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McKenzie, Tennessee

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the twenty-third of November we will have a congregational meeting to elect four elders to the church session. You will have an opportunity to vote on the four nominees that have been sent to the session, and you will also have the right to nominate any member (who is in good standing and has been a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, for at least one year) who agrees to serve a three-year term if elected. (See The Confession of Faith pages 33-39 under Elder 2.70-2.96 and page 41, 4.00 Session for clarification on Elders and election).

We want to say thank you to the following Elders who are leaving our session, they are: Bob Rutledge, Dave Peters, Joe Walker, and Dr. Joe Hames. We are grateful for their Servant-Leadership and devotion to the church. "Servant-Leader" is one who serves others as he/she serves the Lord. If we care for others and try to meet their needs by using whatever resources are available to us, we are good servants. As leaders we must stay focused on the mission to which we are committed. None of us can serve well if we merely oversee a church that continues to serve only itself. Remember, "servanthood is about character, and leadership is about your role."ⁱ I would go one step more and say that leadership is our role in life. If you are called by God to serve as an Elder or Pastor, you are to be a leader. A very good leader is one who has gifts of leadership or who is able to put others in leadership positions and win them to his or her vision. We have a Vision here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and it is this: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of McKenzie is committed to be a witness to the community and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that all can be saved in Christ Jesus. We are here to make disciples (followers of Christ) and build a strong community of faith that will stand the test of time. We are hopeful that in fifty years others can look back and see Faith at work and remember the Faithful who were obedient to God's word, by going and preaching the word of God, and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our mission is to encourage, mentor, train, and educate men and women for future ministries within the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination in America and throughout the world.

----Tony

i. Rev. Erwin McManus, Leadership Journal for Church Leaders, "Called to What", (Fall 2003, Vol. XXIV Number 4. pg. 27).

Stewardship, 2004 -"Ready for Growth" The Pony Express Campaign

November 2 has been designated for Stewardship Sunday. Stewardship and Finance Committee Chairperson, Bob Rutledge, will present the 2004 proposed budget to the congregation on that Sunday and Saddlebags will be distributed to the elders.

The elders of the session of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will serve as route coordinators for "The Pony Express". Each elder will be given a Saddlebag with lists of the people of the church. In the Saddlebags, you will find a letter addressed to you which contains information about this year's stewardship campaign, a 2004 proposed budget, and an estimate of giving card. After you and your family have prayerfully considered what you would like to contribute to your church, please fill out the card, place it in the envelope, seal it, return the envelope to opposite side of the Saddlebag and pass it along to the next person on the list.

We will also be mailing some letters for convenience and you may return your card in the envelope provided.

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.

Many thanks to the elders and their teams who have provided wonderful meals on Wednesday nights. **November 5** - 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.

November 12 - WOW - Pizza (provided)

November 19 - 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.

November 26 - No WOW - Thanksgiving Break

December 3 - 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; Nienabers; Hills; Jarretts; Kemps; J. Pinson; Tom Smiths.

CASSEROLE SALE

The Women's Ministry will be holding a Casserole Sale on Saturday, November 22, 2003. They will be selling tickets in advance for Turkey and Dressing for \$15 each. This casserole freezes well. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Women's Ministry. Baked goods will also be available for purchase when you pick up your casserole. All proceeds will be given to the Nehemiah Building Fund.

Looking Ahead

The Christmas Committee has made the following plans:

- Nov. 30 - Chrismon Worship Service
- Dec. 1 - Decorating the church
- Dec. 7 - Chancel Choir Cantata
- Dec. 17 - Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 21 - Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Communion Service
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Morning Worship

Womanless Wedding

It's been twelve years in the making, but it's almost here! It takes that long to plan and prepare an event this special. The last time we had one of these extraordinary occasions was twelve years ago. Some of you may remember it, but many of you do not. So whatever you do, don't miss this time!

What is this extra-special occurrence? Why it's the Cumberland Presbyterian Church "Womanless Wedding," and you are invited. The festivities will begin at 5:00 pm at the church on Sunday, November 2. Come early because you don't want to miss a minute of the nuptials. The lovely bride (DeWayne Ervin) and the lucky groom (Brian Taylor) want you to be a part of their special day. The mother of the bride (John Holancin) and her father (Paul Long) have looked forward to this day and cordially invite you to participate along with the grandmother, (Tony Janner) and the grandfather (Mark Warren) Other participants include Ben Surber, Roger Johnson, Dave Peters, Joe Hearn, Ed Perkins, Paul Olson, Red Summers, Tom Aljancic, Joe McKinnie and males from McKenzie High School and Bethel College. The "ministers" who will officiate are John Baumgardner and Terry Howell. The pianist will be Eric Corbin with Walter Waddle and Bob Rutledge as soloists. There are many surprises planned and you don't want to miss any of it. There will be a light supper reception afterwards to which you are also invited.

For the price of a ticket (five dollars) which will go to the church building fund you can be a part of this momentous wedding extravaganza. It might be twelve years before we have another, so don't miss it this time!

A nursery will be provided.

Bethel College Men's Basketball Tuesday, November 4 "Cumberland Presbyterian Night" Game Time: 8 pm

The congregation is invited to a Bethel College Men's Basketball Game on Tuesday, November 4 beginning at 8 pm. It's Cumberland Presbyterian Night. Just tell the person taking tickets that you are a "Cumberland Presbyterian" to attend the game.

Covenant Players - Love Offering

To express our thanks to the Covenant Players who came on Wednesday, October 22, for WOW worship, we would like to send a Love Offering to them. You may place your donation in the regular offering in an envelope designated for the Covenant Players or drop it by the church office. They did an excellent presentation.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Esther Putman

by J. C. and Lil True

Joe and Linda Hearn

In Memory of:

Woodrow Young

by Lowell Young

Paving Fund

In Honor of:

Jessie "Gaga" Killibrew"

By McKenzie H. S. Class of 1953

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of:

Esther Putman

By C. H. "Red" Summers

Willie Ray Smith

by C. H. "Red" Summers

James Childress

by C. H. "Red" Summers

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for hosting our football team for the church service and the meal afterwards. McKenzie High School appreciates the commitment that you make to the young people of this community. You certainly made our football team, coaches and administrators feel at home. Again, thank you for your gracious hospitality.

Sincerely,

Terry Howell

Public Forum

Truth and Justice in the Native American Communities of Tennessee

November 6, 2003

7:00 pm

Dickey Fine Arts Building

Harold Spears with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Nashville and Joseph McCaleb, an attorney trained in Indian Law will be speaking. Rev. Tony Janner will be moderator of the forum. Topics include: "What it means to be a "certified Indian"; "What it takes to trace your genealogy and prove your ancestry"; What to do when proving your ancestry becomes an impossibility"; "portrayal of stereotypical images"; misrepresentation of tribal identities"; and appropriating other cultural traits". The public is invited

Habitat for Humanity

Carroll County Habitat for Humanity has begun work on the 11th house to be built in Carroll County. Our youth group will be working on Saturday, November 15 beginning at 8 am. The Fellowship Committee will provide lunch for the group that day. Anyone in the congregation who would like to help is welcome to join them. Work is scheduled for every Saturday from now until November 16. A schedule is posted on our bulletin board. The house is located on Donnell St. in McKenzie.

Love Loaf Program

Join our church on a mission to make a difference. 108 million orphans are waiting. Every 14 seconds, another child is orphaned due to the AIDS crisis. We can experience God working through us to care for this generation of orphans and vulnerable children. We're partnering with World Vision on this important project. Your Love Loaf filled with donations will provide much-needed assistance. Just a dollar a day will provide life-saving help such as food, clean water, access to education, health care, and caregivers who show Christ's love.

The Love Loaves are available now. Each family please take one Love Loaf. This year we have cardboard Love Loaves, however we have some of the previous year's plastic Love Loaves also. We will collect all the Love Loaves on Sunday, November 23. Half the total collected goes to World Vision, one-fourth goes to the Board of Missions in Memphis and one-fourth will be kept here for local benevolence needs.

Help Keep the Church Secure

We are having problems with exterior doors being left unlocked. If you unlock a door, it is **your responsibility** to see that the **door is locked and secured before you leave**. The best way to check the doors is—if you are inside, **push on the solid part of the door**—if you are outside, **pull on the door handle**. Please take the time **to pull on the door after you have exited**. If you are responsible for locking up the building after a meeting, **you cannot assume that the doors are locked unless you physically push or pull on each door**. There are doors that we assume that no one used but all it takes is for a child to push on the inside bar and maybe the door did not close like it should. Please check **EVERY** door.

November Circle Meetings

Circle I will meet at the Conference Room of the church on Monday, November 3 at 1:30 pm. to visit shut-ins. Please bring your baked breads.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, November 4 at the home of Jean Garrett for a potluck meal at 6 pm. They will be getting ready for their Bethel Letters/Finals Project.

Circle III will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm in the home of Lynda Lankford and Robye Lindsey will have the program. (Regular meeting date is second Mondays of the month.)

Glory Be Circle will meet at the church on Sunday, November 9 at 6 pm. Dawn Ervin is the hostess for an add-a-dish meal. June Perritt will have the program. The youth are invited to eat with the circle. (This meeting is one week late due to the Womanless Wedding.)

Acolytes

Matt Warren - 352-5374
Mitchell Lunn - 352-1313
Supervisor - Craig Lunn

Greeters

Nov. 2 (A) Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
(B) Jack & Judy Hall
(C) Bill & Jan Kirk
Nov. 9 (A) John & Katrina Holancin
(B) Tom & Debby Aljancic
(C) Cindy Arnold/Lindsey
Nov. 16 (A) Louise & Donna Ward
(B) Ruth Morris
(C) Millie Finley
Nov. 23 (A) Linda Hearn/Linda Meek
(B) Tommy Johnson
(C) Laddie Lollar
Nov. 30 (A) James & Glynda Hamilton
(B) Terry & Suzanne Howell
(C) Ben & Linda McClure

Nursery Helpers

2 - Marjorie Matlock - B
Holland Hames - T
Sub: Traci Lunn
9 - Carol Perritt - B
Suzanne Howell - T
Sub: Dawn Ervin
16 - Carol Nanney - B
Linda Hearn - T
Sub: Donna Ward
23 - Cindy Arnold - B
Carol Hill - T
Sub: Sue Thompson
30 - Lauren Perritt - B
Judy Hall - T
Sub: Debby Aljancic

Ushers

Tracy Webb, Chairman
352-3550
Joe McKinnie, Co-Chairman
Millie Finley
Ron Hinton
Gary McKinnie
Joe Walker, Jr.

Sound System Helpers

Nov. 2 & 9 - Larry Ridley
Nov. 16 - Joel Washburn
Nov. 23 - Mark Warren
Nov. 30 - Joel Washburn

November Birthdays

2 - Ronnie Hudson
7 - Sierra Keenan
8 - Lynn Watkins
10 - Kay Wells
11 - Kristi Holancin
Joe Ben Irby
Russell Basford
12 - J. T. Lindsey
13 - Adria Crook
14 - Susan Holcomb
18 - Stephen Perritt
19 - J. C. True
James Hamilton
20 - Kevin Hill
21 - Ron Hinton
Bob Prosser
Jack Surber
22 - Lenore Surber
John William Ervin
23 - Louise Ward
Abbey Motheral
24 - Carrie Stambaugh
Kenny Medlin
26 - Brittany Washburn
27 - Larry Ridley
28 - Tom Smith
29 - Martha Peters
30 - Andrew Foster

November Anniversaries

20 - Ben and Lenore
Surber
30 - Byron and Sandra
Pate

Bible Study

Bible Study for Sunday,
November 2 is at 2 pm due to
"Womanless Wedding" which is
scheduled for 5 pm.

Thanks to the Bradberrys

Brent, Sarah and Bridget Bradberry have shared their time with the church as well as their resources by giving the cross-ties, fabric and gravel for the playground. They have spent many hours arranging cross-ties, getting the fabric down and the gravel spread. The children of the church and the School of Discovery will spend happy hours playing there for many years to come. Thanks for giving!

Sunday Morning Messages

November 2

"The Woman Who Impressed God
with her Loyalty"

Ruth 1:1-18

November 9

"Where Do You Draw the Line?"

Romans 8:12-17

Remember in your Prayers

William and Barbara Ervin; Bubba Waddle; Regal Baker; J. T. Lindsey; Kaye Gilliam; Ray Gurley; Donald Jackson; Mike Ramos (Tim Nanney's brother-in-law); Keith Campbell; Roger Summers; Susie Motheral and the family of Esther Putman; Marie Holmes; Jim Ward family; Elizabeth Fisher (Tom Keenan's mother); Shelba McCasklin; Wilma Roberts (sister-in-law of Jan Kirk); Doris Smoron; Roger Morris, Louise Hastings; Paul Toombs; Berneal McKennie (Gary's mother); Kim White; Mark and Kathy Holloman; Steve Todd; Ressie White (Bubba Waddle's sister-in-law); Toni (sister of Linda McClure); Rev. Cordell Smith; Chad Jensen (Frances' grandson); Judi Smartt Keen; Charles Hudson; Rev. Lee Scott; Jane Pate; Tommy Ellis; William Bryant; Mary K Pollard; Renee Nespeca; Patty Edwards; Peggy Hall; Betty Smith; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Jessie Knott; our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

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Dewayne Ervin-Youth Director; Walter Waddle-Choir Director; 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"