

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2006



From the Pastor's Desk

Yesterday was a big day for the Hill family as Carson Andrew Hill arrived at 3:30 pm at Henry County Medical Center. Mom is doing well after a laborious day of delivery. Dad is fine, too. Today is a special day for Eric and Kristi Corbin. They have adopted a newborn baby girl and named her Michaela Faith. Everyone will be home soon. We have three more babies coming this spring and summer so Carson and Micheala will have someone to play and grow-up with, that's family.

Our church family experienced the Praise Service on the 5th of February and I have heard nothing but good things about the service. We will have a praise service this Sunday and I hope everyone will enjoy the worship. Also, this Sunday Ava Mae Warman will be baptized and her father, Kerry will be joining our church by transfer of letter. Therefore I know that the front of the sanctuary will be filled up. Come early for a seat.

A celebration of the life of Rev. Jerry Lynch will be held at Cool Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Saturday, the 18th at 11:30 am. If you are unable to attend you may want to send a card to his wife, Van Lynch. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lynch family. Rev. Lynch was a good and kind man who loved God's people, his colleagues and our Presbytery will miss him greatly.

Dinner Theater - Feb. 25

Dessert Theater - Feb. 26

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.

Performances will include musical numbers by Peter Jeffrey, Walter Waddle, Jennifer Wilkinson & Kyle Wiley, Brice Webb and Mitchell Lunn, Trent Rutledge; a Smothers' Brothers comedy act featuring Mark Warren and Peter Jeffrey; *My Daughter's Eyes* performed by Diann Olson; *Grandma's Feather Bed* performed by Bob Rutledge; *I Believe* performed by John Lankford; *I Will Be There for You*, and *Til You Love Me* performed by Brittany Washburn; "Back in the Saddle" by Roger Johnson; *No Time to Kill* by Clint Black, performed by DeWayne Ervin. Back by popular demand, Bob, Walter, Trent and John will sing *Seven Bridges Road*.

Saturday night's menu will feature relishes, bar-b-que, baked beans, slaw, bread, with cobbler a-la-mode for dessert. Tickets for the 6:30 evening dinner performance are \$15.00 each or two for \$25. Sunday afternoon's 3 o'clock show will feature entertainment and a variety of desserts, including cheesecake, fruits, and sherbert with cookies. Afternoon tickets are \$10.00 each or two for \$15.

Tickets are available in the church office for Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Information Line

Due to some changes in our phone system as we are trying to solve some of our fire alarm issues, we no longer have the information line on 352-7838. You may call **352-2440** during non-office hours (before 8 am in the mornings, during the noon hour, and after 4:30 pm in the afternoons). The information about our church family and events is recorded on our voice mail. You can also call during office hours and tell me you want to listen to the Information Line, so I will hang up and let you call back immediately so the voice mail will pick up. Thanks for you patience during this change.

June

Church Lunch Bunch

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a church lunch bunch. Anyone interested is invited to participate. The committee will select a place to go and it will be dutch-treat. Single, married, young or old everyone is invited. If you'd like to go, meet in the Gathering Area following the worship service on February 19. Plans are to go to the Mexican Restaurant this time.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

WOW begins at 5:30 pm on Wednesday nights. 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 teaches "Experiencing God" for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Jade White is using the "Joan of Arcadia" series for discussion in 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 with a light meal for a donation, prepared by teams. The elders and their shepherd groups are on six different teams. The elders prepare a menu and list of all the foods they need for each meal then call you and ask for help 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.

Many thanks to Jean Garrett, Tracy Webb and Team 3 for the Rotel Chicken, salad and birthday cake with ice cream. Thanks also to Team 2 with Elders Traci Lunn and Tim Nanney for the chicken sandwiches, chips & desserts. And most recently thanks to Elders Roger Johnson and Mark Thompson and Team 4 for the sausage & egg casserole, hot fruit & cinnamon biscuits. A special thanks to all the spouses of these elders who ultimately help out a lot!

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

March 1 - Team 6 with Elders Linda Hearn and Tommy Surber and team members Clarks; Hintons; Medlocks; Perkins; Ross's; Thomas's; Joe Walkers; B. Allen; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Brushes; P. Espey; E. Forester; Hisiros; Jeffreys; Matlocks; Ownes; V. Walker; Weatherfords.

Dishes

Are you missing a casserole dish, plate, or bowl? Check the kitchen pantry. There are several dishes left from Christmas dinners and receptions, WOW or when food was taken to someone sick in the church.

Highlights from the Session Meeting

*Devotional by Tom Smith

*Treasurer's Report - by Tom Aljancic January receipts-\$21,732.56, January Expenses - \$17,805.12; Our present debt is \$305,971.

*Granted permission to TOPS organization to use the walking track on Monday afternoons before they meet

*Had prayer for everyone on prayer list

*New personnel committee to be appointed in August—employee evaluations in September

*Elected Roger Johnson as delegate to presbytery, Mar. 4 at Humboldt C. P. Church; Jean Garrett, alternate

*Jennifer Wilkinson reported on the WOW class she is teaching on Weds. nights and she plans to meet once a month with 3rd thru 6th graders on third Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. She also is meeting with youth grades 7-12 on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm & has special events planned—Feb. 12-West TN Presbytery Youth Rally at Camp Clark Williamson; Feb. 18-19-Student Life Tour in Memphis; Feb. 24-25: thirty-hour famine

*Building and Grounds Report by Tim Nanney-Had siding replaced on front of church; contracted with Stacey Cole of Tennessee Lawn Care to cut the grass this year; will install new screen next week in FLC; plans to build elevated (16 inches) 5 x 10 foot platform for sound system in back of FLC.

*Christian Education Report by Traci Lunn-Easter Egg Hunt April 9 at 3:30 pm (Palm Sunday); Senior Dinner-May 10; Vacation Bible School -June 12-16

*Summer church camps - Junior Camp # 1-June 12-16; Junior Camp #2-July 24-29; Junior High Camp # 1-July 10-15; Junior High Camp #2-July 17-22; Senior High Camp June 26-July 1; Day Camp for K-3rd grades-June 3. We have lots of children who want to go to camp—there is budgeted funds but a scholarship fund has been established for your donations also.

*Fellowship Report by Jean Garrett-June 4-Ice Cream Social at the pavilion; "Dutch-treat Sunday Lunch Bunch" for everyone who wants to go out to eat after church - first date-February 19.

*Stewardship & Finance Report by Tommy Surber-plans to receive recommendations from committees for a proactive approach to developing next year's budget; recommended a feasibility study to determine congregation's interest in building new sanctuary; tentative plans to pay employees biweekly beginning next quarter with the exception of the monthly-paid employees.

*Worship Report by Linda Hearn-working on 2006 Lists of: ushers (Joe Hearn), nursery helpers (Marcia Webb), sound system helpers (Mark Warren), greeters (John Baumgardner), acolytes (Meredith Surber)

*Worship committee also gave out Elder Communion Assignments and are working with personnel committee to secure a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings.

Wood-Burning Class

For those of you who are interested in a wood-burning class, please call Joe McKinnie at 352-7559. If no answer leave a message. Let him know if you would prefer an afternoon class or an evening class and what time is best for you. Thanks.

3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Students:

Parents, you have an informative letter coming to you. It should act as a reminder of all children's activities as well as introduce the newest ministry, *Swell Time with Jennifer*. We are currently working on a better name. This will meet the third Sunday of every month beginning this **Sunday, February 19 at 4pm**. Hope to see all of your children there! Also, please encourage your children to bring their Bibles.

Junior/Senior High Youth:

If you are interested in the Presbytery Sponsored Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast, CPYC, or the Young Adult Conference and you need scholarship money, see me for an application.

West Tennessee Presbytery is having a Spring Retreat March 17-19 at CCW. This is open only to students in Junior High. I have information for anyone interested.

Students attending Student Life need to meet at the church at 4:45 pm on February 17.

Please continue to ready your hearts for the 30 Hour Famine which will be held February 24-25. Our collection goal is \$500. After the Famine, we will be serving for the annual Dinner Theater. Our attire for both performances (Saturday night and Sunday afternoon) should be country (overalls, plaid shirts, pig tails...).

Thank you to all who donated to the "Souper" Bowl Fund. \$75.21 was the total amount collected.

And remember kids, Church: A great place to being your Bible!

Jennifer

Men's Fellowship Saturday, March 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, March 11.

30 Hour Famine February 24 - 25

The youth are collecting money for the 30-hour Famine, which will take place February 24 and 25. 30-Hour Famine is sponsored by World Vision and plays a vital role in helping feed the hungry around the world.

Memorials and Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Jim Lindsey

by Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

In Memory of Carolyn Montgomery

by Ben & Lenore Surber
Tommy & Meredith Surber

Paving Fund

In Honor of Marge Matlock

by Paula Watkins

Thank You Notes

McKenzie C. P. Church,

Thank you for sending me gifts this Christmas. I had a great Christmas and enjoyed using everything I got. I hope you had a Merry Christmas too. May God walk with you at all times and may you have a wonderful year.

God bless, Selam

Editor's Note: Selam is our church's adopted child at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX. Any time you would like to send cards or greetings to Selam please do. Her address is: Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, P. O. Drawer G, Denton, TX 76202. The children's offerings given during Sunday School are sent to support Selam.

Praise Worship Services

Our first Praise Worship Service was held on February 5 with a great attendance. Peter Jeffrey led the music and everyone was blessed by the service. Our next praise service will be February 19. Diann Olson and the Praise Choir will sing. And as always Rev. Janner will bring the morning message. Kerry & Stacie Warman will bring their daughter, Ava for infant baptism. Join us as we worship together.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Kevin & Carol Hill at the birth of Carson Andrew, born February 14 at Henry County Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. Proud big brother is Brandon and proud grandparents are Charles and Linda Kemp.

Congratulations to Eric and Kristi Corbin. They have adopted Michaela Faith. She was born February 15 at Jackson Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. Proud grandmother is Glynda Corbin and Great Grandmother is Millie Finley.

Congratulations to Kelly Peters and Nicholas Mangrum who are engaged to be married on June 3, 2006 in Charleston, SC.

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.

**2006 Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast
West Tennessee**

**Board of Christian Education
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".

Remember in Your Prayers

William & Annie Long (Paul's parents); Roy Travillan (Lynda Lankford's dad); Jane Atkins; Ryan Kirk; Larry Dailey at the death of his brother-in-law; Tim Hacker (Aljancics' friend); Wayne David Bryant (James Hamilton's brother-in-law); Kirk (Jane Martin's son); Van Lynch; April Sykes; Jay Rogers; Etta (Sims) Johnson; Evan Lownsbery (nephew of Kim & Squeaky Moss); Barbara Gaskins; David Stamp; Cathey Stambaugh's sister; Shelba McCaslin; Kathryn Gazley
McKenzie Health Care Center: Dot Howell-Room 400, Edwin Basford - Room 109; Ranny Brogdon-Room 417; 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; Berneal McKennie; William & Evora Bryant; Faye Headden; Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Joe McKinnie, Sr.; 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); William Hardy and all military
OTHERS: ministerial candidates; our church; the Session and committees, our nation's leaders, missionaries and denominational institutions

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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

WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages; Praise Choir

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