

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church McKenzie, Tennessee NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PASTOR

It's Christmas and I want to thank the Christmas Committee and all who helped in making Christmas so beautiful throughout the church facilities.

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas season! Everyone really made it a special time. I want to thank all the families who participated in the lighting of the Advent candles--a special thanks to Mitchell Lunn for his help in lighting the altar candles on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. The Lunn family lit the Advent and Christ Candle on Christmas morning.

Mary Ann and I want to thank the church family for the generous monetary gift to us and all the staff here at First Cumberland Presbyterian church. The Christmas Cantata, Children's Christmas program, The School of Discovery Christmas program, Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning services were well attended and our choir, Zia, and Walter did an outstanding job. The Children's Christmas program was a blessing to all as Charro Keenan directed the special afternoon service. I cannot forget the special music of Dewayne Ervin as he sat the stage for the Christmas holidays, singing "O Holy Night".

Now we are moving quickly to the next big holiday, New Years Day and the Watch night program on December 31, here at 9:00 p.m. with games, fellowship and finger foods and a devotional at mid-night with our own Brian Taylor. Please plan to attend the January 4th worship service as the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Charles McCaskey, will be our guest speaker, you will not want to miss his message.

My prayer is that you will have a blessed and safe New Year.

—Tony

Dr. Charles McCaskey - Special Guest Speaker Sunday, January 4, 2004 - Add-A-Dish Lunch

Dr. Charles McCaskey, Moderator of the General Assembly, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, January 4, 2004 while our pastor is on vacation. Rev. McCaskey is also pastor of the Cookeville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His wife, Wanda is originally from McKenzie. His daughter, Mary is a student at Bethel College.

Following the worship service, we will have an add-a-dish lunch. Everyone, please bring meats, casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts for a potluck meal together.

Thanks!!! Christmas Committee

The Christmas Committee has been busy this year, putting up trees, garland, lights, bows, planning caroling, a cantata, children's Christmas program, making Christmas goodies to share, cooking breakfast, and washing dishes. Thanks to everyone who has worked hard to make the Advent season one of joy and inspiration for the church. Doug and Vicki Long have spent many hours at the church during the holidays along with Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh, Ben and Lenore Surber, Traci Lunn, Charro Keenan, Brian and Erica Taylor, Paul and Suzie Long, Sue Thompson, Janet Baumgardner, Walter Waddle, Carla Flynn, Carrie Stambaugh, Jane, Martin, and Virginia Hames. We appreciate their dedication and time given to the church.

WOW

WOW will resume on **Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 pm.** We will have pizza for dinner. The elders teams will begin January 21 providing the meals. The children and youth classes will begin new literature. The adult Bible Study Group will continue with their study of the book of Romans.

LOOKING AHEAD

Colonial C. P. Church Celebration of 50 years of ministry - Jan. 10-11, 2004

Young Adult Conference - February 19-22, 2004 in the Smokey Mountains of Townsend, Tennessee. Eric & Kristi Corbin are involved in the planning along with Sally Garrett Allen—Check with them for more information

Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference for 2004 (CPYC) is July 4-9 at NaCoMe Conference Center, Pleasantville, TN
2004 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - July 20-25 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana

Christmas Cards

The Christmas Trees and Bell Card Holders hung in the hallway of the church with the names of all the families of the church still have lots of Christmas cards. We will leave the cards on the table at the back of the Worship and Family Life Center for you to take home on Sunday, since the Christmas Committee will be taking down all the decorations on Saturday.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Members of Circle III were hostesses for the December add-a-dish Women's Ministry meeting December 15, 2003. The tables were decorated with poinsettia plants and Christmas knit bags filled with candy for favors.

The business meeting opened with the minutes read and approved. Linda Meek passed out the treasurer's report. Since there was money left from the decorating fund for the new Sunday School rooms, she asked if it could be applied to the Miscellaneous Funds for paying the babysitters. By motion it was approved. The \$50 Convention offering will also be taken from miscellaneous funds. It was suggested that the Convention offering source be re-worked in next year's budget.

Christian Service reported an active quarter. Fund-raising committee reported income of \$824 from the Bethel finals goodie baskets and yearly total of \$407.95 from the McKenzie resale shops. Circle I had 4 members present; Circle II had 10 members present; Circle III had 5 members present; and Glory Be's Circle had 7 members present.

For the program Robye Lindsey read a Christmas meditation and we joined in singing familiar Christmas carols.

Linda Kelly, Secretary

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Jammie Foster

by David and Lynda Lankford
Dr. & Mrs. John Langfitt

Bubba Waddle

In Memory of Rev. Lee Scott

by David and Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Woodrow Young

by Bubba Waddle

In Memory of James "Pip" Harris

by Joe and Linda Hearn

In Memory of Colin Locke

by David and Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Franklin "Brat" Howell

by Bubba Waddle

In Memory of Jimmie James

by Bubba Waddle

In Memory of Hershel Prosser

by David and Lynda Lankford

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Hershel Prosser

by Tony & Mary Ann Janner

In Memory of James Williams

by C. H. "Red" Summers

In Honor of Bob Rutledge, Paul Long & Jimmy Stambaugh

by anonymous

Paving Fund

In Memory of Hershel Prosser

by Ed & Demetra Perkins

Thank you Notes

The staff of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church wants to thank you for the monetary gifts we received for Christmas. You are a wonderful, kind and generous family of faith.

Tony Janner, June Perritt, Tom Aljancic, Walter Waddle, ZiaMcKennie, Charro Keenan, Mary Wyatt, Lisa Page and Courtney Cole

January Calendar

Circle I will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 5 in the Conference Room at the church with Lil True leading the program.

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

Circle III will meet on Monday, January 12 at 7:00 pm at the Reception Room of the church. Cindy Arnold is program leader and Linda Hearn is hostess.

Glory Be Circle will meet at 6:00 pm on Sunday, January 11 at the Reception Room at the church for a potluck meal. We will provide the meal for the youth also. Diann Olson is the program leader. June Perritt is hostess.

Acolytes

Cheyenne Geyer - 352-3764

Beau Baker - 352-0551

Supervisor - Sandra Spires

Nursery Helpers

4 - Jill Warren - B

Meredith Suber - T

Sub: Carol Hill

11 - Paula Watkins - B

Linda Meek - T

Sub: Virginia Hames

18 - Carol Perritt - B

Linda Smith - T

Sub: Lynda Lankford

25 - Letha Basford - B

Lauren Perritt - T

Sub: Audra Henderson

USHERS

Larry Ridley, Chairman 352-9325

John Holancin, Co-Chairman 352-9259

T. J. Meek

Brian Taylor

Roxie Walker

Larry Watkins

Sound System Helpers

January 4 - Mark Warren

January 11 & 18 - Tim Nanney

January 25 - Chris Blount

Saturday, January 3, 2004 - 3 pm

The Christmas Committee can use help taking down and storing Christmas decorations in the attic.

Greeters

- Jan. 4 (A) Ron & Julia Hinton
(B) Eddie & Letha Basford
(C) Tommy & Meredith Surber
- Jan. 11 (A) Chris & Missy Blount
(B) Tracy & Marcia Webb
(C) Curtis Summers
- Jan. 18 (A) Terry & Suzanne Howell
(B) Duane & June Perritt
(C) Gordon Coleman
- Jan. 25 (A) Tim & Carol Nanney
(B) Kevin & Carol Hill
(C) Mark & Sue Thompson

January Birthdays

- 5 - Lauren Perritt
Kay Green
- 6 - Jonathan Lankford
Lorey Basford
- 7 - Kelly Hudson
- 10 - Johnna Baumgardner
Jennifer Lankford Cole
- 11 - Linda Hearn
- 12 - Robye Lindsey
- 13 - Jonathan Lollar
- 16 - Doug Pate
Kate Hames
- 17 - Byron Pate

Birthdays continued

- 18 - Janet Baumgardner
Sarah Bradberry
Levi Hamilton
- 19 - Jeanie Reeves
- 20 - Melanie Geyer
- 22- Melissa Smith
- 26 - Joel Washburn
- 27 - Joe Walker, Jr.
Bridget Bradberry
- 28 - Mark Smith
- 31 - Regal Baker
Lute Foster
Cynthia Nienaber

No Anniversaries were listed on our calendar this month.

Please call the office to tell us your birthday and anniversary dates. Thanks for your help!

Remember in your Prayers

C.H. "Red" Summers; Alicia Walker-foot surgery; Dot Howell; The family of Nola Price; Dr. Howard Smith (Tom's father); Carla Flynn's brother; Elizabeth Barlow; Judy Hack (Kelly Kelley's mother); John Mehr; Elaine Bulter; Janice Chandler; Kay Wood; Betty McNabb; Ray Gurley; Donald Jackson; Shelba McCasklin; Doris Smoron; Louise Hastings; Berneal McKennie (Gary's mother); Kim White; Mark and Kathy Holloman; Ressie White (Bubba Waddle's sister-in-law); Toni (sister of Linda McClure); Judi Smartt Keen; Jane Pate; Faye Headden; William Bryant; Mary K Pollard; Renee Nespeca; Peggy Hall; Betty Smith; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

A new Bible Study will begin in January, entitled "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore. The group will meet on Sunday evenings. Tentative beginning date is January 18. Time to be announced.

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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 Hands and Loving Hearts"