

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

September 11, 2001 will be a date that all of us will remember no matter what age we live to. The event is pressed into our minds. It was a day when hatred was boiling and brought blood upon Americans and America. Two airlines were flown into the towers of the Trade Center in New York, and 2,998 men, women and children were killed.

Those of us who watched breathlessly on the television were shocked and angered by the attack and listened as two other planes were driven into a field on a farm in Pennsylvania and into the Pentagon. The feeling that most Americans had was one of being violated. Our hopes and dreams were destroyed, and the hopes and dreams of these victims were canceled out in a matter of minutes.

Yet, there is still a question that haunts us even today, and the question is; where is the church in all of this? Does the church lead a battle cry for vengeance? No! Does the church cry out for War? No! Does the church cry out for Peace? Yes! Where must we stand? Many good Christians will have different feelings and opinions--some right and some wrong. As I understand scriptures, I believe as always, we are in the middle. We must appreciate and love our freedom. We must not abuse our freedoms, but protect them and the lives of our people.

Our hope is not in this world but in the next. We live here to bring a message of hope into the wicked and cruel world we live in. The enemies of God can kill us, but they cannot destroy our spirit or our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. My calling is to go into the market place and preach the good news, and the God News is Christ has arisen and lives in each of us who proclaim him as the author of our faith.

----Tony

Fall Revival

September 28-30 - 7 pm

Rev. Chris Joiner - Speaker

We are happy to have the Reverend Chris Joiner as our guest evangelist for Revival Services Sunday, September 28 through Tuesday evening September 30. The services will begin each evening at 7 pm. On Sunday evening, Rev. Joiner will join the youth for pizza in the Reception Room. On Monday evening the Mustard Seed Class and the Torchbearers Class will host a meal in the Reception Room with Rev. Joiner. Class Friendly and the Fellowship Class will share a meal with Rev. Joiner on Tuesday evening. The meals will begin at 5:45 pm.

We will have an offering on Monday evening to help cover the expenses of the Revival.

Welcome to New Members

We welcome our new members, Stephen, Mona and Max Batchelor, who came to the altar on Sunday, September 7 to unite with our church. Their address is 7615 Highway 124, McKenzie, TN 38201 and phone number is 352-4728.

Leaderfest 2003 - Empowering Christ's Disciples

An Event for Helping All Christians *Recognize and Exercise Gifts of Ministry*

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. 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. You may pay on the day of the event.

WOW!!!

Worship on Wednesday (WOW) begins at **5:30 pm** each Wednesday. A light supper will be prepared by elders and their shepherd groups to begin the evening, followed by informal worship and praise music at **5:55 pm**. Then at **6:15 pm**, there will be classes for all ages. A nursery will be provided during the class times and worship time. Rev. Janner will lead an adult Bible study based on the book, "The Interpretation of the Book of Romans". WOW concludes at 7:00 pm.

Please save your plastic snack container "LIDS" for use in the children's craft time during WOW. We need the lids for September 17 crafts. Please bring them Sunday.

On September 17, we will have "The Puppeteers" perform for WOW worship. They are from 1st Baptist Church in McKenzie.

September 17 - Team 4 with Elders Bill Kreuter and Joe Hames and team members: Batchelors; C. Crowell; Eubanks; M. Geyer; G. & Z. McKennie; Meeks; R. & J. Pate; Trues; Carrolls; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; Holcombs; J. Martin; Renfros; L. Ridley; Taylors.

September 24 - Team 5 with Elders Robye Lindsey and Paul Long and team members: A. Boaz; B. Ellis; Janners; L. Kelly; Lockes; L. Lollar; John Motherals; Paul Motherals; J. Trevathan; E. & K. Corbin; R. Foster; Hamiltons; Hulls; R. A. James; Perritts; Prossers; L. Smith; D. Story; Warrens.

October 1 - Team 6 with Elders Cindy Arnold and Joe Walker and team members: Bakers; Hintons; R. Johnson; Medlocks; Perkins; Thomas; Castlemans; Ervins; J. Fortner; C. Flynn; Halls; Hills; Jarretts; Kemps; J. Pinson; Tom Smiths.

You are invited to a Fiftieth Wedding

Reception and Dance

Honoring Bill and Jan Kirk

on Saturday, September 20, 2003

Reception: 5:30 pm - Dance: 7:00 pm

at McKenzie Country Club

Given by children and grandchildren

RSVP: Dee Anne Booth (501) 847-8314

Congratulations!

Four McKenzie High School Seniors from our church recently received the following senior superlatives -

Most Likely to Succeed - Kate Hames

Most Intelligent - Kate Hames

Most Athletic - John Craig Howell

Mr. MHS - John Craig Howell

Best All Around - Carrie Stambaugh

Best Personality - Carrie Stambaugh

Most Talented - Brittany Washburn

Congratulations to these deserving young people!

Children's Choir

Children's Choir will begin regular rehearsals on every second and fourth Sunday evening from 4:30 to 5:00 pm.

Children's Choir sings on Fifth Sundays during children's time, and of course, we will sing at Christmas time.

Habitat for Humanity

"Bucks for Building"

Sunday, September 14, 2003

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Willard Brush

by David and Lynda Lankford

Elizabeth Burroughs

by David and Lynda Lankford

Donald Jensen

by Frances Jensen

Rena Thedford

by Ruth Goodman

Marvin Leslie

by David and Lynda Lankford

Willis Holmes

by David and Lynda Lankford

Charles Ray Jones

by David and Lynda Lankford

Kerry Warman's Grandfather

by Joe and Linda Hearn

In Honor of:

Paula Watkins

by Cindy Arnold

Sanctuary Fund

Paul Pritchard

by C. H. and Alice Summers

Camp Clark Williamson Overnight Trip

On Friday, September 19, approximately 25 people are planning to spend the night at Camp Clark Williamson in the lodge. There is still room for 5 or 6 people—the lodge will accommodate 32. All those who plan to go, please meet in the choir room next Wednesday night (Sept. 17) immediately following WOW. We want to be sure everyone knows how to get to camp, what to bring, etc. If you have any questions we'll try to answer them.

Youth News

On September 13, 2003, the youth will travel to Nashville to see Jars of Clay with guests, Sixpence and Toby Mac. We will leave at 2:00 pm from the church parking lot. I'm unsure of our return time at this point, but I think it will be late. As I understand it, we will be outdoors, so bring a jacket and also bring money for food and drinks.

The entire youth group wants to extend a special welcome to Max Batchelor and his mom and dad and let them know how proud we are to have them as members of our church family. Max, we hope to see you regularly at youth group, WOW, Sunday School and morning worship. We look forward to getting to know you and your family in the days to come.

If you haven't attended a McKenzie Rebel High School Football Game this season, then perhaps you should. Many of our youth participate in all areas. John Craig Howell is having an awesome season already, (even if everyone in Camden thinks his name is Josh). Carrie Stambaugh and Rachel Clark are cheering their hearts out at every game. Kate Hames plays trumpet in the band and is working very hard in their field show. Cody Jarrett plays saxophone. Erica Pugh is in the band and she does an excellent job in the flag corps. Brittany Washburn plays flute in the band, and it's easy to tell how much she loves scatter drills. Also, Andrew Webb has started playing football for McKenzie Middle School. His games are on Thursdays. He says he isn't starting but he is enjoying football all the same. Holland Hames and a great many of his friends have their own private cheering section. They wear like t-shirts that read "McKenzie Maniacs" on the front, and on the back of their shirts, it reads "If you can't see, stand up." They never sit for the entire game and cheer for their team from start to finish.

The youth had a great time at the home of Tony and Mary Ann Janner this past Sunday. We played touch football and had hamburgers and hotdogs. We were visited by Kirk Nienaber and his son, Josh, as well as Joe Hames. Kirk played football with the youth (as did Rev. Janner and Joe). Kirk still shows sign of some of his old form (of course, he was a basketball player, he kept trying to dribble the football). Tony showed us a thing or two on the field, and who knew Joe Hames was a quarterback? Thanks so much to Tony and Mary Ann for providing us with such a good evening.

Dewayne Ervin

Women's Ministry Meeting

The quarterly Women's Ministry Meeting will be on Monday, September 15 at 6 pm beginning with a potluck dinner in the Family Life Center. A business meeting will follow.

Thank You

Thanks to Brian Taylor, Gordon Coleman, Frank Claytor, Ron Hinton and J. T. Lindsey for all their hard work refinishing chairs at the old church to be used for the new Sunday School rooms upstairs.

Thanks also to Charles and Linda Kemp for all the new furniture, accent tables, pictures, greenery and all the beautiful furnishings they donated for decorating the new upstairs Sunday School rooms. Kevin and Carol Hill put the gorgeous border in the bathrooms.

The Women's Ministry provided money for some of the pictures upstairs and new children's tables. Glynda Corbin did a lot of resourceful shopping.

Dr. N. J. Headden donated a small copy machine which has been placed in the Resource room upstairs for Sunday School teachers and WOW teachers.

Thanks to everyone who worked on Wednesday, August 27 after WOW moving furniture upstairs.

Bob Rutledge provided the signs. He and Tracy Webb spent many hours coordinating the work upstairs to get everything finished. Thanks, Bob and Tracy.

Thanks to Carol Hill and Glynda Corbin who worked many hours planning and decorating the upstairs. It looks wonderful and all the children and adults are enjoying Sunday School in their new rooms.

Thanks to everyone in the church who gave donations to make the new Sunday School Rooms a reality!!!

Notes from Session Meeting

*August Financial Report showed receipts of \$21,440 and expenditures of \$14,849.

*Decided to do a Work Day for Habitat for Humanity house on November 15, 2003. Fellowship Committee will provide lunch.

*Approved transfer of letter for Paul Carroll to First Baptist Church in Union City, TN

*Recorded child baptism for Maddie Taylor

*Elected Jimmy Stambaugh as delegate to West Tennessee Presbytery which meets October 4, 2003

*Set Nov.8 as date for an Elder Planning Session.

*Appointed Nominating Committee: Robye Lindsey, Chairperson, Joe Hames, Frank Claytor, Carol Nanney and Tommy Surber.

*Made plans to make a door between Nursery and SS room. and remove the wall between library and SS room a.s.a.p.

*Recognized the outstanding leadership and hard work of Jean Garrett and Marlene Kreuter for organizing and carrying out "Family Night" for the past six years.

*Approved Finance Committee recommendation to purchase a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$63,142 which is designated for the future Sanctuary, in order to earn more interest for the fund.

*Approved request by A New Walk of Faith Church of God and Rev. Harper to use the old sanctuary instead of Fellowship Hall for their worship service.

School of Discovery

We have a great start this year. Our enrollment is almost double this year—so many more 3-year olds! Almost a full class. Our smaller class is the 4 and 5 year olds. Those in the program who are a part of our church are: Lauren Olson, Joseph Keenan, Bridget Bradberry and Sydney Baker.

Our Book Fair a couple of weeks ago was a surprise success! We were able to receive many more books and learning products than we had anticipated. Charro and I would like to thank you for the church's support. With a portion of the benefits received from the fair we are placing a Usborne's Children's Bible in the Kindergarten class, 1st & 2nd Grade Class and 3rd-5th Grade Class. A Children's Bible was purchased for the School of Discovery and will be available for the 2 and 3 year old class. We are placing a Kittens touchy-feely book and a Puppies Touchy-feely book in the Nursery.

Diann Olson

Remember in your Prayers

The family of Mary Gail Ward, Woodrow Young Room 656 Jackson Madison Hospital; Dawn Ervin; Tammy Stambaugh; Charles Hudson; Berneal McKennie (Gary's mother); Kim White; Bret Watson; Mark and Kathy Holloman; Steve Todd; Marie Holmes and Glen Holmes (Mary Ann Janner's mother and brother); Kerry Warman and family at the death of his grandfather; Ressie White (Bubba Waddle's sister-in-law); Danny Arnold; Toni (sister of Linda McClure); Rev. Cordell Smith; Chad Jensen (Frances' grandson); Kenneth Allison (Lorey Basford's father); R. A. James; Tammy Cathey; Steve and Gwen Matlock; Jennifer Wafford; Judi Smartt Keen; Rev. Lee Scott; Jane Pate; Tommy Ellis; Sue Horton; William Bryant; Mary K Pollard; Renee Nespeca; Rhonda Green; Patty Edwards; Peggy Hall; 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

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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

"A Family of Faith with Open Minds and Loving Hearts"