

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

June 30, 2005



Pastor's Desk

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is meeting this week in Franklin, TN. a small town south of Nashville off of I-65. It was good to visit the first day and see the many faces of old friends and meet new people from around the denomination. Please be in prayer for our denomination and its work around the world.

We can be proud of Memphis Theological Seminary, the Children's Home and Bethel College. These ministries of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have made some outstanding progress in expanding their ministries and have strong leadership that will make them successful for the years to come.

The real problem we have is the Cumberland Presbyterian Center on Union Avenue in downtown Memphis. This property is seriously in need of re-modeling and we still have an outstanding debt on the property. Poor stewardship on behalf of the General Assemblies in the past have placed us in a situation of repairing and adding more debt, or selling the property and paying off our debt then moving our center to a new location. The sad part about this problem is that the center leadership has been sitting on this and making no decision for years--not months, but years. I must put some of the blame on the General Assembly Council they too have sat on this problem for years.

It took the action of the Board of Missions to move their people out of the Center by the end of 2005 to make the GAC follow suit and make a recommendation to sell the property at 1976 Union. However, in this General Assembly meeting there is a resolution to be presented by the Board of Christian Education and the Stewardship Board to keep the Center and re-model. So now the future will lie with the General Assembly, who will most likely table the matter for more study, and we will continue to have the same problem with no recourse but keep the property which is more valuable to us sold than re-modeled and the debt will continue. This, of course, is my opinion. May it peacefully be resolved for the growth and progress of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. ---Tony

July Family Night

July Family Night is planned for Wednesday, July 6 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Jean and Marlene will serve Bar-b-que'd chicken, baked beans, slaw, bread and hot fudge cake for dessert. Please sign up on Sunday, July 3 if you plan to attend, so the cooks will know how much food to prepare. Or you may call the church office. A donation basket will be placed beside the door for the meal.

"Experiencing God"

"Experiencing God", a Bible study by Henry Blackaby and Claude King will be the focus for next fall's WOW (Worship on Wednesday) program. The studies are designed for small groups. The youth class will do the study and we are planning for two adult groups. After previewing the workbooks for a couple of weeks, watching an introductory video during a called session meeting and much prayer, the elders voted unanimously to use "Experiencing God" as a course of study. Everyone in the church is invited to participate in the Bible study which will take place each Wednesday after the meal. The Bible study will also be offered on Sunday mornings as a class. If you miss a WOW session, you can attend the Sunday morning session or vice-versa. Workbooks for the Bible study are \$14.95. We will have a "sign-up sheet" on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway for everyone who would like to participate.

Rev. Janner has facilitated this Bible study while serving as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force. It comes very highly recommended. We have received positive endorsements from other ministers and lay persons who have participated in this Bible study with wonderful rewards.

WOW will resume sometime in August. A specific date has not been set.

New Moderator - Rev. Linda Glenn

The 175th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has elected Rev. Linda Glenn as Moderator. She is the first ordained woman minister to serve as a Moderator of General Assembly in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She is pastor of the Humboldt Cumberland Presbyterian Church having served there for seven years and a member of West Tennessee Presbytery. Rev. Hugh Parsons was elected vice-moderator. He served as pastor of First Church in Houston 35 years and is now serving as Pastor-Emeritus. He is a beloved friend and mentor of the Janner family.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Rex Brown's mother
by Joe & Linda Hearn

In Memory of:

John David Marshall
by Martha Lauderback

In Honor of:

All children & youth of the church
Vacation Bible School workers
Dr. Laddie Lollar
Mrs. Joyce Sims
Mrs. Peggy Hall
Mr. William and Mrs. Evora Bryant
by Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

In Memory of:

Mrs. Louise Ward
Dr. Jim Potts
by Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of:

J. Frank Barlow
John Thomas White
Joseph Owen
by Gene and Cindy Owen

In Honor of:

Scott O. Arnold
Kevin D. Arnold
Woody Arnold II
Gene D. Owen
by Cindy Arnold Owen

Pavilion Fund

In Honor of:

Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge
by W. S. & Deloris Fuller
Gordon & Betty Potts
Clayton & Joann James

Hymnals

In Honor of:

Reba Foster
by Trent Rutledge
Lute & Andrew Foster
by Bob and Cheriadeth Rutledge
C. H. "Red" Summers
by Bob, Cheriadeth & Trent Rutledge
Diann, Paul, Olivia & Lauren Olson
by Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

A gift has been given in memory of Woody Arnold, Assistant Chaplain U. S. Army by Cindy Arnold Owen and designated for the special Chaplain's Day Offering.

These Days

"These Days" devotional booklets (July-September) are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway.

CHOW Time Kids

Summer events include: Chuck E Cheese trip to Jackson - July 13 - 10 am
Pool Party in Huntingdon (Kelley's - 414 Knox St.) - July 20 - 10 am

CHOW Time Kids Summer Program is for children age 3 thru 4th grade. Meredith Surber is coordinating the program.

Thanks!

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to Traci Lunn and Amanda Boaz, who planned and directed Vacation Bible School this year, *Serengeti Trek* was a wonderful success. Many thanks also to the teachers, helpers, drama and craft coordinators, decorators, kitchen helpers (who provided unique snacks) and everyone who worked together to make this Vacation Bible School happen. There were between 50 and 60 children here each day along with lots of adults and youth.

The Sunday morning VBS program was very inspiring as the children shared scripture verses and songs they had learned during the week.

Camp Clark Williamson

2005 Summer Youth Camps

Junior High Youth Camp #1 - July 4-9
Junior High Youth Camp #2 - July 11-16
Junior Youth Camp #2 - July 25-30

Camp Applications are on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. Camp Clark Williamson Newsletters are also available on the table. Junior Camp is for grades 3- 6. Junior High Camp is for grades 6-8

The church will pay half of each camper's fee (\$130) for church camp at Camp Clark Williamson. Registration forms must be sent in two weeks prior to the camp. Late fees are charged.

Summer Bible Study

This summer's Bible Study with Max Lucado's Experiencing the Heart of Jesus began on June 15. Max Lucado is the author of many inspirational books for adults. You may be familiar with some or all of them. He is the author of Six Hours One Friday, Traveling Light, Come Thirsty, When God Whispers Your Name and many others. Experiencing the Heart of Jesus leads us to a closer, more personal relationship with our Savior. Many of us know "about" Jesus. We can name His birthplace, describe His life story, and even quote a few of His teachings but do we really know Him? Do we know Him as a close personal friend? Experiencing the Heart of Jesus is the #1 Bible study in America today. Meeting time is Wednesday nights at 7 pm in Class Friendly classroom.

Women's Ministry Report

The summer quarter meeting of the McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry met Monday, June 20 in the fellowship hall of the church. Against the dramatic jungle background set up for the summer Bible School program Glory Be hostesses set up the tables with summery napkins and groupings of potted wax begonias.

Following the add-a-dish meal the business meeting began with Traci Lunn's description of the prior weekend experience at a Christian women's retreat in St. Louis. She urged us all to consider attending next year's retreat. A video was played of Chonda Pierce, Christian comedian/entertainer. Through laughter and tears a message was given to touch the heart.

Linda Meek gave a treasury report highlighting the proceeds of our fund-raisers to date. The casserole sale brought in \$1,075; Mothers' Day - \$1,225; Bethel College goodie baskets - \$477.22 and Fathers' Day - \$685.

Donna Ward presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for next year's slate of officers: President-Charro Keenan; Vice-President - Jean Garrett; Recording Secretary - Linda Kelly; Treasurer - Linda Meek. Motion was made and voted to accept these names. The minutes were read and approved. Roll Call was taken: Circle 2 had 7 present; Circle 3 had 9 and Glory Be Circle had 9. Charro encouraged all interested ladies to attend some part of Convention the last week of June. We adjourned with Wayside Prayer.

--Linda Kelly

Summer Meals

The McKenzie Elementary School will be feeding any child 18 years and under free meals this summer. Now through July 22, 2005 any child can enjoy breakfast and lunch every day at the elementary school cafeteria free of charge.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am until 8:15 and lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm daily.

There is no registration and no fee. Just come to the school every day for a nutritious meal.

If you have any questions call either Rita Brandon 352-5477 or Laura Martin at 352-9212.

2005 Coed Church League Softball Schedule First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, June 21 - 7:30 pm - vs Huntingdon Missionary Baptist - Field 2 (We won)
Thursday, June 23 - 7:30 pm - vs McKenzie Church of Christ Field 1 (We lost)
Thursday, July 7 - 6:30 pm - vs First Pentecostal Church - Field 2
Tuesday, July 12 - 8:30 pm - vs FBC - Huntingdon - Field 1
Tuesday, July 19 - 6:30 pm - vs McLemoresville Baptist Church Field 1
Tuesday, July 26 - 8:30 pm - vs FBC Bruceton 1 - Field 1
Thursday, July 28 - 6:30 pm - vs Clarksburg Church of Christ Field 2
Thursday, July 28 - 7:30 pm - vs FBC McKenzie 3 (Mike) - Field 2
Thursday, August 18 - 6:30 pm - vs Bruceton Church of Christ Field 2

All games will be played at Edwards Park in Huntingdon. Field 1 is the bigger field on the left coming into the parking lot Field 2 is the smaller field on the right coming into the parking lot August 16 is for rain-out/make-up games only. Single Elimination Tournament will be played on August 25th, 30th and September 1.

Children's Home - Summer Fun

The children are excited about their annual summer trip. "Have you ever wondered how 50 people travel together? With **prayers, patience, good humor and good planning**. Every step of the way from beginning to end includes **prayers** and we're asking for yours as we put together ideas on dates, places and activities. Everyone, kids and staff alike always pack an extra measure of **patience** for our weeklong road trip. **Good humor** is everywhere, whether singing karaoke in our P.J.s or having a shaving cream fight on the beach, laughter keeps us going. **Good planning** is a team effort and we are asking you to join the team. We can handle the physical part of the trip but we are asking for your help with some extra expenses. We use Wal-Mart cards to buy gas and it costs about \$60 to fill up one of the vans (we'll be driving 5 vans). We cook our meals and pack our lunches but a stop at McDonald's or Subway would be a real treat and it takes 50 \$5 gift certificates to feed everyone. We'll be very grateful for your help. The goal of Summer Trip is to have each child experience the fun of a family vacation and we're hoping you can help us make this a reality."

Please send your contributions to CPCH - SUMMER TRIP, P. O. Drawer G, Denton, TX 76202. You may contact Kathy Edman at (940)382-5112 Est. 239 orkedman@cpch.org if you have questions.

Thank You Note

To my church family,

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and hugs I have received in the days since my grandmother's death. Your concern and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

Kristi Corbin

July Schedule

Women's Ministry Circle Meetings

Circle II will have a ladies night out on Tuesday, July 5. They plan to meet at the church at 5:30 pm to go to dinner and a movie.

Circle III will not meet during the month of July.

The Glory Be Circle will have a Ladies Night Out on July 20 meeting at the church at 6 pm to go out to eat.

Acolytes

Michael Keenan

Joshua Keenan

Supervisor - Tom Keenan

Nursery Helpers

3- Jill Warren- B	352-5374
Meredith Surber- T	352-3807
Sub: Carol Hill	352-0891
10- Alisha Beard- B	415-7305
Linda Meek- T	352-2344
Sub: Virginia Hames	352-0887
17- Clara Weatherford – B	352-0515
Linda Smith- T	352-5369
Sub: Lynda Lankford	352-5110
24- Letha Basford- B	352-5670
Lauren Perritt-T	352-6136
Sub: Audra Henderson	352-8004
31- Julia Hinton-B	352-6136
Debby Aljancic-T	352-9139
Sub: Heather Garrett	352-0674

Ushers

Tommy Surber - Chairperson

Kevin Hill - Co-Chairperson

Paul Motheral

Cindy Owen

Mark Smith

Jimmy Stambaugh

Greeters

July 3 (A) Hunter & Heather Garrett	352-0767
(B) Ben & Linda McClure	352-9047
July 10 (A) Terry & Suzanne Howell	352-7413
(B) Charles & Linda Kemp	352-2136
July 17 (A) Joe & Jean McKennie	352-7559
(B) Larry & Paula Watkins	352-5213
July 24 (A) Jimmy & Ruth Carroll	352-2811
(B) Tom & Debby Aljancic	352-9139
July 31 (A) Bill & Jan Kirk	352-3938
(B) Ron & Sandi Deming	352-0491

Sound System Helpers

July 3 - Tracy Webb

July 10 & 17 - Tom Aljancic

July 24 & 31- Craig Lunn

LOOKING AHEAD

July 6 - Family Night

July 9-23 -Program of Alternate Studies at Bethel

July 10-15 - CPYC

July 17-21 - Youth Trip to Children's Home

August 3 - Family Night

Sept. 18-21 - Fall Revival (Rev. Larry Blakeburn)

The Cumberland Presbyterian

Pat White, Editor of "The Cumberland Presbyterian" magazine makes extra copies available to the churches once a year. We have several of the "June 2005" magazines on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway if you'd like one. The magazine has articles by pastors, news from Bethel College, the Children's Home and Memphis Theological Seminary. This issue contains articles by Rev. Don Reeves, Rev. Dr. Bob Prosser, both former pastors of this church and Patricia Smith, a former member who has served as Women's Ministry Convention President this year.

New subscriptions are at a special price of \$25 for two years. We will have a subscription insert in our Sunday bulletin. Or you may mail your address and check to *The Cumberland Presbyterian*; P. O. Box 935, Antioch, TN 37011. For more information call 615-731-5556 or e-mail cpmag@comcast.net.

God Is with Us

This year of BIBLE QUEST focuses on the theme of incarnation—God with us. In the Bible stories of Summer BIBLE QUEST, God's presence is experienced in worship, prayer, and the life and work of the early Christian community. The many images of God in Scripture are also explored.

How do you know that God is with you? When did you discover that you are not alone, that God supports and cares for you through all the peaks and valleys of life? For some people, the realization comes suddenly, but for others the understanding comes over a long period of time while repeatedly hearing about God's love and care. Have you ever talked with your children about your sense of God's presence, or listened as they tell you how they experience God? This summer's unit can help you to share your experiences of incarnation as a whole family.

—taken from BIBLE QUEST letter to parents

July Birthdays

- 2 - JoAnn Motheral
- 4 - Rebecca Pate
- 5 - Zach Renfro
- 6 - Edwin Basford
- 11- Pat Ridley
- 14 - Julia Hinton
Drew Basford
- 16 - George Howton
- 17 - Angela Birmingham
Molly Watkins
Laura Warren
- 19 - Mitchell Lunn
- 22 - John Craig Howell
- 26 - Paul Long

July Anniversaries

- 3- Kenneth & Debbie Medlock
- 4 - Zach & Jill Renfro
- 8 - Craig and Traci Lunn
- 13 - Tracy and Marcia Webb
- 22 - Harold & Linda Kelly
- 24 - Pat & April Corbin
- 25 - Joe & Linda Hearn

Remember in your Prayers

Jimmy Stambaugh; Bubba Waddle - Room 416-McKenzie Health Care Center; Glynda Corbin (knee surgery); Jo Pinson; Jacob Rogers (Kreuter's grandson); Roger Johnson (knee surgery); Jerry Hearn (Joe's brother); Eddie Lankford; Chaplain Brad Ableson (friend of Edna Gene Forester); Terry Fauth (Debby Aljancic's cousin); Bobby Flippin; Catherine Clayton

Those with long-term illnesses, confined to nursing homes, etc.:
Dot Howell, Edwin Basford; William & Evora Bryant; Dr. Lollar; Twila Walker; J. C. & Lil True; Jane Pate; Faye Headden; Peggy Hall; Wanda Anderson; Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Joe McKinnie, Sr.(Joe Jr.'s father); Wayne David Bryant (James Hamilton's brother-in-law); Charlie Maeburn (Tom Keenan's uncle); Rosa Ryan (Gene Owen's mother); Joe Frank Brush; Evan Lounsberry (nepew of "Squeaky" & Kim Moss); Marie Holmes (Mary Ann Janner's mother); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother) Gladys Tullos (Meredith Surber's grandmother); Ralph Walker

MILITARY: Thomas Clark; Lindsey Damesworth; Todd Walker, Karl Tunning, Stephen Brown; Jonathan Scott (Amy Peters' friend)

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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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 8:15am-11:15 am; 11:45am -2:45 pm
WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages; Praise Choir

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