

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

June 29, 2006



From the Pastor's Desk

This last Sunday we experienced the lowest attendance this summer with 121. Our offering was low as well. Let me remind everyone that all of us are going to be busy and away, but to leave our tithes and offerings at home. The ministry and the work of our church continue as we are away. Some of you may be saying as you read this, the pastor's faith is somewhat weaning, but I just share this with you as a reminder of our commitment. We all fall short of the glory of God. We forget. I sometimes forget to do those things that I know I should do. I procrastinate, do you?

In the Book of Joshua in the 24th chapter the leader of the Hebrew people gives his farewell address. He tells them to throw away those foreign gods of their forefathers, and serve only the one true God. We today live in the land of many strange and foreign gods and sometimes we fail to remember our commitment to the one true God, even when He is good to us. Joshua ended up saying: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Will you?

---Tony

Family Night

The July Family Night is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5. Menu will include bar-b-que'd chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls and dessert. There will be an insert in your Sunday bulletin to fill out and drop in the offering if you plan to attend, so the cooks know how much food to prepare. Donations for the meal will be accepted at the door. Jennifer Wilkinson will lead us in a devotional.

Contagious Joy

"I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so your joy will be the fullest possible joy." John 15:11

This past weekend, Amanda Boaz, Suzanne Howell and I attended the Women of Faith Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Together with around 15,000 other women from all denominations we listened to testimonies, music, drama and inspirational speeches with biblical references that reminded us of the joy that Jesus brings to our lives.

(A summary of some notes from the weekend.) No matter what our present or past situations, no matter what bad choices we have made, we can never get so far from God that He can't find us. Even when we don't know or can't see God, He knows and sees us. He will find us in our brokenness and draw us into His loving arms. When we feel all is hopeless, God says "You can't but I will!" He gives each of us strength enough for one day at a time. He will give us courage to move out of our "stuck places" that restrict and limit us from seeing the true joy He can bring to our lives. Life is not going to live up to our high expectations, but we must have the attitude and gratitude to recognize the few moments of joy and hold onto them as special gifts meant just for our hearts.

Music from special guests Sandy Patty, Avalon, Nicole Nordenan and the Women of Faith praise team helped to add to the joy and praise of the weekend.

We plan to attend the St. Louis conference next summer on June 15-16. The theme will be "Amazing Freedom" and Beth Moore will be the special guest at Friday's pre-conference. We hope to take more women with us, so mark your calendars now.

Sending the joy that only Christ can give,
Traci Lunn

Memorials & Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Honor of

Tea Hostesses for Kelly Peters' Tea

Carol Barker, Glynda Corbin, Millie Finley,
Reba Foster, Jean Garrett, Katrina
Holancin, Marlene Kreuter, Judy
McCadams, Jean McKinnie, Kim Moss,
Demetra Perkins, Linda Smith, Rhonda
Johnna Toombs, Smith, Paula Watkins,
by Dave & Martha Sue Peters

In Honor of

Baby Shower Hostesses for Heather Garrett

Janet Baumgardner, Katrina Holancin,
Marlene Kreuter, Lynda Lankford, Jean
McKinnie, Kim Moss, June Perritt, Martha
Peters, Cheraideth Rutledge, Linda Smith,
Rhonda Smith, Meredith Surber, Marcia
Webb

by Hunter & Heather Garrett

In Memory of

Laddie Lollar

by Jean Garrett
Fellowship Sunday School Class
Gene & Cindy Owen

In Memory of:

Edwin Basford

by Hunter & Heather Garrett
Fellowship Sunday School Class
Gene & Cindy Owen

In Memory of:

Annie Long

by Fellowship Sunday School Class

In Memory of:

Edward Leyte (Katrina Holancin's father)

by Edna Gene Forester
Jean Garrett
Mother's Club
Fellowship Sunday School Class
Reba, Lute & Andrew Foster

In Memory of:

Rosa Ryan (Gene Owen's mother)

by Jean Garrett
Fellowship Sunday School Class

In Memory of:

Elsie Rogers (Mary Wyatt's mother)

by Jean Garrett

In Memory of:

Paul Brown

by Gene & Cindy Owen
Jean Garrett

In Memory of:

Oteria Ownby (Vicky Clark's grandmother)

by Jean Garrett

The church has received a gift from TOPS
(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) organization. They
meet at the church on Monday evenings at 5 pm.

Co-Ed Church League Softball Schedule

The Co-Ed Church-league Softball season for our team begins
on Tuesday, June 20. If you haven't already paid, please get your
\$10 to Craig Lunn as soon as possible.

Thurs. July 6 - 8:30 pm vs FBC Huntingdon

at Edwards Park Field 2 - Huntingdon

Thurs. July 13 - 7:30 pm vs FBC Bruceton

at Edwards Park Field 2 - Huntingdon

Tues. July 18 - 6:30 pm vs FBC McKenzie #1

at Mulberry Park-McKenzie

Tues. July 25 - 7:30 pm vs FBC Huntingdon

at Mulberry Park- McKenzie

Thurs. July 27 - 7:30 pm vs FBC McKenzie #2

at Edwards Park Field 1 - Huntingdon

Tues. Aug. 1 - 6:30 pm vs Malboro Church of Christ

at Edwards Park Field 2 - Huntingdon

Congratulations

Congratulations to Allen and Tonya Brown at the birth of their
son on June 20, 2006. He has been named Landon Allen Brown.
He weighed 9 lbs. and was 20 ½ inches. Congratulations to
Stephen & Cody (brothers), Aunt Marcia, Uncle Tracy and cousins
Andrew and Brice.

Congratulations to Jennifer Wilkinson! She was awarded the
Beverly St. John Women's Ministry Scholarship for Bethel College
on Thursday, June 22 during the Women's Ministry Convention
Luncheon.

Camp Clark Williamson

The summer camps for 2006 are beginning. For Junior and
Junior High campers, there are four camp dates listed below.
They begin at 1 pm on Monday and conclude at 10 am on
Saturday. You must send your registration form in two weeks prior
to the camp you are attending. (There is a \$15 charge for late
registration). The week camp fee is \$140.00. The church has
budgeted to pay half of each summer campers' fee. Registration
forms are in the church office and Jennifer's office. They need
immunization records, health forms, covenant and completed
application. Emergency Camp phone number is 731-784-8229.
The camp address is 390 Mason Rd., Humboldt, TN 38340 if
you'd like to send letters. You can go to
www.campclarkwillison.com for information about the camp and
directions.

Senior High Camp - June 26 - July 1 (grades 9-12)

Junior Camp # 1 - June 12-16 (grades 3-6)

Junior High Camp # 1 - July 10-15 (grades 6-8)

Junior High Camp # 2 - July 17-22 (grades 6-8)

Junior Camp #2 - July 24-29 (grades 3-6)

**Remember your registration forms must be sent in two
weeks prior to the camp you plan to attend.**

Attention Elders

The Session will meet on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 pm
following the Family Night Meal in the Conference Room.

Springs: (3rd-6th grade)

LoDkInG aHeAd: **July 24-29 Junior Camp at CCW**

August 20 Students having completed 2nd grade will move into Springs

...fewleftstanding...:

I have only received one beach form. This is a strict deadline! Beach forms and money (with the check made out to **RRCPC Youth**) are due no later that July 9. We will depart August 2 from McKenzie in order to make the lock-in in Birmingham. Also, parents, I am in need of a male chaperone. If you are interested in attending, please let me know ASAP.

LoDkInG aHeAd: **July 9 Summertime at the Beach forms due**

July 9-14 CPYC (for those who completed 9-12 grades only)

August 2-6 Summertime at the Beach

I missed all of you while I was at General Assembly and I greatly looked forward to seeing your bright shining faces on Sunday...however, upon my return, I could not help but to notice the faces I was so excited to look upon were missing. This saddened me greatly for two reasons: 1) I love you all, thus, I enjoy our time shared together and 2) when you miss church---no matter how "good" the reason---you also miss so many blessings! I realize that spending time on vacation is an exciting way to relax, rest and spend time with your families, and I want you to do that! It is important to find time to do all three of those things, but I find it funny how I have yet to hear of a time where you missed a night out at the ballpark because you "overslept" or "your parents didn't wake you up" or "you didn't have a ride" or "you had somewhere else to be". I am here to assure you that by being faithful---even during the summer months---to God and his church, you will be blessed far more than your blessing received from a fresh-from-the-lake-tan, extra spending money, a perfect ball season, and yes, even having a few extra hours of sleep. School may be out for the summer, but church is year round! Now, believe it or not, my so called "head banging" music has a magazine all to itself called *HM Magazine*, and in its January/February 2003 edition, it said this:

Three nights lost to commonplace time waste. Be it work or entertainment, time has waned and moments to sleep forwent. I credit my youth for weaving with exhaustion, but one can only fight so long. Despite a stretch to extend, the worthy banter simply melds into feigning lids above weary eyes. Rest always takes hold. His attack is brilliant. He bobs around throwing smooth transitions. Any and every slick counter is ultimately struck down with mental process. For he presents a case so charming and so persuasive we embrace defeat willingly. Ah, but then, upon awakening, obligation funnels into guilt for questioning an activity so needed. The tendency to rebel for personal gain is common; we think of our own with hopes of completing, doing, and being. Fight sleep for example, or that which is, needed put aside in order to meet our self-gratifying desires. By trying to overcome self-awareness using personal methods, we, in turn, strengthen self-absorption. "Come to me (all you who are weary) and I will give you rest." ---Matthew 11:28 The offer stands to shift focus back towards the one of up most importance. Christ will take the place of self. Rest given. Rest established. And completion of His activity in us due to the removal of personal want.

I love every single one of you dearly. I love this church, I love this community. I love Jesus and he loves you! May you be blessed with the sevenfold Spirit of the Lord Almighty!

Jennifer

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for your donation to the Sanctuary Building Fund. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Women's Ministry for the Mexican restaurant gift certificate.

Katrina Holancin

Please accept our apology for the delay in expression of gratitude. It has been a long month of sorting through emotions as well as physical things. Jason has had expected heart problems that are evidently genetic but hopefully is on the road to recovery. All of that aside we want to thank Rev. Janner and Rev. Lancaster for the lovely service, the ladies for the comforting meal and fellowship; and a final thank you to the church family for your love support. We are appreciative of the last year we had with Laddie, we grew as individuals and as a family.

Sincerely,

Jason & Dinah Lollar & family

CPC Family & Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, words of comfort, calls cards, and acts of kindness at the loss of my mother. Thank you Brother Tony for the shoulder to cry on and for just being there. I love you all.

Mary Wyatt & family

First C P Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful model light of the church. I deeply appreciate all your thoughts and prayers as I begin my new journey! Thanks again.

Courtney Cole

P. S. I miss my babies already.

Nursery Attendants

We are looking for two ladies to employ to work in the nurseries during worship time. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in these positions, please call Jean Garrett, Personnel Committee (352-2963) or the church office.

July Calendar

Women's Ministry Circle Meetings

Circle III will meet at the church reception room on Monday, July 10 at 7 pm. Hostess is Frances Jensen and program leader is Linda Hearn. Circle III did not meet in June so they are having a July meeting.

Circle II and Glory Be Circle will go together to a Ladies Night Out on July 10. We will all meet together at 6 pm at the church to go to Paris for dinner.

Acolytes

Michael Keenan
Joshua Keenan
Supervisor - Tom Keenan

Ushers

Ron Hinton - Chairperson
Kevin Hill - Co-Chairperson
Paul Motheral
Cindy Owen
Mark Smith
Sandra Spires

Nursery Helpers

2 - Jill Warren- B
Meredith Surber- T
Carol Hill
9- Donna Hamilton- B
Linda Meek- T
Carol Belong
16- Clara Weatherford – B
Linda Smith- T
Lynda Lankford
23- Letha Basford- B
Martha Peters-T
Audra Henderson
30- Debby Aljancic-B
Rachel Carroll - T
Heather Garrett

Greeters

July 2 (A) Hunter & Heather Garrett	352-0767
(B) Ben & Linda McClure	352-9047
July 9 (A) Terry & Suzanne Howell	352-7413
(B) Charles & Linda Kemp	352-2136
July 16 (A) Joe & Jean McKennie	352-7559
(B) Tom & Debby Aljancic	352-9139
July 23 (A) Jimmy & Ruth Carroll	352-2811
(B) Larry & Paula Watkins	352-5213
July 30 (A) Bill & Jan Kirk	352-3938
(B) Dean & Krista Brush	

Sound System Helpers

July 2 & 9 - Tracy Webb
July 16 & 23 - Mark Warren
July 30 - Joel Washburn

July Birthdays

2 - JoAnn Motheral
4 - Rebecca Pate
5 - Zach Renfro
8 - Karen Jeffrey
11- Pat Ridley
Hannah Garvey
14 - Julia Hinton
Drew Basford
16 - George Howton
17 - Angela Birmingham
Molly Watkins
Laura Warren
19 - Mitchell Lunn
22 - John Craig Howell
26 - Paul Long
30 - John Turner

July Anniversaries

3- Kenneth & Debbie Medlock
4 - Zach & Jill Renfro
8 - Craig and Traci Lunn
13 - Tracy and Marcia Webb
22 - Harold & Linda Kelly
24 - Pat & April Corbin
25 - Joe & Linda Hearn

A Story to Think About

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like. "The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell"

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." "It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. While the greedy in the other room think only of themselves."

LOOKING AHEAD

July 9 - Praise Worship Service
July 9 - 15 - CPYC (Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference)
July 10-15 - Jr. High Camp # 1*
(Director-Tony Janner)
July 10 - Glory Be - "Girls Night Out"
July 16 - 4 pm - Springs Fellowship (Grades 3-6)
July 19 - Picnic and Vespers at the Pavilion
July 17- 22 - Jr. High Camp # 2*
July 23 - Praise Worship Service
July 24-29 - Junior Camp # 2*
July 29 - Joe & Linda Hearn's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
July 30 - Communion Worship Service
August 2 - 6 pm - August Family Night
August 13 & 27 - Praise Worship Service
September 30- 4:30 pm - Wedding Andrew Foster and Kim Smith in Olive Branch, MS
October 14-3 pm-Amy & Jonathan Scott's Wedding Ceremony (here)
October 14-Justin Stambaugh/Liz Blalack Wedding
October 20 - 7:30 pm - Phi Delta Sigma Memorial Service for Dr. Laddie Lollar (here)
RSVP - Dewayne Ervin @352-4243
October 20 -21 - Bethel College Homecoming

*(Jennifer has Camp Clark Williamson registration forms.)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember in Your Prayers

Terry, Jane, Jimmy & families at the death of Dot Howell; Marilyn Wiggins; Jean McKinnie; Kathy Hollomon; Tonya Brown; Lynda Lankford; Brent Bradberry; Jason Lollar; Jessie Killibrew; Carol Belong; Ruth Morris; Etta Johnson; Craig Willis (Cody & Stephen Brown's step-father); Barbara Boyd; Sara Fitzgerald; Emogene Hyatt;

McKenzie Health Care Center: Ranny Brogdon-Room 417; Margaret Mebane-Room 416; Joe McKinnie, Sr, Room 206B; Mamie Strickland

Those confined to home; retirement & nursing homes: Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Marian Smith (Tom's mother); Twila Walker; J. C. True; Jane Pate; Jo Pinson; Mary Margaret Williams; Berneal McKennie; William & Evora Bryant; Faye Headden; Lois Mattson (Linda Kelly's mother); Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); William Long; Kathryn Gazley; Christine Fitzgerald (Tom Smith's aunt); Evelyn Buck; Dr. Joe Ben Irby;

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy Jan Quinn (friend of Aljancics); Terry Fauth; Jen Nolen; Evan Lownsbery; Ricky Chandler; Bobby Flippin; Ryan Kirk; Tim Hacker; Van Lynch; Jay Rogers; Barbara Gaskins; David Stamp; Shelba McCaslin; Linda Jackson; Barbara Burton; Rhonda Powell; Lois Sheick; Paul Fauth

MILITARY: Mark Bowlin; 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

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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

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