

First Cumberland  
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McKenzie, Tennessee  
**NEWSLETTER**



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As June Perritt and I sit in our office we hear the banging and clanging of workers overhead in what some call "The Ballroom." The noises we hear are new floor and walls going up for our Sunday school classes. "We're not complaining." We are observing what is going on around us and how the future is taking shape. Let us all take time out of our busy day to Praise the Lord in what He is doing here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McKenzie. God is good and faithful to all who are faithful and obedient. We are being obedient; we are walking in the will of the Lord, for we are building a foundation to instruct the future generations of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

I can remember when I heard an interview with Cardinal Spellman in 1968, during the Vietnam War, after I had left the Army. Cardinal Spellman told the interviewer, "if you give me a child and that child is instructed in the Catholic faith from birth until age seven that child would die a Roman Catholic." Was the Cardinal being cynical? No, he was only sharing the responsibility and the obedience of the Roman Catholic Church. We can do the same thing. If we instruct a child in what it means to be a Christian in the Cumberland Presbyterian faith, that child will more than likely die a Protestant in the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Why? Because, in being obedient we then teach obedience to God and church. What we want to do here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is to teach our children of all ages the faith and hopefully they will become strong members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Your new Sunday school classes will provide larger rooms for more children in our "Children's Church," and our Sunday Bible classes for both children and adults. Having this new space will enhance our ability to expand our "Crib Room" for our infant babies. We will enlarge our Library/historical conference room for meetings and Young Adult Couples Bible study.

I commend all of our young families with children to continue to grow together in the spirit of love and grace, through the person of Jesus Christ. You are building a foundation to equip your children to face a changing and difficult world. We, together will be able to give your children the power to have confidence in a dysfunctional world knowing through faith in Christ and His Church that we have a victorious life. We can only do this by having your commitment and dedications to work together for the future of our children and community. It all begins with us building for the future.

---Tony

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**Carroll Lake Picnic and Vespers Service**

The Fellowship and Worship Committees have worked together to plan an outdoor picnic and vesper service at Carroll Lake on Sunday, **May 4 at 5:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Please bring picnic foods for a "potluck" picnic and your yard chairs or blankets. The Fellowship Committee will provide the paper plates, napkins and drinks. The Worship Committee is planning a special service.

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**Family Night**

May Family Night has been changed to **Wednesday, May 7**, the first Wednesday in May due to the senior dinner which is scheduled for May 14. The menu is Breakfast casseroles, fruit and biscuits. As always donations will be taken at the door for the dinner. A bulletin insert will be placed in the May 4 Sunday bulletin for you to sign if you plan to attend or you may call the church office by Monday, May 5, so the cooks will know how much food to prepare.

## 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!

MANY THANKS to Elders Frank Claytor and Bob Rutledge and team who did a Mexican dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Elders Joe Hames and Bill Kreuter and their team members for the spaghetti dinner on April 6 and also to Elders Robye Lindsey and Paul Long and team members who provided the casseroles on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to elders Joe Walker and Cindy Arnold and team members who made the kids favorite the 30<sup>th</sup>--hot dogs and chips.

**May 7** is Family Night.

**WOW will not meet on Wednesday, May 14** due to a special dinner for the high school seniors and their parents on that evening.

On **May 21**, the meal will be prepared by Team 1 with elders Millie Finley and Jimmy Stambaugh and team members: D. Blount; Hearns; Keenans; Matt Kelleys; Kirks; Warmans; Washburns; Youngs; Wilsons; Howells; F. Jensen; Lunns; R. Morris; Olsons; Reids; Lynn Watkins; Webbs.

On **May 28** we will have a Cookout to celebrate the wonderful WOW program!!! Details will be coming in your next newsletter.

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### Congratulations to Bethel College Graduates

Congratulations to all the Bethel College graduates who will receive their diplomas on Sunday, May 4 during the Commencement Exercises at Bethel College. Former governor, Don Sundquist will be the guest speaker.

Some of the graduates include: Burt Brooks, Adam Butler, Roberta Fuller (Top 10-Academically), Scott Schweitzer (Highest Academic Average), Sarah Womack. Graduating from the Physician's Assistant Program is Chris Blount and Rebecca Coates. Dewayne Ervin, Amanda Boaz, Myra Carlock and Jason Ford will receive Masters degrees.

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### Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

We are blessed with many special friends. Your many calls, cards and visits were appreciated. Thanks for remembering our loved ones in such a special way with the contribution to the building fund.

R. A. James  
Cheriadeth, Bob and Trent Rutledge

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Thanks so much for your care and concern during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. Thanks so much for cards, calls and visits, also food and your prayers meant so much. Thanks again to everyone.

Woodrow Young

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Thanks to the church for everything you've done for us and continue doing. We appreciate all your help.

Mary Gail and Linda Ward

We express our sincere thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and food. It is great to have a family of faith who cares.

J. C. and Lil True

### Camp Clark Williamson Summer Camp Schedule

Senior High Camp - June 16-21

Junior Camp #1 - July 7-12\*

Junior High Camp #1 - July 14-19

Junior High Camp #2 - July 21-26

Junior Camp #2 - July 28 - Aug. 2

\*Dr. Janner and Millie Finley will be helping in this camp. Application forms are in the church office. The fee is \$130. The church will pay half of each campers fee.

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### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is tentatively planned for the week of June 9 in the mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you can volunteer to help during VBS, please contact me. The first planning meeting was April 30.

Traci Lunn (352-1313)

**Camp Clark Williamson  
Fishing Rodeo  
May 3, 2003**

## Relay for Life

The Relay Team would like to thank everyone who participated in any way to make Friday's event a success. We cleared \$851 on the Casserole Sale and \$528 on the Bake Sale and Ribbon Sale.

The Relay for Life Event is Friday, May 9 at the McKenzie Recreational Park. The teams who are cooking and selling food will begin at 5:00 pm. The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 7:00 pm and the Luminary Ceremony is at 9:00 pm. The Womanless Beauty Review is at 11:00 p.m. Come out and support your Cumberland Presbyterian Relay for Life Team.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Relay for Life Team has purple bows for sale at a cost of \$10; they have yellow bows available at \$5 for you display until our troops come home. Luminaries in honor or in memory of someone special to you are \$5 each. See a member of the team to purchase any of these items or call the church office.

The Relay for Life Team is: Ruth and Rachel Carroll, Glynda Corbin, Dewayne Ervin, Jean Garrett, Christopher Hinton, J. T. & Robye Lindsey, Donna Ward, Marcia and Tracy Webb, Jimmy and Cody Brown.

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## Graduation Invitation

*We, the Senior Class  
of  
McKenzie High School,  
proudly announce our  
Commencement Exercises  
Friday evening, May sixteenth  
Two thousand Three  
eight o'clock  
McKenzie High School Gymnasium*

*Baccalaureate  
Sunday evening, May eleventh  
eight o'clock  
Dickey Fine Arts Building of Bethel College*

Christopher Hinton, son of Ron and Julia Hinton, Lindsey Damesworth, daughter of Becky Allen, Julie Smith, daughter of Tom and Rhonda Smith, Thomas Clark, son of Victor and Vicky Clark will graduate this year from McKenzie High School.

Lindsey Arnold, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Arnold will graduate from Nashville Christian Academy.

## School of Discovery

Spring has definitely sprung and the kids are full of spring fever. We have been able to start playing outside in the nice weather and our little ones are loving it.

We have recently taken a field trip to McKenzie Elementary School where several of our students will be starting kindergarten next year. We have one student who will be starting school in Greenfield and a 5-year old student who will be home schooled and return to us next year in order to be with other children. Our children behaved themselves very well. and really enjoyed the tour through the school.

The kids celebrated Easter with a fun Easter party, where they enjoyed coloring eggs, planting some spring flower seeds (which have come up quickly), and an Easter egg hunt. Earlier in the day they enjoyed other crafts and games. Some parents and grandparents came and brought goodies for snack time. The true meaning of Easter was shared throughout the week.

We have just a few weeks left before we will be finishing up this year. The end of May will bring our pre-school graduation and the beginning of summer vacation. We will be having a one-day a week program that will begin the first week of June.

Diann Olson

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## Circle Meetings

Circle I will meet at the church Conference Room on Monday, May 5 at 1:30 pm. Bubba Waddle will have the program.

Circle II will meet in the Reception Room at the church on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm. Sandra Pate is the hostess and Millie Finley will have the program.

Circle III will meet at the home of Cindy Arnold (391 Paris St.) on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm. Debby Aljancic is the program leader.

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## Acolytes

Skylor Stambaugh - 352-9475  
Jay Wafford - 352-3789  
Supervisor - Marjorie Matlock

## Nursery Helpers

- 4 - Marjorie Matlock - B  
Suzanne Howell - T  
Sub: Dawn Ervin  
11 - Carol Nanney - B  
Linda Hearn - T  
Sub: Donna Ward  
18 - Cindy Arnold - B  
Susie Motheral - T  
Sub: Sue Thompson  
25 - Ruth Carroll - B  
Judy Hall - T  
Sub: Debby Aljancic
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## Ushers

- Tom Smith, Chairman - 352-7272  
Brent Bradberry, Co-Chairman-352-0044  
James Hamilton  
Jan Kirk  
T. J. Meek  
Mark Warren
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## Greeters

- May 4 (A) Ben & Lenore Surber  
(B) J. T. Lindsey  
(C) Gordon Coleman  
May 11 (A) Ron & Julia Hinton  
(B) J. C. & Lil True  
(C) Curtis Summers  
May 18 (A) Tracy & Marcia Webb  
(B) Kevin & Carol Hill  
(C) Becky Allen & Lindsey  
May 25 (A) Tim & Carol Nanney  
(B) James & Glynda Hamilton  
(C) Rebecca Pate/Sandra Pate
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## Sound System

- May 4 & 11 - Terry Howell  
May 18 & 25 - Larry Ridley

**Session Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2003**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Conference Room**

## Cross Culture Trivia

- 1.) The largest number of tourists each year to the USA come from this country. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) The top two countries in the world whose citizens become American citizens are:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.) Can you name three of the top four countries that have illegal aliens living in the USA. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.) How many millions of Hispanics live in the USA?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) Half of all Hispanics/Latinos in the USA live in two states. They are: \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.) How many million people of Asian heritage live in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.) How many Hispanic CP churches and mission points do we have currently in the USA?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8.) The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has recently experienced significant Korean membership growth in what two US cities? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.) The Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith is available in what languages? \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.) There are two CP African churches in the US made up of people who were persecuted because of their Christian faith. From what country in Africa did they immigrate? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Answers on last page of newsletter.

--Copied from Board of Missions Newsletter

## Remember in your Prayers

J. C. True; Willard Brush (Cane Creek Rehab Center, Mt. Pelia Rd., Martin, TN 38237); James Hudson; R. A. James and Cheriadeth Rutledge at the death of Jimmie James; Woodrow Young; Bubba Waddle; Charles Hudson; Rev. Lee Scott; John Dempsay; Deborah Sullivan; Margaret Sherwood (Marge Matlock's mother); Sarah Dailey; Jane Pate; William Bryant; Bailey Wrinkle; the family of Pauline Shankle; the family of Rev. Scott Johnson; Mary K Pollard; Robby Cole (Lankford's son-in-law); Keith Inman; Jen Nolen; Renee Nespeca; Rhonda Green, the family of Phillip Allen; Joe Poirier (nephew of Edna Forester); Patty Edwards; Peggy Hall; Joy Lainhart; Denese Guillory; Betty Smith; 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.

## May Birthdays

- 1 - Gary Blount  
Emma Renfro
- 2 - Bob Rutledge
- 3 - Stacey Holancin
- 4 - Anita Baker  
Mary Jane Martin  
Vicki Long
- 7 - Julie Smith
- 9 - Lowell Young  
Walter Waddle
- 10 - Michael Keenan
- 11 - Kerri Basford  
Mary Elizabeth Waddle
- 13 - Larry Watkins
- 15 - Demetra Perkins
- 17 - Hunter Garrett  
Tony Janner
- 19 - Doug Long
- 20 - Linda Kemp
- 23 - Gordon Coleman  
Sally Allen  
Eli Surber

## May Birthdays (continued)

- 24 - Suzie Long
- 25 - Carol Perritt
- 26 - Duane Perritt
- 28 - Judy Hall  
Nicholas Tanner Corbin
- 30 - Rhonda Smith

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## May Anniversaries

- 4 - Paul & Suzie Long
- 8 - J. C. & Lil True
- 17 - Bill & Jan Kirk
- 23 - Tom & Rhonda Smith
- 29 - J. T. & Robye Lindsey
- 30 - James & Glynda Hamilton

Trivia ANSWERS:1.) Japan; 2.) Mexico & Germany; 3.) Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Canada; 4.) 37 (July, 2003) 5.) California and Texas; 6.) 10 (US census 2000); 7.) 15; 8.) Atlanta and New York; 9.) English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Japanese; 10.) Sudan

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