

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

August 11, 2005



From the Pastor's Desk

I hate computers. I do not hate the fact that they put out great work and have wonderful programs to make your administrative work easier, but when they breakdown and fail to do a function that is expected of them, that's when I hate them.

Is this how God relates to us? No. He hates the sin we commit but he loves the sinner. Sometimes it is too easy to say that we hate someone or something. There is too much hate in the world without me hating someone too. My grandmother once said, "I love the devil but I hate his ways." It is the way people act out their lives that we hate not the person. Hate is a powerful destructive force.

If we hate the sinner we cut ourselves off from them and can not be an effective witness. We need to proclaim God's love in the world, not hate. We need to realize that hatred separates us from the love of God. So what is it that God hates. Proverbs, chapter 6 tells us this. God hates seven things: eyes that are arrogant, a tongue that lies, hands that murder the innocent, a heart that hatches evil plots, feet that race down a wicked track, a mouth that lies under oath, and a troublemaker in the family."

Something to think about during these times of hatred.

—Tony

Welcome New Members

We welcome Mark, his wife, Donna and their son, Levi as new members of our church. They came forward on Sunday, July 21 when Mark and Levi were also baptized. Their address is 1690 Willoughby Road in Paris. Their phone number is 644-0464.

Welcome also to Ken and Tracy Powell and their son, Stephen and daughter, Chelsea who transferred their letters of membership from the First United Methodist Church in Niceville, Florida. They also have a 6-year old daughter, Hannah. They live at 1114 Paris Pike in McKenzie and their phone number is 415-9181. Tracy is the daughter of Tony & Mary Ann Janner.

The Belong family also came to the altar on Sunday, August 7 expressing their desire to become members of the church. Melvin, his wife, Carol and their sons, Melvin, Jr. & Melic reside at 85 Bethel Court in McKenzie. Their phone number is 352-6350.

We are happy to have all of these new members.

New Teacher Installation - August 28

The Christian Education Committee will have installation of new teachers for the 2005-06 year during the morning worship on August 28.

2005-2006 Teachers

Nursery Class - Paula Watkins; Linda Smith; Traci Lunn; Tonya Brown

Beginners Class- Carol Nanney; Heather Garrett; Lynda Lankford; Sub. Daphne Brown

Pre-K & Kindergarten Class - Tommy & Meredith Surber; Brent & Sarah Bradberry, Sub. Sandra Spires

1st & 2nd Grade Class - Carol Hill; June Perritt; Sub. Linda Kemp

3rd Grade Class - Amanda Boaz; Suzanne Howell; Betty Scott; Sub. Audra Henderson

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Class - Debby Aljancic; Linda Meek; Sub. Marcia Webb; Sub. Letha Basford

Youth Class (7th-12th) - Ben Warren; Sub. Jimmy Stambaugh

Fellowship Class - Rotating Teachers

Mustard Seed Class - Tony Janner

Class Friendly - Rotating Teachers

“Experiencing God”

“Experiencing God”, a Bible study by Henry Blackaby and Claude King will be the focus for WOW (Worship on Wednesday) program. These studies are designed for small groups. The youth class will do the study and we are planning for two adult groups. 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. Deadline for ordering your workbook is **August 17**.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) will resume on **August 24**. Members of *Renaissance* will perform as our special guests. On Wednesday, August 31 our Praise Choir will sing and we will begin “Experiencing God” with an introductory video for the small groups to watch together. Facilitators for study will be Ben Warren for the youth; Amanda Boaz, Tony Janner and Anne Hames.

FALL REVIVAL - Rev. Larry Blakeburn

Our Fall Revival will take place September 18 - 21 (Sunday thru Wednesday) with nightly worship services at 7:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, pastor of the Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be the evangelist for the revival. Peter Jeffrey, Creative Director and Deputy Conductor of Renaissance will present special music two evenings. Our own Children’s Choir, Praise Choir, and Chancel Choir will sing also.

On Sunday evening at 6 pm, we will have an Add-A-Dish Supper before the worship service begins at 7 pm. Everyone mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. Bring a friend!

Memorials and Honorariums Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of:

Gloria Brown (Rex Brown’s mother)
by Paul and Diann Olson

In Memory of:

Pauline Bennett (JoAnn Motheral’s mother)
by David & Lynda Lankford
Reba Foster

In Memory of:

Peggy Hall
by David & Lynda Lankford
Ed & Demetra Perkins

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of:

Pauline Bennett (JoAnn Motheral’s mother)
by John & Ruth Morris

In Memory of:

Peggy Hall
by John & Ruth Morris

New Addresses

For all of you college kids who are going away to school or their parents, please send us e-mail or physical addresses so we can continue to send you a newsletter and stay in touch. Thanks.

**WOW Teachers
and Helpers
Planning Meeting
Wednesday, August 17 - 7 pm**

Highlights of the Session Meeting

*Tom Aljancic, Treasurer reported Receipts for June of \$15,130 and expenditures of \$15,313 & July Receipts of \$20,592 (5 Sundays) & expenditures of \$17,419. Year-to-date receipts of \$132,106 and expenditures of \$129,906.

*Communication from Estate of John David Marshall that the church will receive 25% of his estate.

*Approved request of Jeremy Burris to have his wedding Nov. 19 in the church.

*Accepted into membership: Jessica Locke, Mitchell Locke, Mark Hamilton, Donna Hamilton, Ken Powell, Tracy Powell, Stephen O-Neill, Chelsea Powell, Melvin Belong, Carol Belong & recorded infant baptisms of Eli Locke and Levi Hamilton

*Millie Finley prayed for everyone on our prayer list

*Christian Education Committee Chairperson, Traci Lunn presented new teachers for the 2005-2006 year and children’s classes; Installation for new teachers will be August 28 and presentation of “Educator of the Year” will be made on August 28.

*Missions and Outreach Committee, Chairperson, Mark Thompson reported plans for Revival, Sept. 18-21: Dr. Larry Blakeburn, evangelist, our choirs and Peter Jeffrey, special music

*Worship Committee Chairperson, Robye Lindsey reported we have 300 of the new “Celebration” hymnals so we’ve reached our goal.

*Robye reported in behalf of the Historical Committee working with Decorating Committee on the Library that a new display case has been purchased; oval table and six chairs have been ordered; and the members of these committees have put books back on the shelves and are making plans to complete the Library/Historical Room soon.

School of Discovery

School of Discovery had a terrific first day this week. We've got a great bunch of kids whose names are listed below. If you know any of these children and see them occasionally, please let them know we're happy to have them!

Julie French	Katie Coleman
Ceily Phillips	Spencer Collins
Madison Langevine	Kyla Steele
Lori Anna Brown	Ryleigh Davis
Cole Teichelman	Katie Beacham
Macie Cunningham	Gracie Dillingham
Gracie Cunningham	Richard Clay Wilson

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kristi Holancin who will graduate from Belmont University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy on August 12, 2005.

Congratulations to Clara Weatherford who graduated from Bethel College on August 7 with a Master of Arts in Education degree.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

We will resume the WOW program on August 24. There will be classes for all ages. A Nursery will be provided for children under age 4. We begin at 5:30 pm with a meal. Classes begin at 6:10 pm. The children's study theme this year is 'Fruits of the Spirit'. The youth and adults will be doing the Bible study "Experiencing God". On the last Wednesday of each month the Praise Choir and the Children's Choir will sing.

August 24 - PIZZA

August 31 - Team 1 - Elders Millie Finley and Jimmy Stambaugh with members D. Blount, Keenans, Kelleys; Kirks; Turners; Warmans; Washburns; Wilsons; Youngs; Howells; F. Jensen; L. Lewis; R. Morris; Olsons; Peters; Reids; L. & M. Watkins;

September 6- Team 2 - Elders Traci Lunn and Tim Nanney and members: C. Cole; C. Crowell; Eubanks; Hames; McKennie's; Meeks; R. Pate; Tunnings; Beards; Browns; Ervins; J. Fortner; Hills; Kemps; P. Longs; Nienabers; J. Pinson; Sims; J. Toombs

September 13 - Team 3 - Elders Jean Garrett and Tracy Webb and members: R. Basfords; C. Blounts; Claytors; Davis; H. Garretts; L. McNeil; S. Pate; P. Ridley; Waddles; D. Ward; Carrolls; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; Holcombs; J. Martin; Renfros; L. Ridley; Rutledges; E. Taylor; B. Taylor

(Your elders will be calling upon you to help prepare meals or give money to buy the food. The congregation is divided into 12 shepherding groups. Two elders & their shepherd groups make up a team.)

Youth News

Hot, Hot, Hot, that's all its been all summer long! It's great for that cool fall season to get started! I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer. We have a lot of things gearing up here at the church you are not going to want to miss. At WOW we are as a whole church going to be "Experiencing God". Sunday evenings we are going to do the Dave Ramsey program. We are going to a Diamond Jaxx game August 27. This September we're planning another trip with the little ones to Chuck E. Cheeses, a Mystery Trip and possibly a Christian festival! Hope to see all of you there at the first WOW! Keep in your prayers all of our girls who are about to start college for the first time. God bless. Ben Warren

2005 Coed Church League Softball Schedule

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, August 16 - 8:30 pm - Field 1 (Make-up game for rain out)

Thursday, August 18 - 6:30 pm - vs Bruceton Church of Christ - Field 2

Monday, August 22 - 7:30 pm - Field 2 (Make-up game for rain out)

Thursday, August 25 - 6:30 pm - Field 1 (Make-up game for rain out)

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

Single Elimination Tournament will be played on August 25th, 30th and September 1.

THANKS

The New Hymnal Project is complete. Many thanks to everyone who has purchased hymnals in honor and in memory of those special to them. We now have 300 new "Celebration" hymnals which was our goal. We do not plan to order any additional hymnals through the church office. However, if you are interested in a personal hymnal for your home, you may call and order one from the Cumberland Presbyterian Resource Center at 800-333-2772.

The Worship Committee

Diamond Jaxx Baseball Game

Everyone is invited to go to a Diamond Jaxx game on Saturday, August 27 in Jackson, TN. We will meet at the church parking lot at 4 pm, go to Barnhill's Restaurant to eat and then to the Diamond Jaxx game which begins at 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$7.50. The youth are planning the trip. The Seekers are also planning to go, but everyone in the church is welcome to go along. There will be a fireworks display after the game.

Beth Moore - Living Proof Live

The Temple Baptist Church in Milan, TN is hosting a Simulcast of "Living Proof" broadcast live from New York City October 7-8. You'll experience all the same powerful Bible teaching from Christian author and speaker Beth Moore and dynamic music and worship led by Christian artist Travis Cottrell. It's sure to minister to your mind, soul and spirit! Friday evening session is 6-8:30 pm. Saturday is 8-11:30 am. Tickets are \$30 and includes lunch on Saturday. For more information call 731-686-8701.

Remember in your Prayers

Obra Sims at Jackson Hospital Rehab; Jacob Rogers (Kreuter's grandson); Ruth McReynolds; Jerry Hearn (Joe's brother); Eddie Lankford; Matt Merrick; family of Dusty Carroll; Michael Lopez (Daphne Brown's brother); Mary Lou Jackson (Tony Janner's mother); Kenneth Coleman; Sam Tilley (Brent Bradberry's uncle); Rev. Jerry & Van Lynch; Bobby Flippin; Catherine Clayton; Donna Beasley (Cathey's Stambaugh's sister); Patricia Crowe (Traci Lunn's grandmother); Brian Taylor; Bobbi Newbill; Mamie Strickland; William Luna (Tony Janner's cousin); Jean McKinnie; Carla Waddle

Remember in your Prayers (Continued)

McKenzie Health Care Center: Dot Howell-Room 400, Edwin Basford-Room 109; Ranny Brogdon-Room 409A; Margaret Mebane -Room 416

Those with long-term illnesses, confined to nursing homes, etc.: Dr. Laddie Lollar; Twila Walker; Bubba Waddle; J. C. & Lil True; Jane Pate; Mary Margaret Williams; William & Evora Bryant; Faye Headden; Wanda Anderson; Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Joe McKinnie, Sr.; 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 (nephew of "Squeaky" & Kim Moss); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother) Gladys Tullos (Meredith Surber's grandmother)

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

OTHERS: 2nd C. P. Church in Huntingdon; ministerial candidates; our military, our church; the Session and committees, 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, Sec.
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

"A Family of Faith with Open Minds and Loving Hearts"