

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

January 26, 2006



From the Pastor's Desk

Worship is the most important thing we do in a church. Without worship we would need no building, everything we do revolves around what we do on Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes would not really be needed because Sunday School revolves around the Christ we worship on Sunday.

Our ancestors who were Cumberland Presbyterian worshiped our Lord and Savior under the brush arbors set up in a field. Those faithful Cumberlands would arrive at the brush arbor with their wagon filled with children, food, clothing, feed for the livestock they brought, flint and musket balls for their rifles to hunt wild game, or to protect themselves from the Indians. The number one reason that they went to all that trouble is to worship their Lord and Savior.

On February 4th our denomination will be 196 years old and Sunday February 5th, which is designated as "Denominational Sunday", we will celebrate our birthday. Our worship service will be a "Praise Service" and everyone is invited to come dressed informally, blue jeans, slacks, long dresses, bonnets, and just enjoy the morning worshipping the Lord. This is not entertainment but worship. What is the difference you ask? Well, when one is being entertained they sit and soak it in, and when one worships they stand and give themselves up. You must participate to have worship.

Please be prayerful for the service as Peter Jeffery and Diann Olson lead us with music, praise, and prayer. I will bring the message entitled "*The Greatest Treasure*", from Matthew 33:44-46.

This new worship style is nothing new in the world, just new for us and we do not have a corner on God's truth. Charles Swindoll says it well in his book, *Worship: Let it Shine! Let it Shine!* He said, "we do not have a full understanding of what is involved in worship. All we know is this: We love God. We want to express our praise and our adoration to Him freshly, fully, freely." We Cumberland Presbyterians are of pioneer blood but we have a way to reach-out and remain open to try new ideas, and our goal is always the same---to connect with the living God, as did our ancestors of 1810.

--- Tony

*You are cordially invited to a
Birthday Party
for the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, February 1, after the WOW meal
Please bring a gift of yourself to show how much
"We Love Our Church!"*

CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination was founded on February 4, 1819, after a night of prayer at the home of Samuel McAdoo, on a farm near Dickson, TN. This year our church will celebrate this event that is so important to all our lives by viewing the film "I Love My Church!" At the conclusion of the film, we will have an opportunity to bring our gifts to the church. EVERYONE has something to offer: it may be your time, your talent, your prayers, or your funds. All gifts are vital to the growth and prosperity of this congregation and this denomination. Please prayerfully consider what you can offer to your church and prepare a card stating your intentions to place in the birthday gift box. We will continue our celebration with birthday cake and ice cream after our program.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

WOW got started off with a bang on January 18. There are classes for all ages and a nursery will be provided for children age 4 and under. The children are studying the "Fruits of the Spirit", incorporating stories, crafts, music and movie night. Jennifer Wilkinson, our new children's coordinator, will teach "Experiencing God" for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Jade White, a Bethel student, has volunteered to work with the youth class.

The adults are involved in "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University" led by Dr. Roger Johnson & Dr. Joe Hames; "Growing Kids God's Way" led by Karen Jeffrey; "Your Church Experiencing God Together" (this is a continuation of last semester's "Experiencing God" study) led by Rev. Janner and Debby Aljancic; and an introduction to Choir Handbells workshop led by Dr. Alan Cross.

WOW begins at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays with a meal for a donation.

The elders and their shepherd groups are on six different teams to provide meals for WOW night. The elders will be calling you and asking for you to prepare food, buy food or donate money for food. The donations given for the meals on Wednesdays is divided among the teams and we also buy pizza, salad & dessert (once every six weeks) with those donations. The elders appreciate your help.

February 1 - Team 3 with Elders Jean Garrett and Tracy Webb and team members: R. Basfords; Chris Blounts; Claytors; Davis; H. Garretts; L. McNeil; S. Pate; P. Ridley; Waddles; D. Ward; Allen Browns; Carrolls; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; J. Martin; L. Ridley; Rutledges; E. Taylor; J. Wilkinson

February 8 - Team 2 with Elders Traci Lunn and Tim Nanney and team members C. Cole; Hames; McKennies; R. Pate; Powells; Tunnings; J. White; Beards; Belongs; Rex Browns; Ervins; J. Fortner; Hills; Kemps; Paul Longs; Nienabers; Toombs (Teams 2 & 3 have swapped dates.)

February 15 - Team 4 with Elders Roger Johnson and Mark Thompson and team members Aljancics; N. Arguello; E. Basfords; C. Grounds; A. Henderson; Holancins; T. Johnson; Kreuters; Moss; M. Stambaughs; T. Walkers; P. Corbins; Lankfords; D. Longs; McClures; V. Patterson; S. Spires; B. Surbers; Larry Watkins

February 22 - Team 5 with Elders Joe McKinnie and Tom Smith and team members A. Boaz; Janners; L. Kelly; Lockes; J. Motherals; S. Motherals; Reeds; Trevathans; M. Wiggins; E. Corbins; R. Foster; J. Hamiltons; M. Hamiltons; Hulls; Lindseys; Perritts; Prossers; B. Scott; L. Smith and Warrens

Dinner Theater

Ya'll Come!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is having its fourth annual dinner theater, with a twist, February 25 (Saturday) and February 26 (Sunday afternoon). The theme for this year's entertainment is Country. Saturday night's menu will feature relishes, bar-b-que, baked beans, slaw, bread, and cobbler a-la-mode for dessert. Tickets for the 6:30 evening dinner performance are \$15.00 or two for \$25. Sunday afternoon's 3:00 show will feature entertainment and a variety of desserts, including cheesecake, fruits, and ice creams. Afternoon tickets are \$10.00 or two for \$15. Performers interested in entertaining should see Bob Rutledge (352-5953), Peter Jeffrey (352-0792), or Alan Cross (352-9499), or sign the sheet in the hallway. Tickets will go on sale February

Bible Study

"The Patriarchs - Encountering the God of Abraham, Issac, Jacob", a Bible study by Beth Moore will start this Sunday night. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Each chapter in the study from Genesis 12 through 50 is explained in depth through the videos. This 11-session study will begin January 29 at 6 pm in the Class Friendly Sunday School Room at the church with an introductory video.

Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class who studied "Experiencing God" on Sunday morning has chosen to study "The Purpose Driven Life" a book by Rick Warren. This class meets in the Conference Room on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and is facilitated by Linda Kemp. "The Purpose Driven Life" study will begin January 29.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Ruth Goodman

by Betty Scott

In Honor of Van Lynch

by Betty Scott

In Memory of Fred Morrow

by Betty Scott

In Honor of Tom and Marketta Hudson

by Betty Scott

In Memory of Rev. LaRoyce Brown

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Betty Scott

In Memory of Amanda Boaz's grandmother

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Children's Time

All the **children in grades 3 thru 6** and their parents are invited for ice cream and a time of getting acquainted with Jennifer Wilkinson our new Children's Coordinator on **Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 pm.**

Men's Fellowship Saturday, February 11 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.

30 Hour Famine February 24 - 25

I am so excited to begin my ministry here! God has blessed me with so many opportunities in McKenzie and it is truly an honor and a blessing to be serving at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of McKenzie!

I would like to encourage everyone, both young and not so young to participate in feeding the hungry of the world. World Vision is an organization designed to feed one's physical and spiritual needs. A goal has been set to raise \$500 toward this effort. There will be a lock-in Friday night followed by a day of serving others. We will break our "fasting" together with Communion. A supper will follow. Please join in the effort to spread the love of Jesus to those who hunger the most. More details to come...

Be blessed and full of peace that
passes all understanding!
Jennifer

Dinner Theater Huntingdon First Baptist Church

The Huntingdon First Baptist Church is presenting "Harry Mason and the Case of the Anxious Alien" on February 10 and 11 at 6:30 pm with tickets at Tables 1-12 for \$15 and Tables 13-25 for \$12. On February 12 at 6:30 (dessert only) all tickets \$8. Tickets are available at the church office (986-9000). Must have advance tickets—no tickets sold at door. Nursery provided for children under 5 years of age.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks to Jean Garrett who recently purchased a second vacuum cleaner for the church so Mary doesn't have to carry the vacuum up and down the stairs.

For the past eight years, you put your faith and trust in me by allowing me to look after your precious children each Sunday morning. Over the years, many children have moved through the nursery, but I can recall each and every one of the many babies and toddlers that I have had the pleasure of holding, rocking and loving. From that first monumental day when each of you brought your newborn or toddler to the nursery for their first stay, I have always known that allowing someone else to look after your little one, if only for a couple of hours, is a big step. When those babies wrapped their tiny hands around my finger and looked up into my eyes with curiosity and trust, they stole my heart and on that first day, they officially became one of "my babies".

I can think of no sound sweeter than laughing babies and each Sunday they blessed me with their smiles and laughter. I know your children are your greatest blessings and having gotten to know each of their parents, I can say without hesitation that your children too are blessed to have such caring mommies and daddies. My greatest wish is that all children should be so fortunate.

I apologize for having to leave my nursery position so suddenly. I know that my inability to give proper notice has been an inconvenience and I greatly appreciate your understanding.

Thank you for allowing me to care for your children. In doing so, you have paid me the greatest compliment and afforded me one of life's greatest gifts, sharing the love a child.

Lisa Page

Ben Warren

Ben's address in Alabama is:
730 W. Magnolia Ave. Apt. 6-103
Auburn, Alabama 36830

He sends greetings & best regards to everyone here. He is currently working at Chick-fil-a in Auburn.

Praise Worship Services

On Sunday, February 5, February 19, March 5 and March 19, we will have Praise Worship Services with contemporary music. Diann Olson and Peter Jeffrey will be leading the music in these services. The Praise Choir will sing. And as always Rev. Janner will bring the morning message. Join us as we worship together and experience a new type of worship.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir will meet at the regular time—5 pm for rehearsal. All the children ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to attend.

Circle Meetings

Glory Bee Circle will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 6 at the church. Traci Lunn is the program leader. Linda Meek will be the hostess.

Circle II will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 7 at the church. Jean Garrett is program leader and Rebecca Pate is hostess.

Circle III will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 13 at the home of Virginia Walker. Robye Lindsey is the program leader.

Acolytes

Mitchell Lunn - 352-1313
Braden Nanney - 352-0648
Supervisor - Craig Lunn

Nursery Helpers

5- Ruthie Carroll-B	352-2811
Sandra Pate- T	352-7631
Sub: Janet Baumgardner	352-7263
12- Anita Ross- B	352-0551
Debby Aljancic- T	352-9139
Sub: Roxie Walker	352-2982
19- Heather Garrett- B	352-0767
Holland Hames- T	352-0887
Sub: Missy Blount	352-2822
26- Martha Peters- B	352-5997
Carol Nanney- T	352-0648
Sub: Marcia Webb	352-3550

Ushers

Brent Bradberry - Chairperson
Ron Hinton - Co-Chairperson
James Hamilton
Jan Kirk
Gene Owen
Kelly Weatherford

Sound System Helpers

February 5 - Tim Nanney
February 12 & 19- Tracy Webb
February 26 - Joel Washburn

Greeters

Feb. 5 (A) Paul & Susie Motheral	352-8010
(B) Joel & Teresa Washburn	352-7288
Feb.12 (A) Joe, Roxie & Virginia Walker	352-2982
(B) John & Janet Baumgardner	352-9241
(B) John & Janet Baumgardner	352-7263
Feb. 19(A) Charles & Linda Kemp	352-2136
(B) J. T. Lindsey	352-7556
Feb. 26 (A) Joe & Anne Hames	352-0887
(B) Victor & Vicky Clark	352-7185

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

February 5

On Sunday, February 5, churches across the country will be collecting money and food to feed the hungry. Our youth will have soup pots at the exits for you to make your contributions of \$1 or more. You may also bring canned soups or other non-perishable foods. Our donations will be given to United Neighbors, as others around the nation give their donations to their local soup kitchens.

Attention Elders

The regular Session Meeting is Wednesday, February 1 in the Conference Room at 7 pm following WOW.

Senior High Youth

West Tennessee Presbytery

2006 Urban Plunge

February 17-19, 2006

Service Ministries in Mid-town Memphis

For registration packets, contact Missy Rose @ 901-276-4572, ext. 222 or missyro3@yahoo.

2006 Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast

West Tennessee

Board of Christian Education

of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

June 10-16, 2006

The trip will be coordinated through The National Relief Network, an organization committed to bringing large numbers of volunteers to state and federally declared disaster areas for the purpose of helping families to rebuild their homes, their communities and their lives. You can find out more about NRN by going to www.nrn.org. This trip is open to adults and youth. Cost will be \$350.00 per person. For more information contact Robert Heflin at 901-382-8198 or rdheflin@bellsouth.net. (We have registration packets in the church office.)

2006 Japan Youth Mission Team

The Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions will host a youth mission trip to Japan in the summer of 2006. The team will consist of 15 youth members ages 16-20 years. Rev. Lynn and Nona Thomas will be the leaders. Brochures in the church office or go to www.cumberland.org/BOM and look for 2006 Japan Youth Team under “links”.

Prayer

God, help me to discern the difference between justice and retribution, a fair way and my way, another’s objectivity and my perceptions.

—copied from “These Days” (Jan. 26, 2006)

Birthdays

- 1 - John Holancin
- 2 - Anne Hames
- 5 - David Lankford
- 7- Tracy Webb
- 8 - Mitchell Hall
- 9 - Missy Blount
- 12- Linda McClure
Craig Lunn
Traci Lunn
Chelsea Powell
- 13-Stephen O'Neill
- 14 - James Trevathan
- 15 - Marcia Webb
- 18 - Jennifer Baumgardner
- 20 - Beau Baker
Kim Moss
Evora Bryant
Taylor Patterson
- 22 - Andrew Corbin
Patrick Corbin
Jamie Wilson
- 23 - Linda Krushe
- 24 - Ruth Carroll
- 25 - Sarabeth Nienaber

Birthdays (continued)

- 27 - DeWayne Ervin
- 28 - Roger Johnson
Paula Watkins
Gary Meek

Anniversaries

- 12 - Tommy & Meredith Surber
- 14 - Paul & Susie Motheral
- 16 - Clifford & Marge Matlock
- 27 -Mark & Tammy Stambaugh

Remember in your Prayers

Berneal McKennie (Gary's mother); Victor Clark and family at the death of his sister, Carolyn Montgomery; Sara Fitzgerald (mother of Missy Blount & Anita Ross); Don Bryant (Matt Johnson's father-in-law); April Trevathan's mother; William Long (Paul's dad) Roy Travillan (Lynda Lankford's dad)

Remember in your Prayers (continued)

Joe and Kate Hames (on mission trip); Jane Atkins; Tim Hacker (Aljancics' friend); April Sykes; Jay Rogers; Etta (Sims) Johnson; Evan Lownsbery (nephew of Kim & Squeaky Moss); Barbara Gaskins; David Smothers; William Manns; Cathey Stambaugh's sister; Shelba McCaslin; Kathryn Gazley
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; Jo Pinson; 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); Joe Frank Brush; 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, Jason Cvikich (Linda Smith's nephew); and all military
OTHERS: ministerial candidates; our church; the Session and committees, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

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