Surber

St. Luke C. P. Church Cookbooks

The St. Luke church has published a new cookbook, "From the Heart" in memory of Mary Jantz. It is a wonderful book full of recipes, scriptures, memories, hymns and poems. It was designed and edited by Cindy Shannon Harris. Anyone interested in buying a cookbook see Millie Finley at church or call her at 352-5963. The cookbooks are \$15 and she will be glad to get one for you. If you'd like to look at it first, come by the church office. Millie's cookbook is there. (Millie and Mary were long-time friends and Cindy is a former member of this church.)

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry quarterly meeting will be on Monday, March 17 in the Family Life Center. The meeting will begin with an add-a-dish meal at 6:00 pm. Program coordinators and hostess for the meeting is Circle III.

The Women's Ministry Presbyterian Retreat is scheduled for March 7-8 at Camp Clark Williamson. Check with Donna Ward for details.

The Women's Ministry Regional Meeting will be Saturday, March 29. The McKenzie Women's Ministry will host this meeting.

Circle I will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 3 in the Conference Room at the church. Edna Gene Forester has the program.

Circle II will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 4 at the home of Katrina Holancin (David Court) for a potluck dinner and meeting. They will be working on Bethel letters for semester final baskets.

Circle III will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11 at the home of Frances Jensen. Mary Gail Ward will have the program.

Glory Be Circle will meet at the church on Sunday, March 2 at 6 pm. Hostess is June Perritt and Marcia Webb is the program leader.

Acolytes

Brice Webb

Beau Baker

Supervisor - Marcia Webb

Greeters

Mar 2 (A) Rebecca Pate/Sandra Pate

(B) Ruth Morris

(C) Millie Finley

Mar 9 (A) Clifford & Marjorie Matlock

(B) Linda Hearn

(C) Linda Meek

Mar 16 (A) Dave & Martha Peters

(B) Tommy Johnson

(C) Laddie Lollar

Mar 23 (A) John and JoAnn Motheral

(B) Sandra Spires

(C) Doris Blount

Mar 30 (A) Ed and Demetra Perkins

(B) Mark & Tammy Stambaugh

(C) Ron & Sandi Deming

Sound System Helpers

March 2 & 9 - Chris Blount

March 16 & 23 - Craig Lunn

March 30 - Joel Washburn

Nursery Helpers

2 - Johnna Baumgardner - B

Virginia Hames - T

Sub: Marjorie Matlock

9 - Janet Baumgardner - B

Missy Blount - T

Sub: Linda Kemp

16 - Amanda Boaz - B

Kate Hames - T

Sub: Paula Watkins

23 - Sarah Bradberry - B

Carrie Stambaugh - T

Sub: Meredith Surber

30 - Julia Hinton - B

Lauren Perritt - T

Sub: Lenore Surber

Ushers

Craig Lunn, Chairman

Paula Watkins, Co-Chairman

Tommy Johnson

Mark Thompson

Bill Kreuter

John Howell

Camp Clark Williamson

Youth Spring Retreat

March 21-23

The Junior High and Senior High Spring Youth Retreat will be March 21-23 at Camp Clark Williamson. The retreat begins at 6 pm on Friday and ends on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Senior High and Junior High will meet in separate small groups. Cost is \$50 plus money for canteen. Applications are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. Applications must be postmarked by March 14 or an additional \$15 late charge will be added to the cost. Kenny Morgan is the director. His number: 731-925-2685 or 731-925-8074 for more info.

March Birthdays

- 1 - Jack Hall
Justin Stambaugh
Virginia Walker
- 2 - Trent Rutledge
- 3 - Lynda Lankford
Erica Pugh
- 4 - Linda Kelly
- 8 - Bob Hull
- 9 - Nicholas Baker
- 10 - Angela Kreuter Rogers
- 11 - Jean McKinnie
Brice Webb
- 12 - Suzanne Howell
Brandon Hill
- 14 - Mary Gail Ward
Alli Basford
- 15 - Matt Johnson
- 18 - Amy Howell
Dave Peters
- 19 - Stacie Warman
- 20 - Matt Warren
- 21 - Eric Corbin
Terry Howell
- 22 - Doris Blount
Joe Hames

(Birthdays continued:)

- 23 - Debbie Medlock
Jane Christopher
Dennis Holcomb
- 28 - Frank Claytor
- 30 - Leann Edwards
Mark Thompson

March Anniversaries

- 6 - Joey & Leann Edwards
- 10 - Charles & Linda Kemp
- 14 - Bob & Kathy Hull
- 16 - Eddie & Kim Moss

Remember in your Prayers

Bubba Waddle; Willard Brush; Charles Hudson; Roy Travillian; Jimmie James; Sarah Dailey; Barbara Woodard (Lorey Basford's mother); Jane Pate; William Bryant; Twilla Walker; Mary K Pollard; Hershel Prosser (Bob's father); Mary Frances Walker; Robby Cole (Lankford's son-in-law); Keith Inman; Jen Nolen; Renee Nespeca; Adian Toney; Joe Poirier (nephew of Edna Forester); Patty Edwards; Peggy Hall; Joy Lainhart; Denese Guillory; Betty Smith; Willard Brush; Howard Gurley (Tammy Stambaugh's father); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Mary Gail & Linda Ward; James Hudson; Jessie Knott; our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, 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"