

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER



December 29, 2005

From the Pastor's Desk

I pray that each of you had a Merry Christmas, and I pray for each of you a Wonderful New Year. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and words of kindness shared with my family this Christmas season. My thanks to all on the different committees and teams that made all of our holiday programs so very special. God's holy spirit was poured out upon all of us.

We give thanks to God for the return of our National Guardsmen from Iraq the week before Christmas. Please continue praying for peace in the Middle East and the return of all our military forces.

As we focus on the New Year, we do not want a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world to Christ. My goal for us as a body of Christ is to evangelize and teach the word of God's truths. If you are outside of His truth then you have a crisis of faith and need to make changes in your life that will be obedient to God's will for you. What that means is that we the body of Christ cannot withstand a slanted view of the truth, but we need God's truth. As for me I will obey his will and his calling.

I ask each of you to take the time from the moment of this reading until the first Sunday in January of 2006, to make a commitment to dedicate yourselves to the service of the church and be an active witness to your baptism and the conformation of your faith.

Your attendance to Bible studies, worship and Sunday School is important to the life of the church and your spiritual well being. The scriptures tell us not to forsake the assembly of believers. (Hebrews 10:25). In 2 Tim. 2:15 it tells us Christians to, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handle the word of truth."
--Tony,

Thanks to the Christmas Committee

Jan Kirk and her "pack mule" (as Bill refers to himself) have worked diligently to provide leadership for the committee who provided all the decorations in the church this year and helped in planning the programs and activities for Advent. From the planning which began in October for the first Sunday of Advent on November 27 (Chrismon Special Service) to the Christmas Day Worship on December 25, the congregation has been blessed by their work.

Thanks to everyone who cooked and served the Chancel Choir Breakfast on the 10th so the choir could spend time rehearsing. "Born A Savior, Born a King", the Christmas Cantata by the chancel choir was inspirational.

"The Christmas Story - A Light has Dawned" was presented by the youth and children of the church on Sunday, December 18. It was a blessing to everyone who attended, from the readings to the singing, and the animals who roamed about the stable, even the angel who discovered her shadow on the wall. All of your rehearsing was worth your efforts—thank you for sharing and thanks also to Debby Aljancic and Charro Keenan for your dedication and patience.

We appreciate all the families who lit the Advent candles during our worship services through the Advent season and their special lessons for us.

Thanks to everyone who took Angel Tree Gift Requests and bought clothing and toys for children. Thanks to Jimmy Stambaugh & family for buying all the leftover angel tree requests, so no one would be left off.

The carolers received a wonderful blessing from those they visited on the 21st. Thanks to Linda Meek for hosting the carolers with hot drinks and lots of delicious food.

When everyone's candle was lit on Christmas Eve after Communion, the circle of church family and friends stretched completely around the Worship and Family Life Center. Rev. Janner says we will fill the walking track too next year.

Serving on the committee were: Jan Kirk, Chairperson, Debby Aljancic, Janet Baumgardner, Melvin & Carol Belong, Brent & Sarah Bradberry, Rex & Daphne Brown, Ruth Carroll, Glynda Corbin, Hunter and Heather Garrett, Frances Jensen, Charro Keenan, Linda Kelly, J. T. Lindsey, Linda Meek, Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh, Lenore Surber, Walter Waddle, Donna Ward. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Sherlie S. Walker, Jr.

by Charles & Judy Gipson

In Honor of Virginia Walker

by Bill & Betty Featherstone

In Memory of Willard and Nell Brush

by Clennon and Nellie Dailey

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Curtis "Red" Summers

by Linda Meek

Dr. & Mrs. Tony Janner

In Honor of Carla and Walter Waddle

by Gene & Cindy Owen

In Honor of Jessie "GaGa" Killebrew

by Nellie & Gene Hale

Dean & Gail Robb

Ross Martin

Carol Barker

Sandra Spires

Thomas & Katherine Woodall

Reba, Lute and Andrew Foster

David & Lynda Lankford

Joe & Linda Hearn

Gene & Cindy Owen

William & Anne Kennon

The Bobby M. Williams Family

Steven & Marilyn Garret

Linda M. Butler

Eleanor Cahill

Ed & Demetra Perkins

Richard & Gaye Gooch

Betty S. Rosenbalm

Rev. & Mrs. Clinton Buck

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. Rev. Janner will have a devotional at 8:30 pm.

Congratulations

Johnna and Casey Toombs have a new baby girl born December 27, 2005 at Martin Hospital. She has been named Casey Brett. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 ½ ozs. Congratulations to her parents, also to grandparents, John & Janet Baumgardner, great grandmother, Jo Pinson and Aunt Jennifer.

Men's Fellowship

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am

Catfish Restaurant

All the men of the church are invited to come for dutch-treat breakfast, fellowship and devotional at the Catfish Restaurant in McKenzie at 8 am on Saturday, January 14.

Celebration Honoring our Soldiers

On Saturday, **January 7** McKenzie will officially welcome home the Company A 230th Engineering Battalion in a celebration at McKenzie High School. It begins at **9 am**.

Thank You Church Family

Thank you for your gifts of money to the church staff. As always you have given generously to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring. We are very fortunate to be a part of a loving church family.

Rev. Janner, June Perritt, Mary Wyatt, Tom Aljancic, Zia McKennie, Charro Keenan, Walter Waddle, Lisa Page and Courtney Cole

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

WOW will resume on **January 18, 2006** at 5:30 pm with a pizza meal. We will continue to have classes for all ages and a nursery will be provided for children age 4 and under. The children will continue to study the "Fruits of the Spirit".

Tentative plans for adult WOW studies include: "The Financial University" to be led by Anne Hames and Roger Johnson, "Growing Kids God's Way" to be led by Karen Jeffrey; "Your Church Experiencing God Together"; a hand bell workshop (as a possibility). There will also be classes for youth. We will give you more details as final plans are made.

Danny Ray Martin & Big Band

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts

Danny Ray Martin and Band will be performing at 9 pm on Saturday, December 31 at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon.

"Big Band, Bluegrass and Classic Rock 'n' Roll - Danny Ray Martin's virtuoso performance is a certain thriller for music aficionados and pure entertainment for one and all. Rock in the New Year in style!"

Tickets are buy one, get one free. For more information go to www.dixiepac.net or call 986-2100.

Thank You Note

Thanks for helping us lose weight by providing us with a nice meeting room. We are so very appreciative. We have had a very successful year in TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). We had two members meet their goals and they are now called KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly).

We have two male members. They are doing well with their weight loss.

We are open to new members. We meet at 5:00 pm each Monday except holidays. Due to the holidays, our next meeting will be on Monday, January 2, 2006.

Thanks, again, TOPS # TN 175
(Editor's Note: The TOPS organization has made a contribution to the church.)

Ben Warren

Youth, you can get in touch with Ben by phone at 415-2553, or e-mail at blink182rulz30@hotmail.com or his temporary address: P. O. Box 92084 in Lakeland, FL 33804.

Promises for the New Year

This year make some promises rather than resolutions for the the new year. The following list should get you started:

Promise to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

Promise to make all your friends feel that there is something special about them.

Promise to look at the sunny side of everything, and make optimism come true.

Promise to think only the best, to work only for the best, and to make the best come true.

Promise to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

Promise to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

Promise to wear a cheerful expression at all times and give every person you meet a smile.

Promise to give so much effort to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

Promise to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble in your life.

January Circle Meetings

Glory Be Circle will meet on Monday, January 2 at 6:30 pm at the church reception room. Dawn Ervin has the program and Meredith Surber is the hostess.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 at the church. Marlene Kreuter is program leader. Linda Kelly is hostess.

Circle III will meet on Monday, January 9 at the church. Ruth Morris is the program Leader and Lenore Surber is hostess. Meeting time is 7 pm.

Acolytes

Michael Keenan
Joshua Keenan
Supervisor - Tom Keenan

Ushers

Larry Ridley - Chairperson
John Holancin - Co-Chairperson
Holland Hames
T. J. Meek
Tommy Surber
Larry Watkins

Nursery Helpers

1- Jill Warren- B	352-5374
Meredith Surber- T	352-3807
Sub: Carol Hill	352-0891
8- Alisha Beard- B	415-7305
Linda Meek- T	352-2344
Sub: Laura Warren	352-5374
15- Clara Weatherford – B	352-0515
Victoria Motheral- T	352-8010
Sub: Lynda Lankford	352-5110
22- Letha Basford- B	352-5670
Lauren Perritt-T	352-6136
Sub: Audra Henderson	352-8004
29- Julia Hinton-B	352-6136
Debby Aljancic-T	352-9139
Sub: Heather Garrett	352-0767

Greeters

Jan. 1 (A) Amy Howell	352-7413
(B) Hunter & Heather Garrett	352-0767
Jan. 8 (A) Tim & Carol Nanney	352-0648
(B) Eddie & Letha Basford	352-5670
Jan.15 (A) Chris & Missy Blount	352-2822
(B) Tracy & Marcia Webb	352-3550
Jan. 22 (A) Brent & Sarah Bradberry	352-0044
(B) Terry & Suzanne Howell	352-7413
Jan. 29 (A) Craig & Traci Lunn	352-1313
(B) Mark & Sue Thompson	642-6999

Sound System

January 1 & 8 - Tom Aljancic
January 15 & 22 - Mark Warren
January 29 - Tim Nanney

January Birthdays

- 1 - Jo Pinson
- 5 - Lauren Perritt
- 6 - Jonathan Lankford
Lorey Basford
Kirk Nienaber
- 7 - Kelly Hudson
- 10 - Johnna Toombs
Jennifer Lankford Cole
- 11 - Linda Hearn
- 12 - Robye Lindsey
- 13 - Jonathan Lollar
- 16 - Douglas Pate
Kate Hames
Gracie Blount
- 17 - Byron Pate
- 18 - Janet Baumgardner
Sarah Bradberry
Levi Hamilton
- 19 - Jeanie Reeves
- 20 - Melanie Tunning
- 21 - Nathan Nanney
- 22 - Melissa Smith
- 24 - Christopher Terry
- 25 - Ben Warren
- 26 - Joel Washburn
- 27 - Joe Walker, Jr.
Bridget Bradberry
- 28 - Mark Smith
- 31 - Lute Foster
Cynthia Nienaber

Anniversary

- 3 - Eric & Kristi Corbin

Selam - Children's Home

Several years ago the Christian Education Committee decided to adopt a child at the Children's Home in a program they had. The Sunday School offerings from the children's and youth departments go toward this project.

Selam is a senior in high school. She enjoys listening to Christian and rhythm and blues, watching movies, volleyball and reading. Her birthday is October 2. Everyone in the church is invited to send cards to her on holidays or just a thinking of you card. Her address is:

Selam
Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home
Drawer G
Denton, TX 76202

Giving Records

2006 Offering Envelopes

If you need information about your giving record for the 2005 year, please call (352-2440) and I will gladly make this information available to you.

The 2006 Offering Envelopes are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not find any for you and your family and you would like to use offering envelopes, please contact the office. June

United Neighbors

There are a lot of needs in our community. We get calls in the church office every day for help. Please bring canned meats, pastas, peanut butter and other non-perishable food. There are baskets beside the entry ways for your donations.

Prayer for the New Year Slow Me Down, Lord,

Lord, this year teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read from the Bible.

Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of eternal values.

Through Christ we pray, Amen

“So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is not need to add to the trouble each day brings.”

Matthew 6:34

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Remember in your Prayers

Edwin Basford; Sara Fitzgerald (mother of Missy Blount & Anita Ross); Amanda Boaz and family at the death of her grandmother; Byron Pate; Tom Smith & family at the death of his uncle, Jack Fitzgerald; Ryan Kirk; Rev. Bob Hull; Harold Kelly; Tim Hacker (friend of Aljancics’); April Sykes; Matt Stafford & Family; Jay Rogers; Etta (Sims) Johnson; Rev. Vance Rushing; 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 401; 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; Lindsey Damesworth; Mark Boaz; Jonathan Scott; Matthew Taylor and all military

OTHERS: ministerial candidates; our church; the Session and committees, our nation’s leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

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Zia McKennie-Organist; 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"