

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

September 30, 2004



Pastor's Desk

Our revival for 2004 is now over and I am happy that we had such a good turn out. Justin Stambaugh and Eric Corbin did an outstanding job. They preached their heart out and were so caring in their messages. We are all sorry that Brian Taylor was ill and could not participate in the last evening of revival. The Saul to Paul Band was very good and very loud and I know that some of you didn't like the loudness. However, we have moved into a different world of worship and have experienced something new and different.

In my sermon Tuesday night I stated that, "Change is not giving up something you like, change is adding to your repertoire of experiences." Even when our hearts are changed by the love of God we continue to grow into the person God wants us to become. We need to become disinterested in ourselves and more interested in the life of the church community. Then whatever change comes our way, we have a higher awareness to the needs of others.

I am thankful for this revival, it came when we needed to see and hear our young future ministers as they hone out the word of God and give us new eyes to see and touch the future.

--Tony

Christian Education Appreciation Brunch

The Christian Education Committee will honor all the Sunday School Teachers with a Brunch on Saturday, October 2 at 10 am in appreciation of last years' service and to welcome new 2004-2005 Sunday School Teachers.

After the brunch, we will have a presentation of a new Sunday School program--"The Rotation Model". Barbara Dial and Jan Marshall from the Brethren C. P. Church in Nashville will make the presentation. This is a wonderful program and we would like to get input from all teachers (present and past) and /or anyone interested in our Sunday School. A nursery will be provided. If you have any questions, please call me.

Linda Hearn, Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee

New Pictorial Directory

We will be compiling a new pictorial directory for the church. Olan Mills will be coming to our church to make family portraits on Tuesday, **November 23** and Thursday, **December 2**. Please keep at least one of these days clear on your calendar. The more families photographed, the more pages for activity pictures we will receive for our directory. Also, you will be able to order portraits the night of photography, so the portraits you purchase will arrive before Christmas.

Annual Fall Gathering

Bonfire, Picnic, Hayride, Halloween party - October 31

Joe and Roxie Walker and their family invite the whole church family to their farm for a Halloween party. Their address is 2110 Highway 423. There will be a bonfire, hayride, "best costume" contest, "trick or treating" and a picnic. We will begin gathering around the bonfire at **4:00 pm**. Everyone is encouraged to wear the "spookiest" costume he or she can dream up because there will be prizes for the best costume. There will be 4 prizes given--one for pre-schoolers, one for K-4th grade, one for Middle/High School, and one for adults. There will be a hayride across the fields. Please bring finger foods (picnic-type) to share. Drinks, paper plates, cups, forks, etc. will be provided.

Everyone is asked to bring individually wrapped candy or other goodies for the children to enjoy a time for trick or treating around the circle.

Make your plans to wear a costume, bring lawn chairs, finger foods, goodies for "trick or treat" and sticks for roasting wieners and marshmallows... In case of rain or bad weather the party will be held at the church.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Pam Campbell

By Joe and Linda Hearn

Duane and June Perritt

Women's Ministry

Sunday, October 10 will be Women's Ministry Sunday. Our guest speaker will be Jodi Rush, daughter of Joe and Linda Hearn. Jodi has served on the Board of Christian Education of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. She is married to Kip Rush, pastor of the Brenthaven C. P. Church in Nashville and has two daughters, Madison and Deven.

The ladies of the church will participate in worship service.

Dinner Theater

First Baptist, Huntingdon

Huntingdon First Baptist Church will have a Dinner Theater on Saturday, October 9 at 6:30 pm and on Sunday, October 10 at 6 pm., presenting "A Night of Memories of the Andy Griffith Show". Ticket price is \$12.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the church office (phone 986-5000). Tickets will NOT be available at the door. Nursery is provided. Proceeds go toward Upwards Basketball.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Class Friendly Classroom. The title of the present study is: A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place. This is a study of the early history of humanity in relationship to the Old Testament tabernacle and how that relates to Jesus Christ in the New Testament. This is an in-depth 10-week Bible study written by Beth Moore. Her Bible studies are non-denominational studies that help to bring the student into a closer, more personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join us.

WOW

WOW begins each Wednesday night at 5:30 pm with a light meal provided by a team from the congregation. A donation basket is placed by the door to help with expenses. If you haven't been asked to become involved and would like to take part in our WOW programs, please join us. If you want to participate by teaching, bringing food, helping in the nursery, etc., please let the pastor know by notifying the church office. There are classes for all ages and a nursery is provided.

Many thanks to Elders Millie Finley and Jimmy Stambaugh and their team for the spaghetti and to Elders Lynda Lankford and Traci Lunn and their team for the baked potato bar.

OCT 6 - Team 3 with Elders Frank Claytor and Tracy Webb and team members Russell Basfords; C. & M. Blount; J. Garrett; H. Graham; L. McNeil; Nanneys; B. Pates; P. Ridley; Waddles; Wards; Carrolls; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; Holcombs; J. Martin; Renfros; L. Ridley; Rutledges; Taylors

OCT 13 - Team 4 with Elders Bill Kreuter and Mark Thompson and team members: Batchelors; C. Crowell; Eubanks; Geyers; Hames; McKennies; Meeks; R. & J. Pate; Angela Baker; P. & A. Corbin; D. Longs; McClures; V. Patterson; Tommy Pattersons; S. Spires; C. Summers; Ben Surbers; Larry Watkins

OCT 20 - Team 5 with Elders Paul Long and Robye Lindsey and team members: A. Boaz; Janners; L. Kelly; D. & J. Locke; L. Lollar; John Motherals; Paul Motherals; J. Trevathan; E. & K. Corbin; R. Foster; Hamiltons; Hulls; R. A. James; Perritts; Prossers; B. Scott; L. Smith; Warrens.

OCT 27 - Team 6 with Elders Cindy Arnold and Linda Hearn and team members: Bakers; Clarks; Hintons; R. Johnson; Medlocks; Perkins; Thomas; J. Walkers; B. Allen; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Demings; E. Forester; Matlocks; T. Surbers; V. Walker.

RECYCLE

The Youth have undertaken a project to recycle used computer printer cartridges. Please bring your empty Cannon, Compaq, Lexmark, and Hewlett Packard cartridges for recycling. Unfortunately, this company does not take Epson cartridges. There is a box in the gathering area for the cartridges.

There are recycle baskets in the offices and in the Family Life Center for paper. Thanks for your help.

Roper Concert

The Chaplain's Office of Bethel College is sponsoring a Christian Rock Concert on Thursday, October 7 beginning at 7 pm in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5.00. Bethel students with current ID admitted free.

"Roper" is a relatively new band formed by two members from the band "Supertones". The lead singer is from the band "Five Iron Frenzy" which has performed at Bethel College.

Everyone is invited.

Youth News

Hey everyone,

Just wanted to make sure all of you know when the youth meets during the week. Sunday School is at 9:45 am and Fellowship time is at 5:00 pm on Sundays. Then on Wednesdays, we have our WOW program that starts around 5:30 and goes til 7:00 pm. I'd like to let all the youth know we have our calendars in and we have been selling them so please try to see who would like one.

We have a mission work day coming up. I will announce the details this upcoming week.

Also we are trying to get everyone to go on our RAFTING TRIP. We have changed it to October 8-10. So if you signed up please get in touch with me. I have spoken with about half of you. And I will be trying to get with everyone by the end of this week.

This week we are hosting the "Fifth Quarter" on Friday night after the high school football game. We will have snacks from 10 - 11 pm; then go bowling.

"State Quarter" (collection) maps are available for sale (\$5 each).

Thank you all very much.

God bless, Ben

Congratulations!!!

Rachael Clark, McKenzie high school senior was crowned Homecoming Queen Friday night at the Football Game. Congratulations, Rachael!

The Lord's Baseball Game

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.' Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails." The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws. The bases were now loaded.

The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone ever had! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a home run! The Lord's team won! The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get you on base but only My Grace can get you Home: 'For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.'"

Psalm 84:11, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

In anticipation of leasing the old educational building at the Stonewall Street address, we are asking everyone who purchased items when we moved out to get those things out as soon as possible. We need to clean the building, wax floors, shampoo carpets, etc.

Thanks for your help!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at 6 pm at the home of Glynda Corbin (425 Paris Ave.) for a potluck meal. The ladies will work on Bethel letters.

Circle III will meet on Monday, October 18 (3rd Mon.-this month) at the home of Lynda Lankford (16700 Highland Dr.) at 7 pm. Ruth Morris is program leader.

Glory Be Circle will meet on Monday, October 4 at the home of Missy Blount (call for directions 352-2440). Program leader is Vicky Clark. Meeting time is 6:30 pm.

Acolytes

Brice Webb - 352-3550
John William Ervin - 352-5132
Supervisor - Dawn Ervin

Nursery Helpers

3- Julia Hinton – B
Lauren Perritt- T
Sub: Lenore Surber
10- Ruth Carroll- B
Glynda Hamilton- T
Sub: Becky Allen
17- Audra Henderson- B
Roxie Walker- T
Sub: Sandra Spires
24- Sandra Pate- B
Lynda Lankford –T
Sub: Jill Warren
31-Martha Peters – B
Traci Lunn- T
Sub: June Perritt

GREETERS

Oct. 3 (A) Tracy & Marcia Webb
(B) Kevin & Carol Hill
Oct. 10 (A) Chris & Missy Blount
(B) Paul and Susie Motheral
Oct. 17 (A) Joe & Roxie
Walker/Virginia
(B) Victor & Vicky Clark
Oct. 24 (A) Eddie & Letha Basford
(B) J C and Lil True
Oct. 31 (A) Joe & Jean McKinnie
(B) Dave & Martha Peters

USHERS

Ben Surber, Chairman 352-3250
John Baumgardner, Co-Chairman -7263
Audra Henderson
Charles Kemp
Clifford Matlock
Donna Ward

Sound System Helpers

October 3 - Mark Warren
October 10 & 17 - Tim Nanney
October 24 & 31 - Chris Blount

Love Loaf Program

This mission project has been beneficiary to World Vision, Board of Missions programs and our local church for years. But it has also been beneficiary to us. Our children are learning good principles of stewardship and they've also learned the plight of children in developing countries.

The money raised this year will help children in country of Myanmar (formerly Burma). These children are in especially difficult situations as they are abused, neglected, homeless and/or child soldiers.

The Love Loaves are available at the church. Set a goal for your family to give a dime a day, a quarter a day, a dollar a day or whatever you can give to help.

Half the total collected goes to World Vision, one-fourth goes to the Board of Missions in Memphis and one-fourth will be kept in our community for local benevolence needs.

We ask that you return the Love Loaves on **Sunday, November 21**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

Children's Home-Campbell's Labels

There is a box for your Campbell's labels on the shelf of the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. The Children's Home uses these labels for all kinds of equipment, software, etc. and they appreciate your efforts clipping and saving the labels.

Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Care Center

Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Care Center in Paris is raising funds to continue serving Christ through witness and support for those experiencing crisis pregnancies. We have experienced tremendous growth and need over the last few months. The center has experienced 95 or more requests for service each month for the last several months. The needs are great, but we can continue serving Carroll, Henry and Benton counties with your help!

There are baby bottles available at the church for families to fill up with change. Each baby bottle has the name of a child who was born and is connected with the Pregnancy Center. The money received will go toward Center costs. Please fill up the bottles and bring to the church where they will be picked up.

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