

**First Cumberland  
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McKenzie, Tennessee  
NEWSLETTER**



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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

This summer has been an eventful one and everyone is coming and going places and having time with their families and this is wonderful. Mary Ann and I returned home from seeing our children and grandchildren in Florida-- what a great trip! It rained every day but that did not stop us from having a grand time. Upon our return home Mary Ann when to Oran, Mo. to be with her parents. He father was not doing well and we were concerned. Mary Ann spent almost a week there and called me and asked me to come because her father was not expected to live. I arrived around 6:00 p.m. on Sunday the thirteenth of July and he died around 7:45 p.m.

His visitation was on the 15<sup>th</sup> and around 7:00 p.m. one of the family members approached me and said, a church van has pulled up in the parking lot and they are from McKenzie. I got Mary Ann and we met our beautiful bunch with surprise and tears. What a wonderful blessing for Mary Ann and me, thank you for coming and visiting with Mary Ann's family. But that's not all the story!

Later, we gathered up the bunch and headed down the road for Lambert's in Sikeston, Mo. We had a great celebration of life and it was a wonderful time to be together and experience the joy of life and the comfort of dear friends. Mary Ann and I thank you also for the lovely plant (red Peace Lilly) from the church family. -- Tony

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**New Sunday School Rooms**

The construction, carpeting and finish work on the new upstairs Sunday School Classrooms is completed. Plans are being made to get the classrooms furnished and start moving in soon. If you haven't been upstairs and seen the rooms, take a look on Sunday. They are very spacious!

**Montgomery Bell Trip**

The Worship and Fellowship Committees are planning a trip to Montgomery Bell Park on Sunday, August 24. Montgomery Bell is the birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination and located near Dickson, TN . Plans are to meet at the church at 1:00 pm and car-pool to the park. There will be a worship service at the Chapel at 3 pm. Then afterwards we will have a picnic at the pavilion near the chapel. Everyone needs to bring lawn chairs, picnic food for a potluck picnic and outdoor games.

Near the chapel is a replica log cabin of the one in which Finis Ewing, Samuel McAdow, and Samuel King prayed all night before deciding it was God's will to make a change and become "Cumberland" Presbyterians.

**Patriotic Worship**

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the June 29 Worship Service. The idea of expressing our thanks to God for all our blessings as a nation, especially our freedom, could not have been better carried out. From the Girl Scouts' posting the American and Christian flags to the benediction when we all sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth", there was a feeling of renewed pride in and gratitude for our country.

We had the opportunity to honor those of our congregation who are serving or have served in the military, reserve and national guard. We thank each of you for your service to our country. We thank you for sharing pictures, in uniform with us. The display looked great--some of your are even recognizable without a name attached! Your pictures will be returned this week. If you have not received yours by Sunday, July 20, please contact Robye Lindsey.

## **Memorials and Honorariums**

### **Nehemiah Building Fund**

#### **In Memory of:**

Waldon Laws (Lindsey Arnold's grandson)  
by Joe and Linda Hearn  
Willard Brush  
by Ed & Demetra Perkins  
J. T. & Robye Lindsey  
Pat Ridley  
Tim, Carol, Braden & Nathan Nanney  
Tom and Debby Aljancic  
John & Katrina Holancin  
Doris Blount  
Chris & Missy Blount  
Tommy & Meredith Surber  
Mack & Paula Doster  
James Hickerson  
Joe & Jean McKinnie  
Dave & Martha Sue Peters  
Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge  
Ben & Lenore Surber  
Woodrow and Blondell Young  
Martha Padgett

Jimmie James  
by J. T. and Robye Lindsey

### **Sanctuary Fund**

#### **In memory of:**

Willard Brush  
by C. H. "Red" Summers

#### **In Honor of:**

Millie Finley & Alisha Walker  
by Victoria Motheral, Codi Ellis, Cheyenne  
Geyer, Laura Warren & Laura Kay Oakley

### **Paving Fund**

#### **In memory of:**

Rosie Dunning  
by C. H. "Red" Summers

A gift has been received for the Sunday School classroom fund in honor and with thanksgiving for all those who helped in some way with Lauren and Todd's wedding. We have been touched by your graciousness and talents and thank the Lord for each of you, especially Tony Janner, Dewayne Ervin, Lindsey Arnold, all the hostesses of Lauren's tea, Violet Patterson, Marilyn Wiggins, Brent and Sarah Bradberry.

Tom and Debby Aljancic

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## **Thank You Notes**

I want to thank everyone in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for my Bible and the dinner for the seniors. I appreciate the kindness shown in thinking of me as I graduated high school and the Christian love shown to me. I will always remember your thoughtfulness.

Thank you,  
Lindsey Damesworth

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The Patriotic Worship service on June 29 was an inspiring and heart-warming service. From the music, including the handbell and children's choirs, the praise and chancel choirs to the wonderful message delivered by Rev. Anne Hames, the service was terrific. Our thanks to Robye Lindsey and the worship committee for organizing this special service while our pastor was on vacation. It was great! And the bulletin board and display which featured all our military-related people, past and present, was a very special edition to the day.

## **Church League Softball**

Everyone interested in playing church league softball on a co-ed team, please contact Craig Lunn at 352-1313. There is a \$15 fee to pay for your shirt and a portion of the entry fee. Below is a schedule of our games.

Thursday, July 17 - 8:30 pm - Field 1

Monday, July 28 - 8:30 pm - Field 2

Thursday, July 31 - 7:30 pm - Field 1

All the games are played in Huntingdon at Edwards Park. Teams will be split into 2 divisions after the July 31<sup>st</sup> games (games will be scheduled according to divisions.)

## **Senior Circle**

### **McKenzie Regional Hospital**

The McKenzie Regional Hospital is beginning a new program called Senior Circle, available to anyone age 50 and over. Membership fees are only \$15 per year and as a member, you are eligible for many benefits including monthly activities, travel opportunities, educational events, health screenings, prescription savings, and free perks within the hospital. Call 352-4150 for more details.

## **Baby Clothes**

The Women's Ministry has supported Tomorrow's Hope Teen Pregnancy Center in Paris by giving them baby clothes. However, we haven't sent any donations recently. If you have baby clothes to donate, there is a box in the entryway to the Gathering Area of the church for good baby clothes.

## **The Value of One Member**

Ten little members standing in a line.

One disliked the minister, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offer to work late.

One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven.

One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix.

They quarreled over projects, then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive.

One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more.

One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree,

'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What did they do?

One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done.

One joined a sports team, then there was only one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue,

met with a neighbor, and then there were two.

Two earnest members each enrolled one more,

doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members, just wouldn't wait,

'Til each one won another, then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.

In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four.

—Covenant Congregational Church  
Waltham, MA

## **American Juniors**

Lucy Hale, granddaughter of Rev. Don and Julia Caperton is performing on the American Juniors Show, broadcast on the Fox network in Los Angeles California. Lucy is still part of the competition. Congratulations to Lucy and her family. The show is on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on channel 8 in McKenzie for cable subscribers.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

July 28-August 1 - Youth Mission Trip Children's Home

Saturdays-August 9 to August 31-Confirmation Class

August 24 - Montgomery Bell Worship and Picnic

September 19-20 - Camp Clark Williamson Outing

September 28-30 - Fall Revival with Rev. Chris Joiner

## **Priceless**

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the \$20 bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it." Count your blessings, not your problems

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## **Bible Study**

A new 10-week Bible study began July 6 and will continue through September 7. We are studying a video [A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David](#) by Beth Moore. Beth Moore studies are suitable for teenagers and adults. The studies are enriching, and time spent together as a group enhance the lessons that much more. We meet in the Class Friendly classroom on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. A nursery will be provided, if needed.

## **CHOW Time Kids**

CHOW Time Kids is a summer fellowship program for children ages 3 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The kids are having had lots of fun. They have played together in the park, at McDonald's and rode bikes at the church.

Future plans include: a Pool Party on July 23 at 10 am at 414 Knox St. in Huntingdon (Meredith Surber's parents' home), and a trip to Looney Birds in Jackson on July 30.

## Secretary's Vacation

I will be on vacation from July 19-July 26. Someone will be in the office during the morning hours to answer the phone. If you have news for the July 30 newsletter, or events for the August calendar, please drop it by the office, e-mail at [church@mckenziecpc.org](mailto:church@mckenziecpc.org) or fax to 731-352-3101. Thank you. June

## Leaderfest 2003

### Empowering Christ's Disciples

Leaderfest 2003 will take place on **September 21** from 2:00 pm to 5:40 pm at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Tennessee. Everyone is invited to participate in this event to help Christians *Recognize* and *Exercise* Gifts of Ministry. Eleven workshops are available. You will be able to choose two. Workshop topics include "Using Sunday School for Evangelism" by William Jones, "Managing Conflict in the Church" by Tony Janner, "Faith Sharing: Removing the Barriers" by Keith Harwell, "Parenting and Faith at Home" by Lisa Anderson, "Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation" by Joe and Anne Hames. (See complete list on bulletin board) Registration is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$25 per congregation.

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## Remember in your Prayers

Mary Ann Janner and family at the death of her father, Willis Holmes; the family of Willard Brush; Charles Hudson - Rehab Milan Hospital; Jean McKinnie; the family of Dr. John Ed Gardner; Chad Jensen (Frances' grandson); Mary Gail Ward; Kenneth Allison (Lorey Basford's father); R. A. James; Woodrow Young; the family of Howard Nolen; Judi Smartt Keen; Rev. Lee Scott; Jane Pate; Tommy Ellis; Sue Horton; Jim Lindsey; William Bryant; Mary K Pollard; Keith Inman; Renee Nespeca; Rhonda Green; Patty Edwards; Peggy Hall; Joy Lainhart; Denese Guillory; Betty Smith; Cindy Trazzo; Howard Gurley (Tammy Stambaugh's father); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Linda Ward; Jessie Knott; our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

**P**raise God for rainbows and promises.

**R**emember God's promise whenever you see a rainbow.

**A**sk God to help you hold on to promises.

**Y**ou are important to God, just as you are.

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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

"*Finders Keepers, Losers Weep*"