

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2004



FROM THE PASTOR

Thanksgiving is over and many of us who traveled to local or faraway places have returned home. It was good to get away and to be with family. The grandchildren are doing well, and after a week it is good to return home. My only question is, "are all families dysfunctional, or just my own?" I believe that all of us are dysfunctional in some way. My grandchildren seem to do so well with me until one of their parents enters the room, and then they whine, cry or pout. Is it me? Are they making a statement concerning my hat, the glasses I am wearing, or my triple chin that is hanging on my face? I don't know I am only a long distant grandparent getting re-connected to my family.

How wonderful it is to return home, sleep in your own bed, get back into your own routine and be with my other family, the church. God has blessed us and we are so grateful for all his gifts. Now we wait upon the Lord to re-visit us again during the Advent and Christmas season. He is coming! How will you respond to his visit?—Tony

Elder Ordination and Installation

Jean Garrett, Tim Nanney, Tom Smith and Tommy Surber were elected as elders to serve on the session during the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 21. They will serve three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2005. The Ordination and Installation Service will be on Sunday, December 5. Tim will be ordained and installed. Jean, Tom and Tommy will be installed having previously been ordained.

New Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of compiling a new pictorial directory for the church. Olan Mills came on November 23 and will be coming to our church to make family portraits on Thursday, **December 2** and Tuesday, **December 21**.

Robye Lindsey and her team of helpers are making appointments. Each family photographed will receive a complimentary church directory and one free 8 x 10 portrait. You will come only once for photography and portrait viewing. If we have not contacted you, please contact us to sign up as soon as possible for your photography appointment. If you need more information, contact Robye Lindsey at 352-7556 or the church office.

Gift to the King Offering

This year's Gift to the King Offering will be received on Sunday, December 19. This year's offering will be used for a new Cumberland Presbyterian Church in South Korea. The church is growing rapidly, especially with large numbers of youth. A bulletin insert on Sunday, December 19 will provide more details.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Christmas Committee invites you to place a poinsettia in the Worship and Family Life Center to remember or honor a family member or friend this year. The poinsettias will be used in the Worship and Family Life Center during the Advent season. The poinsettias will be \$9.00 each. Please return the form below and your payment to the church office before December 3. Since the deadline is close, you may e-mail the church at church@mckenziecpc.org with the information. You may also choose to give to the Nehemiah Building Fund in lieu of placing poinsettias in the church. A list of those who are honored and remembered and by whom will be in Sunday, December 12 church bulletin.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

POINSETTIAS or a gift to the NEHEMIAH BUILDING FUND (Circle one) given in

MEMORY and/or in HONOR (circle one) _____ by _____

The Choir Cantata

The chancel choir will present a program of Christmas music entitled "A New Birth" on Sunday morning December 12 during the morning worship hour. It will be an inspirational service of music.

Angel Tree

Janet Baumgardner, representing Beta Sigma Phi handed out angel gift requests on Sunday, November 28. Each paper angel contains a number and a gift request along with age, size, gender information. Please do not wrap the gifts, just bring them in bags. Be sure to re-attach the paper angel to your gift—the number helps us match the gift with the child for whom the gift was intended. Please return all the gifts by Sunday, **December 12**. If you did not get an angel and want to have one, contact Janet at 352-7263. She may have more angels.

GIFT - WRAPPING

If gift-wrapping is not one of your favorite jobs, let us help. The Glory Be Circle ladies will be at the church on Saturday, December 11 from 9 am until 2 pm for Christmas gift-wrapping. If you have your gifts and would like for us to wrap them, please bring them by the church. Donations will be accepted.

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling is a favorite time of year for many of you, young and old. We will be going caroling on Wednesday, December 15 meeting at the church at 5 pm to carol at Magnolia Manor, McKenzie Health Care Center, Lakeside Retirement Center and visit other individuals in our congregation.

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 19 beginning at 5 pm. The Children's Choir is rehearsing their Christmas music and the junior and senior youth will have a short play. Everyone is invited to come. Bring finger foods for a snack supper following the program. If everyone is good, maybe Santa will stop by to visit.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Pam Campbell

by Doris Blount

Chris & Missy Blount

In Memory of R. A. James

by Enda Gene Forester

In Memory of Beth Wilcoxson

by C. H. "Red" and Alice Summers

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Friends,

What a blessing our church family has been to us during my Dad's illness. Your prayers, cards and words of encouragement lifted our spirits as we faced difficult days. We especially appreciate the many visits that Bro. Tony made to give Dad comfort and expressions of love. May God bless each of you.

Cheriadeth, Bob & Trent Rutledge

We want to express our thanks to everyone at the church for all your phone calls, prayers, food and visits during Kenneth's surgery and recovery. We appreciate all you've done for us.

Kenneth & Gordon Coleman

Junior Youth

Sunday, December 5 & 12 - 5 pm

We will meet and rehearse the play.

I hope everyone will participate in the play. If there are any questions, call Roxie at 352-2982 or Alisha at 415-7305 Alisha and Roxie

Calendars for Sale

The youth have 2005 Inspirational Calendars for sale. They are \$5 each. Check with Ben Warren or any of the youth to purchase a calendar.

Seekers Trip

The Seekers will be going to Opry Mills Mall in Nashville on Friday, December 3. Everyone should meet at the church at 8:30 am to go together on the van. _____

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to James and April Trevathan who were married on November 6 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Congratulations to Patrick and April Corbin who have new baby girl. Kiley Dawn Corbin was born on Monday, November 15. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Glynda Corbin grandma, and Millie Finley, great grandmother.

Brian and Angela Smith were married on Saturday, November 20 at First Baptist Church Bemis in Jackson, Tennessee. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the McKenzie High School Cheerleaders on their state championship. Rachael Clark is one of the cheerleaders.

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.

DEC. 1 - Team 3 with Elders Frank Claytor and Tracy Webb and team members Russell Basfords; C. & M. Blount; Garretts; L. McNeil; Nanneys; B. Pates; P. Ridley; Waddles; Wards; Carrolls; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; Holcombs; J. Martin; Renfros; L. Ridley; Rutledges; Taylors

DEC. 8 - Team 4 with Elders Bill Kreuter and Mark Thompson and team members: Batchelors; C. Crowell; Eubanks; Tunnings; 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

DEC. 15 - WOW will not meet

DEC. 22 - WOW will not meet

DEC. 29 - WOW will not meet

Youth News

Dear Youth,

The Christmas season is here and there is not turning back now. I will be sending you all calendars of all the events going on this month and all the wonderful busy things that are happening. Please look for them in your mail boxes and look at them and see what they have to say. Other than that I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season. Remember to enjoy Christmas and not dread it--be happy about it!

We will meet at the church at 9 am on Saturday to go on our shopping trip.

—Ben

P. S. All those who have started your discipleship programs with me, keep up the outstanding work. I am very proud of you guys!!!

Highlights of the Session Meeting

*Elder Mark Thompson had devotional and prayer

*Treasurer, Tom Aljancic, gave financial report \$16,217 receipts for November; \$17,723 expenditures for the month; year-to-date receipts \$198,993 and year-to-date expenditures of \$202,466.

*Ben Warren, youth director, gave report on youth plans for December and future plans with a possible mission trip in the summer.

*Made plans for a covered dish meal at our church for the families of the McKenzie National Guard unit as support for them, probably in late December.

*Invited everyone to Community Prayer Vigil on Jan. 3 at Enon Baptist Church beginning at 6 am and lasting until 6 pm.

*Thanks expressed to retiring elders: Frank Claytor, Bill Kreuter, Paul Long, Cindy Owen for their dedicated service to the session and church *Made plans for an elder retreat on Jan. 28-29, 2005 at Paris Landing Lodge.

*Appointed Linda Hearn, chairperson of committee on committees; with Robye Lindsey, Traci Lunn and Millie Finley serving on the committee.

*Elected Tom Aljancic as treasurer and June Perritt as clerk for 2005.

*Stewardship Committee, Chairperson Bill Kreuter reported thus far-- 82 families pledging \$174,202 with more estimate of giving cards expected by mail, plus loose offering, etc.

PECANS

McKenzie High School's Relay for Life Team is selling world famous Schermer PECANS Halves 16 oz - \$7.00 and 12 oz. of Chocolate covered pecans for \$6.00. Come by or call the high school. We will deliver. 352-2133.

Prayer Vigil

On Monday, January 3, the McKenzie Ministerial Association is sponsoring an All-Day Community Prayer Vigil at the Greater Enon Baptist Church (313 Walnut Ave.) for McKenzie and Carroll County. Pastors from the McKenzie churches will be take 2-hour shifts to cover all hours of the day. It begins at 6 am and continues until 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come by anytime between those hours and pray in a crusade to bring the community together and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center and Centerstage Productions

presents

The Santaland Diaries

and other Christmas Castastrophes

December 9 & 10, 2004

7 pm

(next door to Subway on Huntingdon's Main Street)

Adults: \$6 - Students/Senior Citizens: \$4

Lap Children: Free

Tickets are available at Heartworks in McKenzie

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Women's Ministry will have a quarterly meeting beginning with an add-a-dish meal at 6 pm on Monday, December 20. Circle II is hostess for the meeting and will have the program.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, December 7 at 6 pm in the home of Marlene Kreuter for Christmas add-a-dish and meeting. Katrina Holancin is program leader.

Circle III will meet on Monday, December 13 at 6 pm for an Add-a-dish meal and meeting.

Glory Be Circle will meet Monday night, December 6th, at 6:00 P.M. at the Mexican restaurant in McKenzie for our December meeting. We will do a small gift exchange. Please limit it to a \$10-\$15 gift. If you find something on sale or clearance for less...that is even better!!!!

During the dinner, we will be signing up for times/shifts to do the gift wrap on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00-2:00. Please be considering when and how long you can work. If you can't attend the meeting, please contact me, so that we can sign you up for a time. We also will be needing tape, scissors, ribbon, paper, boxes, tissue paper, and anything else you can think of to help us with that event. Last year we needed shirt boxes as well as odd size boxes. If you are not going to be able to help with the gift wrapping party, please send your donated items to the church ASAP, or bring them to the dinner on the 6th. I am going to try and find a sitter to come in to take care of the nursery.

-Traci

Acolytes

Mitchell Lunn - 352-1313

Jack Surber - 352-3807

Supervisor - Meredith Surber

Ushers

Terry Howell, Chairman 352-7413

J. T. Lindsey, Co-Chairman 352-7556

Ron Hinton

Paul Long

Stephen Perritt

John Howell

Sound System Helpers

December 5 & 12- Tracy Webb

December 19 & 26 - Craig Lunn

Greeters

Dec. 5 (A) James & Glynda Hamilton

(B) Ben & Linda McClure

Dec. 12 (A) Kirk & Cynthia Nienaber

(B) Ed & Demetra Perkins

Dec. 19 (A) Dewayne & Dawn Ervin

(B) Ron & Sandi Deming

Dec. 26 (A) Frank Claytor/Larry Ridley

(B) Larry & Paula Watkins

Nursery Helpers

5- Martha Peters- B

Pat Ridley- T

Sub: Becky Allen

12- Linda Kemp- B

Jill Renfro- T

Sub: Sarah Bradberry

19- Leslie McNeil- B

Lauren Perritt- T

Sub: Johnna Baumgardner

26- Glynda Hamilton- B

Reba Foster- T

Sub: Julia Hinton

COLLECTING BOOKS

Jaivel Snelling, a Bethel College senior and daughter of Rev. Jairo Rodriguez (Cumberland Presbyterian minister) is collecting books for the Colegio Americano, a Cumberland Presbyterian School in Columbia, South America. Jaivel's mother is the principal of Colegio Americano. They need any kind of books written in the English--children's books thru high school.

There is a box in the entryway to the gathering area to place your books. Please bring them by December 15. Thanks for your help.

Love Loaf Program

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 were returned on Sunday November 21. We have received \$473.02 from the Love Loaves. If you have forgotten your Love Loaf, please bring them on Sunday.

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.

December Birthdays

- 1 - Paul Carroll
- 2 - Joseph Keenan
- 3 - Blake H. Baker
- 6- Dan Kreuter
Jimmy Stambaugh
- 8 - June Perritt
- 9 - Jimmy Carroll
Harold Kelly
- 10 - Susie Motheral
- 11 - Carol Nanney
Carla Waddle
Howard Spires
- 12 - Cathey Stambaugh
Zia McKennie
- 13 - Marlene Kreuter
- 14 - Jill Renfro
- 18 - Lydia Warren
- 19 - Paige Holcomb
Steve Matlock
- 21 - Rachel Carroll
- 23 - Evan Wilson
- 24 -Jessie "Gaga" Killibrew
Mary Ann Janner

Birthdays - continued

- 25 - Clara Weatherford
Mary Wyatt
- 28 - Teresa Washburn
- 29 - Meredith Surber
Olivia Olson
- 30 - Alex Wafford

Anniversaries

- 13 - Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
- 14 - John & Janet Baumgardner
- 17 - Jack & Judy Hall
- 18 - Joe & Anne Hames
- 22 - George & Linda Howton
Ed & Demetra Perkins
- 23 - Gary & Linda Meek
- 24 - Rick & Charlotte Wilson
- 30 - Dave & Martha Sue Peters

Remember in your Prayers

Laddie Lollar; Dawn Ervin; Louise Ward; Mary Margaret Williams; Brian Taylor; Kenneth Coleman (Gordon's son); Dr. Ben McClure; the family of Faye Nored; the McKenzie National Guard Unit including Douglas Pate, Todd Walker, Karl Tunning, Stephen Brown - (A 230th EN CO, 891 EN BN 6322 NW Currie Rd. Ft. Sill, OK 73503); Jerry Hearn (Joe's brother); Jerry Wilcoxson and family at the death of her wife, Beth Wilcoxson; Thomas Clark; Wayne David Bryant (James Hamilton's brother-in-law); Joyce Lovelace; Robert Lankford (friend of Christopher Hinton); Paul Olson's brother, Phil; Billy Perritt; Paul Newmon; June Nanney (Tim's grandmother); sympathy to the family & friends of Louise Hastings; Nellie Dailey; Jane Pate; Darrell Pinson; Evelyn Buck; Pam Bush; Ethel Sands; Johnny Lee; Wayne Tubbs; Edwin Basford; Mary Margaret Williams; Gail Higdon; William and Evora Bryant; Elizabeth Barlow; the family of Ray Gurley; Shelba McCasklin; Faye Headden; Betty Smith; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); West Tennessee presbytery's ministerial candidates; our military, our church; the Session, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions; Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Center

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Walter Waddle-Choir Director; Zia McKennie-Organist; Ben Warren, Youth/Assistant to the pastor; June Perritt, Secretary
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"