

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2006



From the Pastor's Desk

What is happening inside the manse or parsonage? It is a good question to ask these days. How sad I am at the death of a minister killed by his wife. How sad to be reminded that we Christians of good character could do such a thing. Yet in the midst of great tragedy, I am also reminded that no one is absent from sin. All of us have sinned and we all come short of the glory of God. Ministers and their families have problems, fears, sins, and stress just like everyone in the church. However, some of the stress and strain put on the minister's family is sometimes self-inflicted. We think that we have to be the "shining apple" of every church member's eye. We have placed such conditions on our children that they will end up rebelling because they feel like they live in a fish bowl, and some do.

When is the Church going to wake up and see that they need to minister to the pastor's family? When will we realize that people in our pews and the church leadership have unrealistic expectations, sometimes spoken and sometimes unspoken, for the pastor and his/her family? When those expectations become a burden to the pastor or to the spouse, anger, guilt, shame, and sometimes rage erupt, then separation, divorce, or even murder becomes the "solution" to a problem.

Caring goes from the pulpit to the pews and from the pews to the pulpit. We are in a covenant with one another. Christ is the seal that binds us together. -Tony

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on Sunday morning, April 2, so set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night so you won't miss Sunday School on April 2.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This year's *One Great Hour of Sharing* Offering will help provide safe drinking water for people around the world. "When was it that we saw you . . . thirsty?" Matthew 25:37

Our offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 9. It is remarkable what your gift will do.

Community Holy Week Services

The Ministerial Association is sponsoring Holy Week Services in McKenzie April 10 -14. Each service will begin at noon. The pastor of the church will lead the service. Schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 10 - First Cumberland Presbyterian Church - Rev. Tony Janner (Light Lunch will be served)

Tuesday, April 11 - Calvary Tabernacle - Rev. Dan Grissom

Wednesday, April 12 - First Presbyterian - Rev. Pratt Hubbard

Thursday, April 13 -First Assembly of God - Rev. Frank Criswell

Friday, April 14 - First Baptist Church - Rev. Dennis Trull

The Easter morning community **Sunrise** Service will be held at the Greater Enon Baptist Church on Walnut Street at **7:00 am April 16**. Rev. Dennis Trull will bring the morning message.

Easter Lilies

If you are interested in ordering an Easter Lily to be placed in the Worship and Family Life Center for Easter Sunday, April 16, you may fill out the form below and return it along with \$10.00 by April 7 to the church office. You can remember or honor someone special to you. Please include payment with your order.

Easter Lilies - Order form

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

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. The youth are using the "Joan of Arcadia" series for discussion.

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 will be in touch with their teams for help to prepare food, buy food or donate money for food. The money you give on Wednesday for your meals is to the teams and we also buy pizza, salad & dessert (once every six weeks) with those donations. The elders appreciate your help.

Many thanks to Team 2 and Elders Lunn and Nanney for the fried chicken dinner.

April 5 - 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

April 12 - 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. **(Team 6 & Team 4 have swapped serving dates.)**

April 19 - 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

April 26 - 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. Stambaugh; T. Walkers; P. Corbins; Lankfords; D. Longs; McClures; V. Patterson; S. Spires; B. Surbers; Larry Watkins

"Who Is This King?" Easter Cantata

The Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Alan Cross, will present an Easter Cantata entitled, "Who Is This King? – Royal Servant...Rejected Friend...Risen Christ!" Jean Garrett and John Baumgardner will be narrators for the cantata. It will be presented on Easter Sunday morning, April 16 at 10:45 am.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children's annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Sunday afternoon, **April 9 at 3:30 pm**. After the egg hunt, we will have refreshments.

The Christian Education committee is asking for donations of plastic eggs, wrapped candy, or monetary donations. A basket will be placed beside the door to the Family Life Center for the contributions, or you can give them to Traci Lunn.

Bluegrass Concert

Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity is sponsoring a bluegrass concert on Saturday, **April 8** at Dickey Fine Arts Building at **7 pm**. The McGarity Family and the bluegrass section of the Renaissance will be performing. Tickets are \$8. For more information contact Dewayne Ervin at 352-4243. (Proceeds will be used to fund a mission trip to the Gulf Coast.)

United Neighbors Needs

Food Pantry Needs: Tuna, Chili, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Noodles, Beef Stew, Evaporated Milk, Crackers, Cereal. (The church has baskets by the entryways for you to donate food & personal hygiene items.)

Miscellaneous Needs: Current devotional books, paper towels, personal hygiene items (deodorant, soft toothbrushes, soap, shampoo)

United Neighbors accepts donations Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am until noon and from 1-4 pm. Friday from 8:30 - noon. The thrift store closes 30 minutes before closing time listed. Closed on Saturday and Sunday. United Way Partners.

Survivor Celebration

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society applauds you and your success against cancer. Your triumph brings hope to others touched by this disease. We would like for you (cancer survivors) and one guest to join us, at no cost to you, as we recognize you at:

Cancer Survivor Celebration Dinner

Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:00 pm

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

16835 Highland Drive, McKenzie, TN

Sponsored by McKenzie Funeral Home. Please call 352-4848 by May 19 to reserve your seat.

Women's Ministry

Circle II women hosted the Women's Ministry Meeting setting the tables with St. Patrick's Day decorations and bouquets of bright buttercups. After the meal, Glynda Corbin presented a very interesting account of the life of St. Patrick, dispelling the many erroneous myths that have evolved concerning his special day.

The minutes were read and approved. Linda Kelly gave an account of the women's retreat held March 9 - 10 at Camp Clark Williamson. Glynda explained why the regional meeting was held as a brief business meeting at the close of retreat. The day originally scheduled for the meeting to be held at our church was the same day that Jay Brown's inauguration as President of Memphis Theological Seminary takes place.

Roll call showed Circle II - 10; Circle III - 4; Glory Be -4;

For the treasury report, Linda Meek reported that the dinner and dessert theater brought in \$1,603.17. Jean Garrett moved that we give the youth \$200 for serving to be used for whatever project or trip they decide.

The nominating committee discussed splitting the convention funds between Betty Scott and Millie Finley to go to Convention in Birmingham this June. Motion was made and passed.

Martha Sue Peters reminded us that we can still take clothes to the *New to You* resale shop for the church account. We will continue having Mother's Day and Father's Day honorariums and memorials with inserts in the bulletin instead of certificates for our spring fund raiser. Linda Kelly

McKenzie Family YMCA

To support improving the health of our children and community, YMCAs across the country are celebrating **April 8 as YMCA Healthy Kids Day** for communities to come together to learn more about healthier lifestyles. Healthy Kids Day is 9am until noon at McKenzie Elementary School.

The McKenzie Family YMCA is one of more than 1,300 YMCAs nationwide sponsoring activities designed to engage families in fun, healthy, physical activities.

Daniel Thomas at the Dixie

Daniel Thomas will be performing at The Dixie on Saturday, April 22 with the Hayride Gang. The performance is from 2-4 p.m. and the ticket price is \$11.00. (Paula Watkins can get tickets for you if you are interested.)

Church Lunch Bunch

The group who went to UT-Bone Restaurant in Gleason had great food and wonderful fellowship, so the Fellowship Committee is planning to meet in the Gathering Area along with anyone who wants to go for another dutch-treat lunch on **April 23**.

Springs: (3rd-6th grade)

Parents, you should have received another letter. If you have not, come by my office and pick up the blue sheet entitled "Upcoming Events for Springs". Also, there are extra copies of the green information sheet. Please, please, please get one, fill it out and then bring it back to me ASAP. The next fellowship for Springs (which is the new name for the 3, 4, 5, and 6 grades) will meet April 23.

Thanks to all who came to our first ever "More than a Movie". We ate chicken feed, watched *Chicken Run*, and even played tag with a rubber chicken. It made for a pretty amazing time.

Don't forget that Easter is on its way and that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9 at 3:30. Parents, if you wish to donate wrapped candy, pre-filled eggs, or give monetary donations, please do so by this Sunday, April 2.

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Parents, you should have received another letter as well. If you did not receive one, please come by my office and pick up the orange sheet. Also, there is a sign-up in the narthex for parents (or any other church member) to sign-up to help prepare Sunday evening meals for the youth. Please add to our ministry and lend a kitchen hand.

Students, you did a fantastic job on Youth Sunday! You walked away from your comfort zones and for that you should be commended. I am so proud of each of you! Keep striving to be a beacon to the dark world!

Sign-up for the Todd Agnew concert is in the narthex. There are only six tickets remaining. The cost is \$7. Make all checks payable to me. This event will be a wonderful time of worship as well as a time of fellowship and community building. We will depart for the concert around 6pm on Friday, April 7. Eat before you come.

Mark these dates on your calendar: **JUNE 12-16**. This is the week of Vacation Bible School and we need your help! The younger children of the church look to you as a role-model. What better way to show that you care than by participating in VBS. Traci Lunn will have more details.

...fewleftstanding...will meet as usual this Sunday, April 2 at 5:30. And one more thing, Sunday School has not been canceled, so wake up and come!

Note to all parents: Check out the bulletin board in the narthex. There is now a section just for students and it will help keep you informed. Also, kudos to all of your children! With each week, the number of students bringing their Bibles has increased. Keep on encouraging! Jennifer

Bethel College Youth Festival - 2006

BCYF is April 21-23 at Bethel College. Registration begins Friday afternoon at 5 pm and activities continue until noon on Sunday. Registration fee is \$50 which includes meals, an air mattress and a t-shirt. Come learn about the superheroes of the Bible. High School students are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to experience a weekend of praise, worship and entertainment! Registration forms are available in the office.

April Calendar

Women's Ministry Circles

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, **April 4** at the home of Martha Sue Peters (4550 Highway 423) for a potluck supper beginning at 6 pm. Cheriadeth Rutledge will present the program.

Circle III will meet on Monday, **April 10** at the home of Demetra Perkins. Debby Aljancic will have the program. The meeting time is 7 pm.

Glory Be Circle will meet at the church with Cathey Stambaugh as hostess on Monday, **April 3 at 6:30 pm.** Heather Garrett is program leader.

Acolytes

Janson Davis

Jack Surber

Supervisor - Jon Davis

Nursery Helpers

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| 2- Julia Hinton – B | 352-3252 |
| Lauren Perritt- T | 352-6136 |
| Lenore Surber | 352-3150 |
| 9- Ruth Carroll- B | 352-2811 |
| Glynda Hamilton- T | 642-3224 |
| Becky Allen | 352-3066 |
| 16- Audra Henderson- B | 352-8004 |
| Karen Jeffrey- T | 352-0792 |
| Sandra Spires | 352-3764 |
| 23- Sandra Pate- B | 352-7631 |
| Lynda Lankford –T | 352-5110 |
| Jill Warren | 352-5374 |
| 30- Sue Thompson-B | 642-6999 |
| Carol Hill-T | 352-0891 |
| Missy Blount | 352-2882 |

Greeters

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| April 2 (A) Mark and Jill Warren | 352-5374 |
| (B) Mark & Tammy Stambaugh | 352-9475 |
| April 9 (A) Tommy Johnson | 352-7423 |
| (B) Reba Foster | 352-7308 |
| April 16 (A) Ed and Demetra Perkins | 352-2754 |
| (B) Doug Long | 352-4702 |
| April 23 (A) Frank Claytor 352-8107/Larry Ridley | 352-9325 |
| (B) Tom & Rhonda Smith | 352-7272 |
| April 30 (A) Larry & Paula Watkins | 352-5213 |
| (B) Craig & Traci Lunn | 352-1313 |

Sound System Helpers

April 2 - Larry Ridley

April 9 & 16 - Tommy Surber

April 23 - Tracy Webb

April 30 - Terry Howell

Ushers

Larry Watkins - Chairperson

Mark Thompson - Co-Chairperson

Melvin Belong, Sr.

John Motheral

Holland Hames

Steven O'Neill

April Birthdays

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| 2 - Debby Aljancic |
| 3 - Clifford Matlock |
| Violet Patterson |
| Zachary Neinaber |
| 4 - Glenn Corbin |
| 5 - Faye Headden |
| 6 -Carolyn Patterson |
| 7 - Sandra Spires |
| 8 - Victoria Motheral |
| 11 - J. Blake Baker |
| 12 - Jill Stambaugh |
| 15 - Rachael Clark |
| 16 - Chris Blount |
| 17 - Sean Kelly |
| Edna Gene Forester |
| Sarah Dailey |
| Emily Lunn |
| Hayden Long |
| 19 - Holland Hames |
| 20 - Vicky Clark |
| 21- Sydney Baker |
| 22 - Tara Hart |
| Jennifer Wilkinson |
| Marjorie Matlock |
| 23 - Marilyn Wiggins |
| 24 - Amy Peters |
| Mark Stambaugh |
| 25 - Madyson Driggers |
| 26 - Hannah Powell |
| 27- Linda Howton |
| 28 - John Baumgardner |
| 30 - Jill Warren |
| Joshua Nienaber |

Anniversaries

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| 1 - Kelly & Clara Weatherford |
| 3 - Larry & Paula Watkins |
| 4 - Frank & Leonora Claytor |
| 8 - Tony & Mary Ann Janner |
| 18 - Joel & Teresa Washburn |
| 24-Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh |

LOOKING AHEAD

May 10 - High School Senior Dinner
May 23 - Bloodmobile - here
May 25 - Survivors' Dinner (Relay for Life)
(Sponsored by McKenzie Funeral Home)
June 3 - Camp Clark Williamson Day Camp
(For Kindergarten - 3rd grade)
Kelly Peters' Wedding
June 7 - 6 pm - June Family Night
June 12-16 - VBS
June 17-23 - General Assembly
June 20-24 - Women's Ministry Convention
June 24-Ben Warren's Wedding (Waynesboro, TN)
June 26-July 1 - Senior High Camp (CCW)
July 5 - 6 pm - July Family Night
July 9 - 15 - CPYC (Cumberland Presbyterian Youth
Conference)
July 10-15 - Jr. High Camp # 1
July 17- 22 - Jr. High Camp # 2
July 24-29 - Junior Camp # 2
August 2 - 6 pm - August Family Night

Remember in Your Prayers

Sympathy to the families of Rev. Paul McReynolds, Jane Atkins, Tinsy Martin, Ludie Gaines, Ruth Burress; David Smothers; Melinda Garrett; the Winkler family
Leonora Claytor (home); Sara Fitzgerald; Joan Nichols (Carla Waddle's mom); Evan Lownsbery-bone marrow transplant (nephew of Kim & Squeaky Moss); Linda Jackson; Barbara Burton; Donna Herrin; Rhonda Powell; Joe Frank Brush; Angela Christman; Twanda Wyatt; Jen Nolen; Betty Rushing; Steve & Gwen Matlock
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; Joe McKinnie, Sr, Room 206B
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); William & Annie Long (Paul Long's parents); Lois Mattson (Linda Kelly's mother); Jan Quinn (friend of Aljancics); Bobbi Newbill; Tucker Wells; Terry Fauth; Linda Lewis' mother; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Rosa Ryan (Gene Owen's mother); Bobby Flippin; Ryan Kirk; Tim Hacker; Van Lynch; April Sykes; Jay Rogers; Etta (Sims) Johnson; Barbara Gaskins; David Stamp; Shelba McCaslin; Kathryn Gazley
MILITARY: Howard Spires; Mark Boaz; Jonathan Scott; Lindsey Damesworth; Matthew Taylor, Jason Cvikich (Linda Smith's nephew); William Hardy; Rosendo Pena; Bobby Roland; 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; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director;
Jennifer Wilkinson-Youth/Children's Coordinator; 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
WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages; Praise Choir

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

