

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2006



FROM THE PASTOR

An Advent Reflection

It is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect all the "heroes" actually were:

Abraham, the coward who cannot believe the promise.

Jacob, cheat who struggles with everybody.

Joseph, the immature and arrogant teenager who angered his brothers to the point they were willing to kill him.

Moses, the impatient murderer who couldn't wait for God, and struck a rock in anger which resulted in him not entering into the Promise Land.

Gideon, the cowardly Baal-worshiper.

Samson, the womanizing drunk.

David, the power-abusing adulterer.

Solomon, the unwise wise man.

Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not quite go far enough.

Mary, a Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

Why God couldn't have chosen "better" people to do His work in this evil world. If God can use them, and reveal Himself through them in such marvelous ways, it means that He might be able to use me. I am inadequate, unwise, and too often lacking in faith. Could this mean that I need to be careful that I do not become self-righteous and put limits on what God can do with the most unlikely of people in the most unlikely of circumstances? Hum...I think that is part of the wonder of the Advent Season.

---Tony

Renaissance

The Bethel College Performance Experience 2nd Annual Hometown Christmas

Renaissance will be performing at the Bethel College Performing Arts Center (old C. P. Church) on Friday, December 1 at 7 pm; Saturday, December 2 at 2 pm and 7 pm, Sunday, December 3 at 2 pm, Friday, December 8 at 7 pm and Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm & 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 each. Children 10 and under are admitted free, but because seating is limited, you must pick up your tickets in advance and present your ticket at the performance. For tickets and more information, call Karen Jeffrey at 352-6445 or 352-6414.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Christmas Committee invites you to place a poinsettia in the Worship and Family Life Center to remember or honor a family member or friend this year. The poinsettias will be used in the Worship and Family Life Center during the Advent season. The poinsettias are \$9.00 each. Please return the form below and your payment to the church office before December 7. You may also choose to give to the Nehemiah Building Fund in lieu of placing poinsettias in the church. A list of those who are honored and remembered and by whom will be printed in the Sunday, December 10 church bulletin.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

POINSETTIAS or a gift to the NEHEMIAH BUILDING FUND (Circle one) given in MEMORY
and/or in HONOR (circle one) _____

given by _____

Memorials & Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Honor of Betty Scott

by Donna Ward

In Memory of Mary Beth Kelly (John Baumgardner's sister)

by Donna Ward

In Memory of Rebecca Pate

by Steve & Mary Ann Baker

In Memory of Jane Pate

by Steve & Mary Ann Baker

In Memory of Twila Walker

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Ed & Demetra Perkins

Betty Scott

In Memory of Max Holt (Reba Foster's brother)

by Bob, Cheriadeth & Trent Rutledge

Joe & Linda Hearn

Betty Scott

In Memory of Dassah Sims (Millie Finley's sister)

by Ben & Lenore Surber

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Betty Scott

Bubba Waddle

John & Katrina Holancin

In Memory of Paul Bennett

by Ben & Lenore Surber

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Betty Scott

Jenny Hilliard

Linda Sellers

Dianne Taylor

Helen Waldrup

Jennifer Day

Melanie Maddox

Joe & Linda Hearn

In Honor of Tea Hostesses - Letha Basford, Glynda Corbin, Millie Finley, Jean Garrett, Katrina Holancin, Suzanne Howell, Marlene Kreuter, Robye Lindsey, Jean McKinnie, Linda Meek, Demetra Perkins, Martha Peters, Cheriadeth Rutledge, Rhonda Smith, Lenore Surber, Paula Watkins

by Andrew & Kim Foster

In Honor of Bob, Cheriadeth & Trent Rutledge

by Andrew & Kim Foster

Sanctuary Fund

In Honor of Millie Finley's 85th Birthday

by Bob, Cheriadeth, & Trent Rutledge

Children's Choir

On Sunday, December 3 we will sing "Away in a Manger" during the Chrismon Service at 11 am. On Dec. 10 at 6 pm we will be singing two songs. On Saturday, Dec. 16 we will have a dress rehearsal at 1pm for our Christmas Program on December 17 at 5 pm (please be here no later than 4:30 pm on Sun).

I would like to have pictures of past family Christmases for a slide show during the program on Dec. 17. If you will put your names on them, I'll see that you get them back.

Charro Keenan

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

Worship on Wednesday has been a blessing this semester thanks to our elders and everyone who has worked in the kitchen cooking and cleaning, taught a Bible class, helped take care of babies in the nursery, did crafts, and led music. Everyone has worked together for the glory of God and His church. Thank you for giving of your time.

December 6 - 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; Brushs; P. Espey; E. Forester; Hisiros; Jeffreys; Matlocks; Owens; V. Walker; Weatherfords

December 6 is the last WOW until January.

Gift to the King Offering

The Cartago Church at the Northern boundary of Cauca Valley in Andes Presbytery (South America) is falling down due to earthquakes. The congregation (approximately 150) has accepted the responsibility to raze the current building, but they do not have the funds to construct a new church. This year's "Gift to the King" offering will be used to construct a new sanctuary for the Cartago congregation. Our "Gift to the King" offering will be received on Sunday, December 10 at both morning services.

Love Loaf Program

Our church family has helped to change the lives of children in the Republic of Georgia by taking Love Loaves and filling them from the last of October to November 26, our Harvest Sunday. The Love Loaf offering was \$371.06. World Vision will use half of this total for the Republic of Georgia, the C. P. Denomination will use one-fourth for hunger needs and one-fourth of the total will be used in McKenzie.

If you forgot to bring your love loaf back, please bring it this Sunday. Thanks for your help.

Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas Party

The Fellowship Sunday School Class invites all members, past and present to join them for a Progressive Dinner. It begins at **6 pm on Sunday, December 3** at the home of Glynda Corbin (238 Paris St.) and continues to Bill & Marlene Kreuter's home (30 David Ct.) for dessert and gag gifts.

Rehearsals for Christmas Cantata (Dec. 10) Participants

Sun., Dec. 3 - 3:30 - 5 pm - Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm - Meet with children about parts

Weds., Dec. 6 - 7:00-8:00 pm - Narrators and Actors rehearsal

Sat., Dec. 9 - 10 am - Noon - Dress Rehearsal (ALL)

Sun., Dec. 10 - 4:30 pm - Rehearse - run thru beginning 6:00 pm - Cantata

Christmas Committee

The Christmas Committee and helpers came Monday night and got the church decorated for the beautiful season of Advent.

Throughout Advent, lighting of the Advent candles will take place at both the contemporary service and the traditional service by families.

The Christmas Card Exchange Trees & Bell are in the hallway for the church family to exchange Christmas greeting.

Dates to remember:

December 10 - 9 am & 11 am - Gift to the King

Offering

6 pm - Choir Cantata

December 17 - 5 pm - Children's Christmas Program

December 20 - Christmas Caroling

December 24 - 7 pm - Christmas Eve Communion

December 25 - 9 am - Christmas morning service

Christmas Committee includes Ruth Carroll as Chairperson, Rachel Carroll as co-chairperson. Members include: Betty Scott, Katrina Holancin, Lenore Surber, Diann Olson, Peggy Espey, Tommy & Martha Bobo, Stacie & Kerry Warman, Mark Warren, Reba Foster, Lauren Perritt, Andrew Webb, Jennifer Wilkinson, Charro Keenan, Alan Cross, Glynda Corbin and Carolina Marulanda

If you have any Sunday School Christmas gatherings, etc. to put on the December calendar, please let us know at 352-2440.

Christmas Card Exchange

The Christmas Card Exchange Trees & Bell (with alphabetically listed names of church families and individuals) is hung in the hallway for everyone wishing to exchange Christmas cards. If we've accidentally left off any names, please let us know.

ADDRESSES for Mailing Cards

At McKenzie Health Care Center (175 Hospital Dr.):

Jessie "Gaga" Killebrew

Joe McKinnie, Sr.

Ranny Brogdon

Margaret Mebane

Katherine Thompson

At Magnolia Manor (242 Magnolia Ave.):

Faye Headden

Berneal McKennie

Jo Pinson - 105 Brooks Ave., McKenzie, TN 38201

William & Evora Bryant - 9225 Highway 436,

McKenzie, TN

Joe Ben Irby - 7622 Valley Mist Cove, Memphis, TN

38133

Evelyn Buck - 4986 Warwick Ave., Memphis, TN

38117

J. C. & Lil True-504 Indian Hills Mound,

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Mary Margaret Williams - Morningside of Paris,

350 Volunteer Dr., Paris, TN 38242

Rev. Larry Dailey - 656 Grand Point Blvd., Sunrise Beach,

MO 65079

Joyce Lovelace - 814 Crestwood Dr., Evansville, IN

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Thank You Notes

A number of words come to mind . . . Incredible, unbelievable, extraordinary, Fantastic! But there are other words that spring directly from the heart . . . On a personal note. . . as if kidney stones, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer and cancer of the liver and stomach were not enough . . . they are now treating a series of blood clots that run from the calf of the left leg into the upper thigh . . . ouch!

I continue to take chemotherapy treatments in Columbia and the doctor assures me that the treatments are doing what they are supposed to do . . . even to the degree that there is evidence of size reduction of the pancreatic cancer. Your prayers and concern are working!

And, that's where our deep appreciation for your prayers, your thoughts, phone calls, e-mails, cards, letters, etc. comes flooding in like a refreshing sense of your personal presence. . . who could be more blessed by so many friends.

Special thanks . . . for your love and for the lovingly crafted quilt!

Thank You, Larry & Sarah Dailey

(See the card with picture on bulletin board)

To the congregation of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at McKenzie,

Please accept our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and concern following Mother's death. The flowers, food, gifts to the church in her memory, thoughts, kind words and prayers were a source of strength during a difficult time. Our sincere thanks to all who shared their love with us at this time.

Bob and Toni Prosser

Steven and Rina Prosser & family

Kirk and Cynthia Nienaber & family

To Our Church Family

Kelly and I would like to thank you for the wonderful meal which was brought to us after the birth of our newest baby girl. It's a great feeling to know that we have such a loving church family who gives of their time to others. We look forward to watching our girls grow in this Cumberland Presbyterian family of faith. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness!

Clara, Kelly, Juleyanne, & Anna Clare Weatherford

Seekers Christmas Plans

The Seekers (senior adult group) will meet at the home of J. T. & Robye Lindsey on Saturday, **Dec. 2 at 11:30 am** for lunch, go to the 2 pm Renaissance performance, then have dessert after the performance at the Lindsey's.

December Calendar

Women's Ministry Casserole and Bake Sale was a wonderful success. The profit was \$1,414.50. Thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, made casseroles and to everyone who bought cakes, pies, cookies, breads and casseroles.

Sharing Sisters (formerly Circle II) will meet on Tuesday, **December 5** at 6 pm at the home of Marlene Kreuter (30 David Court) for an add-a-dish meal and meeting.

Jubilee (formerly Circle III) will meet at the home of Robye Lindsey (554 Cherry Ave.) on Monday, **December 11** at 6 pm for an add-a-dish meal and meeting.

Glory Bees will meet at the home of Linda Meek (21500 Hwy. 22) for an add-a-dish meal and meeting on Monday, **December 4** at 6 pm.

Acolytes

John William Ervin - 352-5132
Melvin Belong, Jr. 352-6350
Supervisor - Carol Belong

Ushers

9 am Service

Tommy Surber - Chairperson
Tommy Patterson - Co-Chairperson
Victor Clark
Ken Powell

11 am Service

Gordon Coleman - Chairperson
John Holancin - Co-Chairperson
Tom Smith
Bill Kreuter

Nursery

9 am Service

3- Krista Brush- B	415-5513
Pat Ridley- T	352-2963
Becky Allen	352-3066
10- Linda Kemp- B	352-2136
Hannah Garvey- T	352-0792
Sarah Bradberry	352-0044
17- Marcia Webb - B	352-3550
Becky Allen- T	
Johnna Toombs	352-1335
24- Glynda Hamilton- B	642-3224
Reba Foster- T	352-7308
Julia Hinton	352-3252
31-Heather Garrett-B	352-0767
Debby Aljancic-T	352-9139
Marge Matlock	352-3789

December Birthdays

2 - Joseph Keenan
3 - Leslie McNeil
4- Blake H. Baker
6 - Dan Kreuter
Jimmy Stambaugh
8 - June Perritt
9 - Jimmy Carroll
Harold Kelly
10 - Susie Motheral
11 - Carol Nanney
Carla Waddle
Howard Spires
12 - Cathey Stambaugh
Zia McKennie
13 - Marlene Kreuter
15 - Kristin Bradberry
17 - Obra Sims
18 - Lydia Warren
19 - Paige Holcomb
Steve Matlock
21 - Rachel Carroll
23 - Evan Wilson
24 -Jessie "Gaga" Killibrew
Mary Ann Janner
Alan Cross
25 - Clara Weatherford
Mary Wyatt
27 - Brett Toombs
28 - Teresa Washburn
29 - Meredith Surber
Olivia Olson
30 - Alex Wafford

Anniversaries

5 - Obra & Joyce Sims
13 - Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
14-John & Janet Baumgardner
18 - Joe & Anne Hames
20 - Steve & Melanie Burke
22 - George & Linda Howton
Ed & Demetra Perkins
23 - Gary & Linda Meek
24 - Rick & Charlotte Wilson
30-Dave & Martha Sue Peters

(Please call the church office 352-2440 if your birthday or anniversary is not on our list.)

"Made for a Mission" Winter Retreat

There will be an Adult Retreat for the church on February 2-3, 2007 at Camp Clark Williamson. "Made for a Mission" is the theme for the weekend. Mark your calendars!

Springs:

We will not meet during December due to the children's program. We will resume our regular meeting in January.

If you have a speaking part in *Christmas: When, Where, and Why?*, your part must be memorized by this Sunday. You will not longer be allowed to use your book. Also, all costumes must be brought on Sunday, December 10. Costume ideas can be found on page 72 of your book. There will be practice on Wednesday, December 6, at 4:30 pm as well as an additional dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16, at 1 pm.

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The same schedule applies to the junior/senior high students involved in the Christmas musical as mentioned in the *Springs* section of the newsletter.

BRING YOUR BIBLES TO CHURCH!

There will be a lock-in on December 8. Meet at the church at 8pm and bring money for your Secret Santa gift (we will go to Wal-Mart and purchase the gifts that night) and a late night meal at Huddle House. Also, be sure to bring your Bible, old clothes suitable for late night outdoor play, flashlights, and a friend.

Please bring \$5 to \$10 this Sunday to help purchase a present for Blen, the new child we sponsored at the Children's Home in Denton, TX.

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December 8	Christmas Lock-In
December 17	Christmas: When, Where, and Why?

Be blessed! Jennifer

Attention Elders Session Dinner & Meeting

Weds., Dec. 13
6 pm

Jean Garrett's Home
711 Stonewall St.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 1-7 pm-Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec. 2-2 & 7 pm-Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec. 3-First Sunday of Advent
 11 am - Chrismon Service
 2 pm - Renaissance Christmas Performance
 6 pm - Fellowship Christmas party
Dec. 4 - 6 pm - Glory Bee's Christmas Add-A-Dish
Dec. 5 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters Christmas Add-A-Dish
Dec. 6 -5:30 pm WOW-Team 6 (last WOW until Jan.)
Dec. 7 - Deadline for ordering Christmas Poinsettias
Dec. 8 - 7 pm -Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec. 9 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship at McDonalds
 9 am - Choir Breakfast
 2 pm - Party for Carl Perkins children (FLC)
 2 pm - Renaissance Christmas Performance
 7 pm - Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec. 10 - 9am & 11 am - Gift to the King Offering
 6 pm - Choir Cantata
Dec. 11 - 6 pm - Jubilee Christmas Add-A-Dish
Dec. 13 - 6 pm - Session Meeting and Dinner
Dec. 14 - Hospital Christmas Dinner (FLC)
Dec. 15 -6 pm-School of Discovery Christmas program
Dec. 17 - Deadline for returning Angel Tree gifts
 5 pm - Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 24 - 7 pm - Christmas Eve Communion
Dec. 25 - 9 am - Christmas Morning Worship
December 30 - Wedding - Wolski/Capps
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Games/snacks
Jan. 15-17 - Minister's Conference
Feb. 2-3 - Winter Retreat at CCW for Adults

Remember in Your Prayers

Paul Long and family at the death of his father, William Long; Tommy Bobo at the death of his uncle; Rev. Jim Smith at the death of his wife and son; Rev. Larry Moss & family at the death of his son, Greg; Katherine Thompson (Carolyn Patterson's mother); Doris Blount & family at the death of her brother, Branson Caperton; Ruth Peters; Brandy Locke, Zia's nephew; Raydell Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother); Barbara Gaskins
McKenzie Health Care Center: Jessie Killebrew- Room 108; Ranny Brogdon-Room 308; Margaret Mebane-Room 416; Joe McKinnie, Sr, Room 206B
Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes:
Marian Smith (Tom's mother); Lil & J. C. True; Jo Pinson; Marie Bobo (Van-Ayers Care Center in Martin); Berneal McKennie (Magnolia Manor); Mary Margaret Williams; William & Evora Bryant; Faye Headden; Lois Mattson (Linda Kelly's mother); Kathryn Gazley; Christine Fitzgerald (Tom Smith's aunt); Evelyn Buck; Dr. Joe Ben Irby; Plaze Crowe (Traci Lunn's grandfather); Joyce Lovelace
Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy
Rev. Larry Dailey (656 Grand Point Blvd., Sunrise Beach, MO 65079)
Etta Johnson; Kathy Hollomon; Craig Willis (Cody & Stephen Brown's step-father); Katie Castleberry; Jan Quinn (friend of Aljancics); Terry Fauth; Evan Lownsbery; Bobby Flippin; Ryan Kirk; Tim Hacker; David Stamp; Shelba McCaslin; Linda Jackson; Barbara Burton; Rhonda Powell; Lois Sheick; Paul Fauth
MILITARY: Mark Bowlin; Keith Stanley Jr. (Linda McClure's nephew); Mark Boaz; Lindsey Damesworth; Andrew Wilson; Jason Cvikich (Linda Smith's nephew); 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
Praise Worship Service - 9 am; Sunday School - 10 am; Morning Worship - 11 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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