

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2005



From the Pastor's Desk

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in Franklin, Tennessee in June of 2005, with good reports from Memphis Theological Seminary, Bethel College and the Children's Home.

They also tackled a problem with 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 the Center and incurring more debt, or selling the property, paying off our debt and moving our center to a new location. The sad part about this problem is that the center leadership has known about this problem for years, without making any decisions. I must put some of the blame on the General Assembly Council who also have been aware of the problem for years without action.

It took the action of the Board of Mission in planning 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 was a resolution to keep the Center and re-model--the Boards of Christian Education and the Stewardship Boards presented this recommendation. The Assembly moved to create a Task Force to do the following:

- 1) To raise three million dollars
- 2) To sell the existing property on Union Ave in Memphis, Tennessee
- 3) To find property to build and relocate our center which will house our executives and staff

Last week I was invited to attend a meeting with the Task Force to see and hear their proposal to the churches of our denomination concerning the raising of the three million dollars. I was impressed with the work of this task force and I am on board in raising money for our new center. I will present a short DVD to our session in December and to the congregation later in the month. I am hoping everyone will want to participate in the building of a new denominational center.

--Tony

Christmas Cantata

Born A Savior, Born A King will be presented on Sunday, December 11 during the morning worship hour by our chancel choir. Choirs members along with narrators John Baumgardner and Lenore Surber, under the direction of Bob Rutledge will perform the cantata.

Christmas Greeting Card

The Christmas Committee has placed a large Christmas Card in the hallway for everyone to sign and share Christmas greetings. Please stop by on Sunday and share your Christmas greeting. (The Christmas Card Exchange Trees and Bell will not be hung this year.)

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 4 to elect four elders. The session consists of twelve elders. Each elder elected serves a three-year term. Four new elders are elected each year. Any member of the church in good standing, who has been a member at least one year and is not employed by the church may be nominated. If you would like to nominate a person on the meeting date, please get permission from the person you want to nominate to serve if elected, before placing their name in nomination.

The Session will nominate Roger Johnson, Joe McKinnie, Linda Meek and Tommy Patterson to serve as elders for the Class of 2008, serving from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

Gift to the King

The Board of Missions has chosen for this year's offering to go to a new Cumberland Presbyterian School (Grades 7-12) in Hong Kong to provide a chaplain for the school. A bulletin insert and offering envelope will be provided on Sunday December 11.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Rev. Lee Scott

by Betty LaFollette Scott

In Honor of the Seekers

by Lil True

In Memory of Virginia Claire Edwards

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Curtis "Red" Summers

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Rev. Bill Wood

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Curtis "Red" Summers

by Jean Garrett

Tracy & Marcia Webb

Joe & Elaine Williams

Jack & Judy Hall

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Paul & Diann Olson

Eric & Kristi Corbin

Dave & Martha Sue Peters

In Memory of Virginia Claire Edwards

by Jean Garrett

Joe & Linda Hearn

Dave & Martha Sue Peters

Aunt Jessie "GaGa" Killebrew

will be 90 years old

December 24, 2005

*To honor this special occasion
there will be a "come and go"
celebration on*

Sunday, December 18, 2005

from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

at the

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

16835 Highland Drive

Hosted by Jean and Joe McKinnie

and

Kim and Eddie Moss

(No gifts please. If you wish to honor her, please consider a donation to your favorite charity, McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church, or send a card for her memory book.)

Angel Tree Gifts

Angel Tree Gift Requests were made available to the congregation on November 27. We do have a few left if you'd like to buy a gift for a child in need this Christmas. On December 4, they will be available for you. Please put your name, phone number and number of the angel you have on a piece of paper for the ones who carry out the program. Please do not wrap the gifts but return them by **December 11** with the paper angel attached to the gift. Thanks for your help.

Addresses

Edwin Basford - McKenzie Health Care Ctr., 175 Hospital Circle,
Room 109 McKenzie, TN 38201

Faye Headden - Magnolia Manor, 242 Magnolia Ave.,
McKenzie

Dot Howell - McKenzie Health Care - Room 400

Dr. Laddie Lollar - 1121 Mistletoe Ln. Hermitage, TN 37076

Jane Pate - 205 Richardson Ave. McKenzie

Lil True - 504 Indian Hills Mound, Goodlettsville, TN 37072

J. C. True - Alterra Sterling House, 2025 Caldwell Dr.

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Mary Margaret Williams - Morningside of Paris, 350 Volunteer
Dr., Paris, TN 38242

Ranny Brogdon - (Suzanne Howell's mother) - McKenzie Health
Care Ctr. - Room 409A

William & Evora Bryant - 9225 Highway 436, McKenzie

Joe McKinnie, Sr. - McKenzie Retirement Home, 1774 Highway
22, McKenzie

Margaret Mebane - McKenzie Health Care Ctr. - Room 416

Rosa Ryan - (Gene Owen's mother) Weakley Co. Nursing
Home, Dresden, TN 38225

Obra Sims - 5935 Highway 54, Paris, TN 38242

Katherine Thompson - (Carolyn Patterson's mom) 49 Elwood Dr.

Twila Walker - Lakeside Retirement Center - 390 Dr. Smith Dr.

Octeria Ownby (Vicky Clark's grandmother) - McKenzie Health
Care Center - Room 202

Revs. Chuck & Stephanie Brown - 700 N. Avalon, Memphis,
TN 38107

Rev. Don Caperton - 285 Britton Ford Rd., Springville, TN
38256

Rev. Larry Dailey - 656 Grand Point Blvd., Sunrise Beach,
MO 65079

Rev. Don Reeves - P. O. Box 27, Langston, AL 35755

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

There are classes for all ages. A Nursery is provided for children under age 4. We begin at 5:30 pm with a light meal. Classes begin at 6:10 pm. The children's study theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit". The youth and adults are doing the Bible study "Experiencing God".

December 7 will be the last WOW for this year.

Many thanks to Team 4 for the chicken tacos, beans, rice, salad & dessert. And thanks also to Team 5 for the chili, hot dogs & dessert.

December 7 - Team 6 - Elders Linda Hearn and Tommy Surber with members, B. Allen; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Clarks; Demings; Easleys; E. Forester; Hintons; Jeffery's; R. Johnsons; Matlocks; Owens; Perkins; Ross'; Thomas; J. Walkers; V. Walker; Weatherfords

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

Thank You Note

There is no way we can ever thank everyone for everything that has been done for our family during our difficult year. Special thanks for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food yard mowing, checking on GaGa, etc. during Joe's hospitalization in the spring, the relocation of dad to McKenzie, and my recent hip replacement. Special thanks to Brother Tony for being with us during the first attempt for my surgery and the hospital evacuation ordeal. As we have said many times before, our Church Family is the best!!! Thanks again,

Jean McKinnie and family

Words cannot express how much your support and hard work for the shelter meant to us and especially to our friends from Louisiana. It was so encouraging to see us all work together for Christ when there was a need to be met. Your food, prayers, and monetary contributions were greatly appreciated. It was a blessing to work with you.

Sincerely,
Long Heights Baptist Church

Youth and Children's Christmas Program

Our youth and children will be performing "The Christmas Story – A Light has Dawned" on December 18 at 5 pm. Come join us as they retell "The Story" of stories!

Attention Parents:

Practices will be held Sunday, December 4 and 11 at 5 pm and Saturday, December 17 will be Dress Rehearsal (Time to be announced). Every child and youth has a part! Every child is invited to join in with the Christmas Carols they'll be singing that night! See you there!

December 31 Gathering

On New Year's Eve--Saturday, December 31 everyone is invited for a time of fellowship in the Family Life Center. Lots of fun games are being planned and everyone can bring their favorite holiday finger foods to share. The fun begins at 7 pm and continues to 9 pm.

Farewell for Ben December 7

On Wednesday night December 7 during our WOW meal we will honor Ben Warren, our youth director for the past 18 months. Ben will be moving to Auburn Alabama where his finance is in Pharmacy School. They plan to be married on June 24, 2006. (Call J. T. Lindsey or the church office to make a donation.)

Youth Christmas Party

The youth will have a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11 at 6 pm at the church. Please bring a gag gift and finger foods. We will have games and enjoy fellowship.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kerry and Stacie Warman. They have a new baby girl. Ava Mae was born Wednesday, November 16 at Jackson Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19 inches. Congratulations to Grandmother Cathey and Granddaddy Jimmy Stambaugh!

Donna Kay Hamilton will graduate from Bethel College on Sunday, December 11 during the Commencement Exercises at the Dishman Gymnasium in the Baker Field House. Congratulations to Donna. She is the wife of Mark Hamilton and mother of Levi.

Congratulations to Kerri Basford. She will graduate from Union University in December with a nursing degree.

Congratulations to Mark Smith, son of Tom and Rhonda Smith who graduates from the University of Tennessee at Martin on December 17 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology Science.

Upward Ministry Partner

1. Every player received a \$10 discount to keep the league priced reasonably for McKenzie. In addition 14 players received full scholarships of \$43 or \$48. Therefore we need to raise around \$2400 in scholarship money. If you'd like to help with the cost of this ministry just indicate below.

_____ \$10--I'll help cover a player discount.

_____ \$43 or \$48--I'll give a scholarship.

_____ \$ 1 to ?--I'll help by giving this amount.

_____ \$100--"Star Sponsor"--I want to be a Upward Star Sponsor by giving \$100. Star Sponsors may have their business or name listed on our Star Sponsors banner or you can give anonymously and we'll list You as a "Star Friend"

2. We need 100 Prayer Partners who will pray for 100 days for this ministry and a specific team/squad. You'll receive a prayer list to help guide you as you pray. If you'd be willing to be a Prayer Partner just print your name below.

I'll be a Prayer Partner: _____

3. We also need ministry volunteers. If you'd be willing to coach/set-up/take-down/greet/share a testimony/sell concessions--print your name below. You don't have to help every week--we'll take help anytime you're available.

I want to be an Upward Volunteer: _____

I'll help by: _____

We appreciate any way you are able to help as we have the opportunity to minister and show CARE to around 190 children and their families.

Women's Ministry & Circle Meetings

Women's Ministry Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, December 19 at 6 pm beginning with a Potluck Dinner. Glory Be Circle will have the program and be hostess for this quarterly meeting. All the ladies of the church are invited to join us.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 pm at the home of Marlene Kreuter for a potluck meal and meeting. Katrina Holancin is the program leader.

Circle III will meet on Monday, December 12 at 6 pm at the home of Robye Lindsey's.

Glory Be Circle will meet at the church for a "Girls Night Out" on Friday, December 9. We will meet at 5:45 pm to go out to eat together.

Acolytes

Jack Surber - 352-3807
Brice Webb - 352-3550
Supervisor - Marcia Webb

Ushers

Terry Howell - Chairperson
J. T. Lindsey - Co-Chairperson
Tommy Johnson
Paul Long
Paul Olson

Nursery

4- Martha Peters- B	352-5997
Pat Ridley- T	352-2963
Sub: Becky Allen	352-3066
11- Linda Kemp- B	352-2136
Tonya Brown- T	352-0302
Sub: Sarah Bradberry	352-0044
18- Leslie McNeil- B	352-6349
Lauren Perritt- T	352-6136
Sub: Johnna Toombs	352-7263
25- Glynda Hamilton- B	642-3224
Reba Foster- T	352-7308
Sub: Julia Hinton	352-3252

Greeters

Dec. 4 (A) James & Glynda Hamilton	642-3224
(B) Ben & Linda McClure	352-9047
Dec. 11 (A) Kirk & Cynthia Nienaber	243-4104
(B) Ed & Demetra Perkins	352-2754
Dec. 18 (A) Dewayne & Dawn Ervin	352-5132
(B) Kelly & Clara Weatherford	352-0515
Dec. 25 (A) Frank Claytor/Larry Ridley	352-8107
(B) Larry & Paula Watkins	352-5213

Sound System

December 4 & 11 - Tracy Webb
December 18 & 25 - Craig Lunn

Bethel College Renaissance Christmas Extravaganza!

Six big shows have been planned beginning the weekend of McKenzie Hometown Christmas Festival at the Bethel College Performing Arts Center (the "Old Cumberland Presbyterian Sanctuary on Stonewall Street") Shows will be at the following dates and times:

Friday, December 2, 2005 at 7 pm
Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 1 pm
Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 7 pm
Friday, December 9, 2005 at 7 pm
Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 1 pm
Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 7 pm

This is ticketed event, but the tickets are FREE and are available. (Call 352- 6414.)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

On **Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 pm**, there will be a special performance for our congregation. You must have a ticket. There are a few tickets left. Call the church office.

School of Discovery Christmas Program

The School of Discovery invites everyone to their Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 13 in the Family Life Center. The program begins at 6 pm.

Also School of Discovery will have a float in the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 4 at part of the Hometown Christmas Celebration.

Love Loaf Program

Your gift total to the Love Loaf Program thus far is \$328.27. This money will be divided as follows: One-half will be sent to World Vision to help hurting children in third world countries. One-fourth is sent to the Cumberland Presbyterian Denominational Headquarters for benevolence needs and one-fourth is kept here for benevolence needs. Thank you for giving. If you have not returned your Love Loaf, you may bring it to church next Sunday.

Live Nativity

December 11

6 - 8 pm

First United Methodist Church of Gleason

2006 Offering Envelopes

If you'd like to use offering envelopes and have not in the past had a set for the year, please call the church office and we will prepare a set for you. Thanks for your help.

December Birthdays

- 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
- 15 - Kristin Bradberry
- 17 - Obra Sims
- 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

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

(Please call the church office
352-2440 if your birthday or
anniversary is not on our list.)

Remember in your Prayers

J. T. Scott; The family of Rev. Bill Wood; Harold Kelly; Tracy Powell; Ruth Goodman (Donna Ward's aunt); April Sykes; Jay Rogers; Etta (Sims) Johnson; Rev. Vance Rushing; the families and friends of Billy Curtis and Billy Harris; Barbara Gaskins; David Smothers; William Manns; Carolyn Montgomery (Victor Clark's sister); Mary Creyssels; McKenzie Health Care Center: Dot Howell-Room 400, Edwin Basford-Room 109; Ranny Brogdon-Room 409A; Margaret Mebane -Room 416; Oteria Ownby (Vicky Clark's grandmother)-Room 202

Those with long-term illnesses, confined to nursing homes, etc.: Dr. Laddie Lollar; Twila Walker; J. C. & Lil True; Jane Pate; Obra Sims; Mary Margaret Williams; William & Evora Bryant; Faye Headden; Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Joe McKinnie, Sr.; Wayne David Bryant (James Hamilton's brother-in-law); Lois Mattson (Linda Kelly's mother); Charlie Maeburn (Tom Keenan's uncle); Joe Frank Brush; Evan Lounsberry; Jan Quinn (friend of Debby Aljancic); Bobbi Newbill; Tucker Wells; Terry Fauth; Linda Lewis' mother; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother) Rosa Ryan (Gene Owen's mother); Bobby Flippin

MILITARY: Howard Spires; Thomas Clark; Lindsey Damesworth; Todd Walker, Karl Tunning, Stephen Brown; Jonathan Scott; Matthew Taylor and all military
OTHERS: hurricane & earthquake victims; ministerial candidates; our church; the Session and committees, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

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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"