

# First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

## NEWSLETTER



March 31, 2004

### FROM THE PASTOR

#### *Helping people understand*

*People come to the church with a desire to understand. They look to the preacher for words of wisdom that will help them through confusing, crisis-laden times. They hunger for stability rooted in something eternal. They long to possess and understand what is real and permanent, and how they can follow that truth for their own contentment and salvation.*

*As a response to this yearning to understand, some preachers offer "prescriptive explanations"---attempts to help people understand what "is" and what "should be." The preacher proclaims how God has given us truths and laws to nurture us, how difficulties arise when people do not respond to God's intentions for us, and how we need to turn back to God in faithful obedience.*

*Jesus used prescriptive explanations in his preaching. Boldly he affirmed the former prescriptions for Israel: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. . . Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5: 17:19).*

*Jesus however, went beyond the law and prophets, as he stated, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times," he proclaimed to the crowds around him as he quoted in turn the familiar mandates laid upon them. But in the next breath Jesus installed his own re-defined moral prescription with the authoritative prelude, "But, I say unto you. . ." Those prescriptions to the people were very specific and concrete, the most memorable being, "If anyone strikes you on the right check, turn the other also" (see Matthew 5: 21-28).*

*Prescriptive explanations are commonly used by fundamentalist preachers, but are often avoided or watered down by other Protestant preachers. The reasons may vary why clergy avoid prescriptive explanations. Some may not affirm the Bible's reliability and authority, or some may reject the notion that there are absolute ethical "truths." Other pastors may strive to avoid any impression of trying to manipulate others, or they are reluctant to put themselves in a position of authority. But in light of parishioners' need to understand, the avoidance of prescriptive explanations in preaching is an unfortunate over-reaction. Prescriptive explanations are both appropriate and necessary.---Tony*

*This reflective was taken from : "What People Expect From Church," by Dr. Robert L. Randall, Abbingdon*

### **Community Holy Week Services - April 5-9**

The Ministerial Association of McKenzie will sponsor Holy Week Worship Services at **noon** each day April 5 through April 9 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Each day a minister from churches in McKenzie will bring a devotional message. On Monday, April 5 the speaker will be: Rev. Dr. Dennis Trull, pastor of First Baptist Church; Tuesday, April 6- Rev. Vance Rushing, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church; Wednesday, April 7 -Rev. Frank Criswell, pastor of First Assembly of God; Thursday, April 8 - Rev. Dr. Tony Janner; Friday, April 9 - Rev. Dan Grissom, pastor of Calvary Pentecostal.

On Sunday, April 11 a Sunrise Service will be held at the church at 7 am for the community. Rev. James Stewart of Enon Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching during this service.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

On **Palm Sunday, April 4**, you will have the opportunity to give help to people in many parts of the world to live a better life. It will help them to grow food and to learn to read and write. It will help them build places to live and give them the tools they need to earn a living for their families. It will help people who have no clean water drill wells. It will provide food, blankets and shelter to people who have lived through hurricanes and earthquakes.

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing is to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Projects supported by OGHS are under way in more than 100 countries including the United States and Canada.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people." John 6:9

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, **April 10 at 11:00 am**. The children age 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> graders will hunt Easter eggs and then have a light lunch.

## **Memorials and Honorariums** **Nehemiah Building Fund**

**In Honor of: Millie Finley, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. True  
and Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Lindsey**

by: Tommy and Marketta Hudson

### **Sanctuary Fund**

**In Memory of: Walter Colley** (Cathey Stambaugh's brother)

by: Ben & Lenore Surber

Tommy & Meredith Surber

**In Memory of: Gloria "Dodie" McCullar**

C. H. "Red" and Alice Summers

### **Paving Fund**

**In Memory of: Margaret Sherwood** (Marge Matlock's mother)

by : C. H. "Red" and Alice Summers

Joe and Linda Hearn

J. C. and Lil True

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Ben & Lenore Surber

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Fellowship SS Class

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## **WOW**

WOW begins each **Wednesday night at 5:30 pm** with dinner in the Family Life Center. Two elders and their teams prepare the meals. Praise worship begins at 5:55 pm and classes for all age groups begin at 6:15 pm. The Adult Bible Study Group is studying the "Confession of Faith". The Confessions of Faith are available in the church office. They are \$2.00 each.

**April 7** - Team 6 with Elders Cindy Arnold and Linda Hearn and team members: Bakers; Clarks; Hinton; R. Johnson; Medlocks; Perkins; Thomas; J. Walkers; B. Allen; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Demings; E. Forester; Matlocks; T. Surbers; V. Walker.

**April 14** - PIZZA Night

**April 21** - Team 1 with Elders Finley and Stambaugh and team members: D. Blount; Keenans; Kelleys; Kirks; Troglin; Warmans; Washburns; Wilsons; Youngs; T. Howells; F. Jensen; R. Morris; Olsons; Peters; Reids; L & M Watkins.

**April 28** - Team 2 with Elders Lankford and Lunn and team members Aljancics; Eddie Basfords; A. Henderson; Holancins; T. Johnson; L. Krushe; McKinnies; Moss'; Mark Stambaugh; T. & L. Walker; Ervins; J. Fortner; Hills; Kemps; Nienabers; J. Pinson; Tom Smiths.

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## **Easter Egg - Donations**

We are needing donations of individually wrapped candy pieces. Please drop candy donations in the basket located in the hallway next to the choir room. Please send only individually wrapped pieces, no loose jelly beans etc. Please also remember this is for children and many cannot handle hard candies such as peppermint and butterscotch, etc. Please bring your donations by Sunday, April 4. (Monetary donations to purchase candy will also be appreciated.) Call Traci Lunn if you have questions.

## **Spring Dessert Sale** **sponsored by Women's Ministry**

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will be holding a Spring Dessert Sale on Friday, April 9, 2004. They will be selling tickets in advance for Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Cake, Coconut Cake and Carrot Cake. The cost of each will be \$15.00. They will also be selling tickets for Chocolate Chess Pie and Pecan Pie at a cost of \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Women's Ministry. All proceeds will go towards the Nehemiah Building Fund debt.

## **Women's Ministry News**

The McKenzie Women's Ministry met for their spring quarterly meeting on March 15 with Glory Be Circle as hostess. The tables were festively decorated for St Patrick's Day with bouquets of fresh golden daffodils, green & yellow candles and lovely centerpieces created by Glynda Corbin for Retreat which was March 12-13.

Following the add-a-dish meal the business meeting opened with a devotional by June Perritt on Psalm 23 adapting it in a meaningful way for our time. Erica Taylor led us in singing some of the Praise Choruses with Diann Olson accompanying us. Traci Lunn reported on the Women's Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson. Linda Meek handed out Treasurer's Report and reviewed it.

Christian Service Committee reported meal for Matlock/Sherwood family.

Fund-raising committee reported Dinner Theater profit of \$1,333.00 given to the Nehemiah Building Fund. April fund-raiser was discussed and decided to be dessert orders the weekend before Easter.

Discussed collecting Bible for Newborns offering at every quarterly meeting. Linda Meek said each order she made for 200 Bibles cost over \$300 and it depended on the number of babies born at the McKenzie Hospital each month as to how often she ordered the New Testaments. We receive interest income from an endowment fund set up by Dr. Joe Ben Irby for the Bibles.

The regional Women's Ministry meeting was on Saturday, March 27 at the Dresden C. P. Church.

The Glory Be Circle is sponsoring a mother/daughter banquet the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 8.

Linda Kelly brought to attention the missionary family, Kenneth and Delight Hopson's need for financial support. The Hopsons, attending the retreat, described their ministry in Tanzania and are planning to go to Uganda in June. Jean Garrett made a motion and it was so voted that Women's Ministry pledge \$50 per quarter towards their financial support.

Erica Taylor presented the program. Following the meal we had been asked to fill out a questionnaire which was transformed into a scenario for a circle meeting. She read several of our funnier stories. Traci Lunn gave the closing devotional on praising God for our overflowing blessing baskets. We closed with the Wayside Prayer.

Linda Kelly

## Carroll County Prayer Breakfast

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Annual Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7:30 am in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church of Huntingdon. The speaker will be Kellye Cash, Miss America, 1987. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Bob Rutledge or Walter Waddle or at the Chamber of Commerce office in Huntingdon 986-4664 until April 13.

## Hope for the Heart Women's Conference

The Eighth Annual Women's Conference will be held at First Baptist Church in Huntingdon on April 16-17, 2004. Tickets are \$20 per person for the conference and banquet and \$15 for the conference only. This year's conference speaker is Bonnie Keen. Registration forms in the church office. For more information, call 986-5000.

## Thank you Notes

The sisters of Alpha Phi Sigma sorority would like to thank all the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cumberland Presbyterian church and all Alpha Phi Sigma alumnae for their support in our spaghetti dinner fund-raiser on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for all of your donations and the use of the church facilities.

The sisters of Alpha Phi Sigma

We want to thank you for all the many things you have done. For your prayers, love, food, cards, calls, lunch after Mom's funeral, and for being there when we needed you. You are so special to us. Thanks again.

Marjorie Matlock and all the Sherwood family

## School of Discovery

Happy spring, everyone! Flowers are popping up and leaves are beginning to grow on the trees. We are growing, too. We have just recently begun a new class for one and two year olds that meets on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30. There are nine little ones in this class, including our own Eli Surber and my nephew, Levi Hamilton. Others that are a part of our church and are participating in School of Discovery are Sydney Baker, Bridget Bradberry, Joseph Keenan, Sierra Keenan and Lauren Olson. Our three-year old class has grown with a few new children into a full load! Between all three classes we now have 30 children in School of Discovery.

The 3 & 4 year old classes have just had spring pictures made this week. Upcoming plans are a trip to McKenzie Elementary School, a trip to the Fire Station, hoping for a trip to a working dairy farm and if the circus comes to town on a day we are in school we'd like to go there to see the elephants raise the tent. We were able to do this last year and the kids really enjoyed it. I did too!

We've only a couple of month left before the school year is over. I can't believe how fast it had flown by! —Diann

*Carla Renee Flynn*

*and*

*Walter Leslie Waddle*

*request the honour of your presence*

*at their marriage*

*on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of April*

*two thousand and four*

*at two-thirty in the afternoon*

*First Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*16835 Highland Drive*

*McKenzie, Tennessee*

## "Gift of the Heart"

The missions committee would like to offer members of the church and community an opportunity to help children in need. Children in both our country and in Iraq are in need of basic health care items to help prevent illness and promote good physical and psychological health. Iraqi children have suffered as the result of both internal and external forces for the last two decades. "Gift of the Heart" health kits, shipped to Iraq through the Church World Service, help meet basic hygienic needs for Iraqi children in need. Inspired by this idea, the missions committee contacted United Neighbors to see if there was a need in McKenzie for such kits. There is a need in the area, so all health kits received through McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be divided between Iraqi and our area children in need.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to put your faith into action. If you would like to participate in "Gift of the Heart," please bring completed health kits following the directions listed below. If you cannot put together full kits, please bring new packages of items needed in the kits (for instance, a package of one gallon plastic bags with zipper, a package of Band-Aids or package of washcloths). Receptacles will be available for receiving such items at the church. Please have all donations in by April 4, 2004.

It costs 1 dollar to ship every kit to Iraq. Please consider donating toward shipping the kits as well.

### "Gift of the Heart" Health Kit Directions

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

One hand towel One bar of soap

One washcloth Six band-aids

One comb One toothbrush

One tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces)

One metal nail file or nail clipper

*Note from Church World Service: Please do not include messages or decorate your Kits with religious symbols. The Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you!*

## April Calendar

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

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 at the church Reception Room. Jan Kirk is the program leader and Cheriadeth will be the hostess.

Circle III will meet at the home of Lenore Surber on Monday, April 12 at 7 pm. Louise Ward is the program leader.

Glory Be Circle will meet on Sunday, April 4 at 6 pm at the church. Jessica Locke is the hostess and Vicki Long is the program leader.

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### Acolytes

Alex Wafford

Jay Wafford

Supervisor - Marjorie Matlock

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### Ushers

Ron Hinton, Chairman - 352-3252

Larry Watkins, Co-Chairman - 352-5213

Eric Corbin

Paul Long

John Motheral

Sandra Spires

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### Nursery Helpers

4- Julia Hinton - B

Lauren Perritt- T

Sub: Lenore Surber

11- Ruth Carroll- B

Glynda Hamilton- T

Sub: Becky Allen

18- Audra Henderson- B

Roxie Walker- T

Sub: Sandra Spires

25- June Perritt- B

Holland Hames - T

Sub: Rachel Carroll

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### Greeters

April 4 - (A) Ed and Demetra Perkins

(B) Mark & Tammy Stambaugh

April 11- (A) Tommy Johnson

(B) Reba Foster

April 18 - (A) Mark and Jill Warren

(B) Doug Long

April 25 - (A) Frank Claytor/Larry Ridley

(B) Tom Smith

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### Sound System Helpers

April 4 & 11 - Tommy Surber

April 18 & 25 - Mark Warren

April 4 - Jesus Is the Way

“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless.” II Samuel 22:31

April 11 - The Crucifixion of Jesus

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” Romans 8:28

April 18 - Roxie Walker will tell the Bible Story

April 25 - Solomon was a WISE man

“My mouth will declare your praise.” Psalm 51:15

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## Revival - Palestine C. P. Church

Brian Taylor will be preaching a revival at Palestine C. P. Church beginning Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm and continuing through Friday, April 2. The Palestine Church is near Lexington, TN, 6835 Highway 22A.

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## Mother/Daughter Luncheon - May 8

A Mother/Daughter Luncheon is being planned for Saturday, May 8 at 1 pm. Tickets will be available by April 1 and will be \$8 each. Please mark your calendars. Details in coming newsletters.

The Glory Be' s are in search of small-medium birdhouses to use as centerpieces. If you have any birdhouses decorating the inside of your house, we would LOVE to borrow them for our banquet in May. We will label the bottom of them and make sure they are returned. Please contact Traci Lunn or Erica Taylor.

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## Youth Calendar

This year's Youth Mission Trip is scheduled for May 24 - 28 to the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, Texas. Mark your calendars youth!

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. Jean Garrett, Eric & Kristi Corbin are going to Triennium.

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## Ladies Exercise Group

Rachel Carroll is leading our exercise group. Bring your steps and small weights and join us as we attempt to rejuvenate ourselves both physically and spiritually. We will have a 30-45 minute exercise time followed by 10-15 minutes of devotion, prayer, and support for one another. We meet at the church on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30.

For April we will do: “Yoga on April 5 and April 19; Circuit training on April 12 and April 26. On April 1,15,22, & 29 we will do Step Aerobics.

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## The Cumberland Presbyterian Golf Championship of America

May 6 & 7, 2004

Glenwood Country Club

Hosted by Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

The tournament will be a 36-hole Scramble with 4 players on each team. Entry forms in the church office.

## April Children's Church

## ***April Birthdays***

- 2 - Debby Aljancic  
3 - Clifford Matlock  
Violet Patterson  
Zachary Neinaber  
4 - Glenn Corbin  
5 - Faye Headden  
7 - Sandra Spires  
8 - Victoria Motheral  
11 - J. Blake Baker  
2 - Jill Stambaugh  
Christie Smith  
16 - Chris Blount  
Cindy Jones  
17 - Sean Kelly  
Edna Gene Forester  
Sarah Dailey  
Emily Lunn  
Hayden Long  
19 - Holland Hames  
Matthew Bowlin  
21- Sydney Baker  
22 - Tara Hart  
Marjorie Matlock  
23 - Norvel Headden  
Marilyn Wiggins  
24 - Amy Peters  
Mark Stambaugh  
25 - Madyson Driggers

## ***(Birthdays Continued)***

- 27- Linda Howton  
28 - John Baumgardner  
30 - Jill Warren  
Joshua Nienaber  
***Anniversaries***  
3 - Larry & Paula Watkins  
4 - Frank & Leonora Claytor  
8 - Tony & Mary Ann Janner  
18 - Joel & Teresa Washburn  
24 - Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh

## ***Diamond Jaxx Game Christian Concert***

*On Sunday, April 18, the youth will be going to Jackson's Pringles Park for a Diamond Jaxx Baseball Game and a Christian Concert. Everyone in the church is invited to go along. Tickets are \$5.00 each. We will leave following the morning worship service.*

## **Remember in your Prayers**

Edwin Basford; Jo Pinson; Marge Matlock and family at the death of her mother, Margaret Sherwood; Millie Finley; James Hudson; Regel Baker; Beth Powell (Frank and Leonora Claytor's daughter); Christine Pinson (Paula Watkins's mother); Beth Wilcoxson; Jodi Caperton; Joe Dart (Keenan's cousin); Jamie Harrison; the family of Harrell Perritt; Russ Wallers (Erica Taylor's grandfather); Jodi Caperton; Jim Toomey; the family of Gloria "Dodie" (Ridley) McCullar; Peggy Smith; Denise Pyburn; Jim Steele, Sr.; Van Lynch; Charles Hudson; James Hickerson; Jennifer Cantrell; Margaret Pullen; Rev. Gaye Mims; Christy Tynes; Gail Hudgins; William and Evora Bryant; Betty McNabb & Tom McNabb; Elizabeth Barlow; Janice Chandler; Ray Gurley; Shelba McCasklin; Doris Smoron; Louise Hastings; Berneal McKennie (Gary's mother); Ressie White (Bubba Waddle's sister-in-law); Judi Smartt Keen; Jane Pate; Faye Headden; Mary K Pollard; Renee Nespeca; Betty Smith; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); West Tennessee ministerial candidates; our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions.

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Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm  
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"*